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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

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

6TH	Oliver Brady	3SJ	Samuel Champion
5LO	Oscar Francis Brown	3LW	Nancy Murphy
5NR	Sophia Snell	2BR	Charlie O'Boyle
4RB	Jacob Cook	2NT	Eliza Essex
4CJ/AC	Henry Jones	1BI	Finley Batchelor
		1SH	Ray Holmes

Club cancellations next week

Please note that the following after school clubs are cancelled next week:

Monday – choir

Tuesday – bug club

Wednesday – Year 3/4 rounders

Please also note that the choir club on Monday 25th June will be the Community Choir session (see below).

PTA Summer Fun Day

Our summer fun day is fast approaching and as always we are looking for your help and support. Raffle tickets will be coming home in bags tonight. Each child has been given a booklet which contains five £1 tickets. Please complete the left hand section for every ticket you purchase and return this with your money to the office and keep the right hand side of the ticket that lists the prizes for your own records. Additional books are available from the office and please send back any unwanted tickets.

On **Wednesday 4th July** all children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle for the Fun Day. We have changed the non-uniform day this year due to some year groups being out on the Friday.

If you would be able to help with pre-organisation, setting up on Friday 6th July and Saturday 7th July in the morning, running a stall (even for half an hour) and clearing up afterwards please do let us know via the office or dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk. We are also looking for donations of crockery for the plate smashing stall and teddies and dollies for our teddy tombola.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Spelling Bee

I was delighted to accompany three children to a Spelling Bee competition at Stebbing this week. There were nine local schools involved and I was extremely proud to return to school with the following fantastic results: Thomas Wooddisse came first for the Y5/6 category, Jake Burton came first for the Y3/4 category and Harry Wooddisse came 2nd for the Y1/2 category.

Readathon

If your child is participating in the Readathon please be aware that the deadline is Friday 6th July.

School Dinners

From September 2018 the Governing Board have made the decision to increase the cost of our school dinners from £2 to £2.30. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. The school has held the cost of meals at £2 for over 5 years, however, the ever rising costs of food mean that we are no longer able to do this. As always school dinners will need to be paid for in advance and can be paid for via our online payment system ScoPay.

Sports Day

You will have received an e-mail yesterday regarding Sports Day arrangements. Please note that if you would like to pre-order a school packed lunch for your child the reply slip must be returned by Wednesday 20th June.

Community Carnival Choir

If you love singing, and have been looking for a choir to join, then you may be interested in an exciting project about to begin. Dunmow Community Carnival Choir will be a school choir with a difference: a choir for the whole school community. Children, staff and parents are welcome to join and sing a wide variety of music, from pop to classical and from rock to gospel. Anyone is welcome to join and no musical experience is necessary. It will be an informal community group, with a focus on fun, and we even have an opportunity to perform at Dunmow Carnival. If you are interested in taking that leap and joining our choir, then the taster session will be on Monday 25th June from 3:15pm until 4:15pm at school.

Gardening

We hope you saw the recent 'Get Diggin' article in the Broadcast but if not, please do read about our exciting project at <http://www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/pupils-at-dunmow-st-marys-get-diggin/>.

We are really proud to be taking the lead in recycling and turning our rubbish into compost that will 'help our garden grow'. However, we do need a little help. As the summer months progress and our crops grow they need watering and we need to keep on top of the weeding. We don't need a huge amount of support just a little bit of time to water the poly-tunnel after you drop the children off at their classrooms or if you have more time, maybe an afternoon or an hour here and there helping to weed, pinch out tomatoes, sow successional salad and so on.

As you can see we don't need a huge commitment but to coin a well-known catch line, 'Every little helps'! If you can help in any way, please contact Mella Watts on 07941179954 or speak to her if you spot her around the school.

Wellie Walk

Congratulations to Year 3 who raised a staggering £1319.72 in aid of our Science Shack from their Wellie Walk. Thank you to everyone who supported us. In particular we would also like to say thank you to EMO Electrical Services for their £100 donation.

Menu change

Please note that on Wednesday 4th July (non-uniform day), Mrs Tyrell will be preparing a Greek style menu instead of the roast chicken dinner to celebrate Year 5's current topic.

Events

Week commencing Monday 18th June	
Monday All week	6TH School Journey
Monday	Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo
Tuesday 3.15 – 4.30	KS1 Picnic and Games
Wednesday 10.40	3SJ Class Assembly
Wednesday	Year 6 transition evening at HRS
Thursday 9.30 – 11.30	New September Reception children settling in session
Thursday 2.55	1SH Class Assembly

Other events and information

Please find attached flyers for Messy Church, Hockerill aptitude tests, Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge and local vacancies for KM Cleaning.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths