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Dear Parents

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

6BH	Sophia Snell	3SJ	Riley Salmon Jordan
6TH	Tayla McGuinness	3RB	Ava Bundock
5LH	Charlie Mitchinson	2BR	Max Lindley
5NR	William Pledge	2NT	Bobby Beverley Purkiss
4LW	Hunnie Beedle	1BI	Nancy Maycock
4LRW	Ava Bloomfield	1SH	D'arcy Kelly

Playleader of the Month – February

Well done to the following children who have been great Playleaders for the respective year groups:

Lewis Marlow – Reception
Amelia Rudkin – Yrs 1 and 2

Road Safety

As I'm sure you can imagine, the safety of our children on the road outside school has been very much in our minds this week. Thank you to all the people who have made a conscious effort to drive slower, park safely and allow a little more time for their journey.

I know that many parents have also been thinking about and discussing what can be done. I have received an e-mail from Dunmow Town Council and have replied with some suggestions to make the road safer. I will keep you all informed with any updates. In the meantime please do continue to put the safety of our 410 children firmly at the top of your agenda if you are driving or walking to school.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday (15th March) is Red Nose Day. The office will be selling red noses on behalf of comic relief and children can bring in £1.25 if they wish to purchase one from Monday 11th. Please be aware that we have not bought a large amount of stock as we want to be certain of selling all of what we buy. In addition on the day children are welcome to wear either a red top and/or a red/comic relief accessory. We will be asking for a £1 donation on the day in aid of Comic Relief.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic array of book characters at school yesterday. Well done to all the children (and their parents) for the efforts they went to with their costumes. World Book Day provides a lovely opportunity for us to celebrate the characters, books and authors that we love as well as focusing on the key message of the day 'Share a Story'. Teachers had prepared special literacy sessions and worked with a class other than their own on an activity based on a story their choice. In assembly Mr Harris shared the story of Dusty an

unloved and unwanted library book stuck on the top shelf. He set the children their own 'Dusty Mission' to become agents seeking out any unread books in our library and sharing these stories with their classmates. We have posted photos and a report on our website and app so do please see <http://www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/world-book-day-2019/>

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair this week. We managed to sell a lot of books which will earn commission for our library. If you or your child reserved a book please send the money in to the office or via the class on Monday, if not before.

Reception request



As the warmer weather is approaching the early years children are looking for some new outdoor equipment. In particular we would really like some new tricycles (see picture for an example of the sort of trike that we are looking for). We also would like bags of bark and gravel to make small world play areas.

If you have any old trikes that you no longer use then the children would be very happy to receive them!

Sports Round up

Football - last Thursday Years 5 and 6 played a match at home against Great Easton Primary. After a tight game the team won 2-0. On Friday years 5 and 6 had a boys and girls team playing against Thaxted Primary. The boys' game was 1-1 and following a penalty shootout DSM won 4-1 overall. The girls lost 2-0 but the score was not a true reflection of the game!

Netball – on the same evening Years 5 and 6 were due to play netball against Great Easton. Due to the poor weather conditions benchball was played indoors instead. They played 8 games in total with Great Easton winning 5-3 overall.

Tag Rugby – DSM hosted a tag rugby competition last Friday afternoon for a number of local schools. There were some good games and our team came top in their pool, winning 3 games and drawing 1 game. This got them to the final where they played against Rodings. Whilst they unfortunately lost the game it does mean that the team go through to the Uttlesford Finals on Wednesday 20th March at Carver Barracks.

Well done to all the children who participated in these events.

X- Country open events – the following races are being held over the next few weeks. There is no registration as everyone is welcome to turn up on the day. The races are for children in Y1-6 and both start at 4pm.

Monday 11th March – Bentfield Primary

Monday 18th March – Great Easton Primary

School photos

A reminder that any orders being placed via the school need to be with us by the end of Wednesday 13th March.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 11 th March	
TUESDAY	Y5 Careers Fair
WEDNESDAY	Please note that the assembly for 5LH has been cancelled and will be re-arranged
WEDNESDAY	Last day to return photo orders to school
FRIDAY	Red Nose Day – wear a red top and/or Comic Relief accessory in exchange for a £1 donation
FRIDAY 10.30 – 11.45	2BR attending Dance Festival
FRIDAY	Y6 School Journey instalment 8 due

Other events

Fit for Sport are running Easter activity camps at Dunmow Leisure Centre over the holidays. Please see attached flyer for more details.

The classic tale of the Velveteen Rabbit will be brought to life by Spinning Wheel Theatre at Dunmow Library on Saturday 20 April at 11am. Suitable for children aged 4+ and featuring inventive puppetry and original songs, this joyful and uplifting tale of magic, friendship and hope is a show for all the family to enjoy. The attached flyer contains further details.

The March/April issue of Salad Days has been published and can now be viewed online by following this link <https://www.saladdaysmag.uk/files/issue-82-web.pdf>. It contains book reviews as well as articles on cooking with children, expressive language and teaching to test.

Yours sincerely
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