

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

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

6BH	Jack Gelston	3SJ	Ruby Pham
5LH	Zoe Wiehahn	3RB	Isla Short
5NR	Elizabeth Pendle	2BR	Poppy Jaggard
4LW	Ophelia Gibbs	2NT	Ivan Laird
4LRW	Tejas Sandhu	1BI	Jonas Balerdi
		1SH	Marcel Tyrrell

Play Leader of the Month

Well done to Lexi Cole for her fantastic work with Reception children and Jamie Bibb for his wonderful work with the Year 1 and 2 children during January.

PTA

Please find attached the latest newsletter from our PTA which contains details on their next meeting date and forthcoming quiz night.

Y5 Chocolate Sale

As part of their "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" topic Year 5 have been very busy learning about the art of a chocolatier. They were so inspired that they have been making their own chocolates. These will be on sale next Tuesday after school and everyone is welcome to come to the main hall to purchase them – each bag costs £2 each and they would make an ideal Valentine present. Please do try to bring some change with you.

Y3 - 6 Disco - Thursday 14th February

Next Thursday is a KS2 disco. This will run from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. To assist with the drop off the school gates will be open before 6pm but the doors will not be unlocked until 6pm so please do not arrive too early. Please note that the back gates to school will also be open so people can use the car parks at the back of the school. When you arrive to pick your children up you will be let into the dinner hall and the children will come to meet you from the disco hall at 7.30pm. No children will be let out of school without an adult.

Entry to the disco is £3.00. It will also be possible to buy a packet of crisps and a drink for 50p and a heart shaped iced cookie for £1.

This disco will be the first when we have taken the decision to not buy flashing jewellery to sell to the children as children and adults are starting to think about reducing single use plastic in school.

Clubs

There will be no KS2 (Y3 - 6) clubs after school on Thursday 14th February due to the disco. There will also be no homework club next Thursday (14th) or the first Thursday back after half term (28th).

Please note that after half term there will be an additional Tuesday after school club for KS2. This will be the gymnastics club run by TT Gymnastics (letters will be sent separately).

Reporting a child's absence

When leaving a message on the absence line please ensure you give a specific reason for your child's absence. We have a number of instances where a parent has reported a child "feeling unwell". It does help us monitor the types of viruses, infections and other general ailments in school. Should a parent give a non-specific reason we may follow this up with a phone call. You are reminded that in all cases of sickness and diarrhoea the child must remain at home for 48 hours from the last incident.

Parking on High Stile

You will have received a letter earlier this week outlining the issues and action regarding parking on High Stile. Please take the time to read the letter and if you require an application form for the Chequers Lane car park please do pop into the office or download the form from the parent page of the website (<http://www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/UDC-Chequers-Lane-season-ticket-St-Marys-School-2018-19.pdf>).

Sports round up

Dodgeball

Last Friday 56 children from years 5 and 6 competed against Great Dunmow Primary. The children were put into 5 teams playing a number of matches culminating in the green team from DSM winning overall.

Sports Hall Athletics Finals

A team of boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Saffron Walden on Wednesday to compete in the Uttlesford finals against other primary schools. We had some individual event winners and overall came 4th.

Netball

A team of Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Thaxted Primary School after school on Thursday to play netball against them. They played a really close, competitive match with DSM winning overall on goal difference.

Lost Property

We have a number of adult scarves in the lost property box. If you are missing any items please do check the box before half term as all the items will be placed in the recycling bank after that time.

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.

Events

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

Week commencing Monday 11th February	
TUESDAY 3.15	Y5 Chocolate Sale in main hall
WEDNESDAY 10.40	6BH Class Assembly
THURSDAY 2.30	Reception Art Gallery
THURSDAY 6.00 – 7.30	KS2 Disco
FRIDAY	Last day before half term break

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 flyer for Messy Church at St Mary's Church on Monday 11th February from 4-6pm. There'll be free crafts, activities, games, stories and songs plus a free dinner for all! The theme this month is 'Self-Confidence' and will include criss-cross art, parachute making and chocolate sculptures to create.

In line with Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day please find attached a bulletin from the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths