

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Well done to the children who gained "Learner of the Week" awards this week:

6BH	Ted Farrington	3SJ	Finley Sladden
5LH	Arabella Pitchford	3RB	Oscar Wiehahn
5NR	Nicholas Jones	2BR	Zach Gill
4LW	Charlie Farrow	2NT	Bethany Hilder
4LRW	Hayley Pham	1BI	Tilly Reason
		1SH	Melody Adams

### Club cancellations

Please note that there will be no Times Tables Club, Craft Club and Choir on Monday due to parents' evening. Girls' football and sewing club will run as normal. Clubs will run as usual on Wednesday.

### App notifications

Anyone who has downloaded our app could not have failed to have noticed that we suffered a glitch with this on Tuesday. The problem has been rectified and you should now be receiving single notifications of events and information that relate to your children and the school generally. Combined with telephone and internet problems at the start of the week the gremlin in school has now thankfully been eradicated!

### PTA AGM

The PTA will be getting ready for another busy year of fundraising events and the money raised really does help us to enrich the lives of your children whilst they are here. Last year their achievements included raising money for the new Science Shack, Jeremy Strong's visit to school, swimming pool maintenance, non-fiction books for the library and Y6 leaver celebrations.

They always need new people to join them to continue with the same level of fundraising and support for the school. Please do come along to their AGM next Tuesday evening (2<sup>nd</sup> October) at 7 pm in the school to find out about the work they do, meet the team and discover how you can help.

### International Day

Today we all celebrated International Day with the children moving around the school taking part in a number of exciting activities. We are sure you will hear all about it. If you want to take a look at the photos please do take a look at our website or app. A huge thank you to Mrs Dodd for all her work organising the day and to the teachers for preparing their sessions.

### **Cross Country**

A huge well done to all 16 children in years 3-6 who represented the school at the Cross country competition today. We are delighted to say all but Y5 girls have progressed to the next stage of the competition. We had some wonderful individual results with all our children placed towards the top end of the 32 strong running field in each category. Congratulations to George Lattimore and Edie Pittuck for their first place positions and for Ella Hawkins for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place. For information the next round takes place 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Open cross country events are taking place at Bentfield School on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 4 pm and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Great Easton School again at 4 pm.

### **Shelving required**

If anyone is clearing out a garage or bedroom and can donate shelving/racking for our loft space we would be grateful. Unfortunately our current space is getting very crowded and it makes it difficult for us to keep our stock of costumes looking their best. Ideally anything that can accommodate boxes measuring 90cm wide x 35cm high x 60cm deep would be great. We have a lot of head height so it could be quite tall.

### **Save the dates**

We believe it is really important for our school to be part of the local community and for our children to feel that they are a part of the local community also. As such we always like our school to be represented at community events. However, we also appreciate how busy people's lives are and how many extra commitments families have at the weekends.

For that reason we are giving you advance notice of a couple of dates coming up this term. The first is for Y6 children. The Y6 children are going to be collaborating with children at Dunmow Primary to commemorate Remembrance Day. Work from this collaboration will be performed in the afternoon of Thursday 8th November and then again at Foakes Hall at 6pm on Saturday 10th November.

Once again we are taking part in singing carols at the Live Nativity in Dunmow on the afternoon of Sunday 9th December (3pm). Children from all year groups will be able to take part in this. They will be able to follow the procession then meet outside the church to sing. We are hoping to have a large number of children joining us for this.

Please do put both these dates in your diary now. More information will follow later in the term.

### **Events**

<b>Week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
Monday 9.00	Reception parents to watch letters and sounds
Monday 9.45	Y2 – 6 Harvest Festival at St Mary's
Monday 3.30 – 6.30	Parent consultations
Tuesday	Y4 river walk
Tuesday 7.00	PTA AGM

Wednesday 10.40	4LRW Class Assembly
Wednesday 5.30 – 8.30	Parent consultations
Thursday	National Poetry Day celebrated in school
Thursday 9.00	Reception parents to watch letters and sounds

**Other events**

Attached are flyers for an NHS school drop in service and St Mary's Church Children's Choir.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Griffiths