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Dear Parents

OFSTED Report

Following our inspection on the 24th April, the report has now been published and was circulated (by e-mail) to parents earlier today. We are very pleased with the report which talks about our school as a 'happy, vibrant place' with a 'rich, broad, purposeful and inspiring curriculum'. It also mentions the children's excellent attitude to learning in all lessons and good behaviour. It comments that 'Pupil's wellbeing is at the heart of the school'. Thank you to all the parents who responded either to the online survey or by text. The report says that 'Parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the school'. Obviously these are just a few quotes and we hope you enjoy reading the full report.

Learner of the Week

Well done to the following children who received the 'Learner of the Week' awards this week:

6BH	Bailey Taylor	3SJ	Bradley Saltmarsh
6TH	Daniel Faulkner	3LW	Erin Hamilton
5LO	Phoebe Halsey	2BR	Erin O'Reilly
5NR	Suzy Parker	2NT	Andre Araujo Madeira
4RB	Oliver Snell	1BI	Isla Bird
4CJ/AC	Thomas Alston-Nogueira	1SH	Isabella Dearle

Y6 Parents – SATs week

Next week is an important week for the Y6 children with their KS2 SATs. The children have worked extremely hard and are well prepared for the tests. It is really important to keep them calm and remind them of this. An early night, a good breakfast and having water and a snack in school will also really help them.

The SATS will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Monday is Spelling and Grammar, Tuesday Reading and Wednesday and Thursday are the Maths tests. The SATs will start after registration so please ensure that your children are not late and that you don't book any non-emergency appointments in this week.

Class Assemblies

Next week the class assemblies are 3LW at 10.40am on Wednesday and 2BR at 2.55pm on Thursday. Please note that 5NR assembly has been changed from the original date of 6th June and is now on the 4th July.

Uniform

Please remember that all school t-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts need to have the school logo on. These can be purchased at very reasonable prices from Tesco or School Trends. Polo shirts and PE shirts are jade and cardigans and sweatshirts are black. From September no white polo shirts/PE shirts should be worn and we will be enforcing the uniform policy.

PTA News

We have been offered the loan of a trailer for our summer fete which means we can provide rides for the children, however, we are going to need a vehicle with a tow bar to pull this. If there is anyone who is able to offer their support for this please contact Sarah McCarthy on dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk

Please also remember to bring in any old, unwanted crockery for our smashing stall.

Scooters in school

Please note that scooters should not be ridden in the school grounds nor should they be left unattended.

School car park

If you are walking from or to the back gate or to the YR classrooms please can you walk around the school through the playgrounds and not cut through the school car park which is a route for staff only.

Measles

We have been notified by Virgin Care that there has been an outbreak of Measles in the local area. The disease can affect both adults and children and the symptoms are a rash, red eyes, runny nose, temperature and cough. To have full immunity your child should have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. If you believe your child does not have full immunity you may wish to contact your GP to arrange an appointment to receive this. If you think you or your child may have Measles please contact the NHS 111 service as soon as possible.

Parents living in Takeley

If any parents live in Takeley and would be interested in car sharing occasionally, please can you contact the school office and we can put you in touch with the relevant parent.

Events

Week commencing Monday 14 th May	
All week	SATs
Wednesday 10.40	3LW Class Assembly
Wednesday	Year 2 – Cricket
Thursday 2.55	2BR Class Assembly
Thursday 7.00	September 2018 Reception information evening
Friday	Year 6 Boys Football Tournament at Felsted
Friday 11.00	3LW attending Bottle Greenhouse Opening at Jubilee Allotments
Friday pm	Year 3 – Sponsored Wellie Walk

Local events

Please find attached flyers with information relating to Dunmow in Bloom and two events supporting MIND.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths