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Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents

Congratulations to the following children who were our Learners of the Week:

6BH	Connor Wardley	3SJ	Katherine Moodie
6TH	Alfie Winter/Jack Lattimore/Molly Smith	3RB	Jayden Payne-Munroe
5LH	Lily Sargeant	2BR	Bethany Dixon
5NR	Stan Ratford	2NT	Isla Martin/Ray Holmes
4LW	Elysia Barno	1BI	Oliver Canham
4LRW	Samuel Campion	1SH	Amelia Keniger

Driving and Parking at School

Following my previous communication regarding the need for considerate and careful parking when bringing your children to and from school may I first start by thanking those of you who have voiced your support for our determination to improve things and to those of you who have made that little extra effort in the mornings and afternoons. Our priority is always the safety of each and every child at the school and we will continue to challenge those who put other children at risk by their thoughtless actions. Many of you will have seen me out at the front of the school this week reminding everyone of the need not to stop on the zig zag lines.

This week we noted that the owners of the cars pictured were still attempting to drop their children on the zig zag lines or stopping in a way that created additional traffic problems/blocks on the road. The pictures of these are attached as examples of the type of parking/dropping habits we are trying to change. Whilst not all of these manoeuvres are illegal we are asking everyone to think about if they are being safe.





PTA Quiz Night

The next PTA Quiz Night is on Friday 8th March from 7.30 pm. This is always a fun event and a great way to support the school. Teams of up to 8 people are invited to enter. If, however, you would like to attend but are not part of a team please do not hesitate to contact the PTA as everyone is welcome. The cost is just £5 per person and an entry form is attached. Should you wish to contact the PTA their email address is dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk.

Y5 Chocolate Sale



Year 5 had an amazing turnout for their Chocolate extravaganza on Tuesday, selling out within 15 minutes! The children had worked extremely hard, creating delicious fudge, truffles and filled chocolates and promoting their products with team names, logos and slogans. After a very difficult time judging the chocolate, the Year 5 team, alongside our professional chocolatiers, Julie and Caroline



from 'The Chocolate Lady' company, announced that 'Chocco Wocco' from 5NR and 'The 6 Chocolatiers' from 5LH were our overall winners. We were so proud of all the children; their hard work certainly paid off, raising £400! Well done Year 5!

Theft from school

Unfortunately our school has also fallen victim to the spate of lead theft that has happened locally. Thieves scaled the roof above the kitchen and took the lead that lined the roof of the PE hall. The governing body wanted to make you aware of the theft so that you can share this information with any other organisations which may be targeted in the future. The loss will be covered by the school's insurance and the replacement will be a lead substitute.

Clubs

Please note that contrary to previous information homework club will be running on Thursday 28th February.

Miss Hancock will be running Nature Club on a Tuesday after school for years 1 – 3 again after half term. Places are limited to 10 and allocated on a first come first served basis upon receipt of the reply slip at the foot of the newsletter. Priority will be given to children who have not attended this club before. If your child has previously attended and would like to attend again then please do reply as they will be placed on a waiting list.

A reminder that TTGymnastics will now be running a club for KS2 on a Tuesday after school after half term.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day and asking children to dress as a book character for the day. Please note that we are not asking for donations on this occasion. There will be lots of other activities going on in and around that week and further details will follow after half term.

Y6 School Journey

Please note that all accounts for the School Journey should have at least £150 paid by Friday 22nd February. If you are unsure how much is currently due on the account please either check your online account or ask the office for a statement.

CAVS Essex Children and Young People's Service

This organisation provides support to children, young people and their families through volunteer workers. They have a wide range of knowledge and services available and the attached leaflet outline in more detail the work. They are also in need of volunteers to help deliver these services and a leaflet outlining their requirements is also attached.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for the week after half term.

Week commencing Monday 25th February	
MONDAY	INSET day
TUESDAY	Back to school
TUESDAY	Girlguiding Thinking Day – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are able to wear their uniform to school
WEDNESDAY	School photos
WEDNESDAY 10.40	3RB Class Assembly
WEDNESDAY 2.55	1BI Class Assembly
THURSDAY	Y5 Victorian dress up day
FRIDAY	Y1 Trip to Frinton
FRIDAY	Y6 School Journey instalment 7 due

Other events

Attached is a new school nurse drop in session flyer. The next session is on Tuesday 26th February.

Also attached is a flyer for Heffers in Cambridge detailing all the events they are hosting over half term. The Lisa Thompson books are very popular at school and some children may like to meet her at the event!

There are a couple of free fitness classes taking place over half term in Thaxted for parents and children. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Have a lovely half term break and see you on Tuesday 26th February.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

Nature Club – Tuesday 3.15 – 4.00

Years 1 – 3 (places limited to 10)

Name of child

Class

I would like my child to attend Nature Club with Miss Hancock.

Signed

Parent/Carer