

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

This half term we are really pleased that we have been able to re-introduce Play Leaders. Our Year 6 children are trained how to organise and lead games with the infant children at lunchtimes. They have a special bag of equipment from which they choose and set up games to encourage the younger children to play together. This week it was great to see them playing with the balls and rackets but also playing *What's the Time Mr Wolf* and *Stuck-in-the-Mud.* The younger children love playing with the older ones.





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As we prepare for next year, we have been considering the pens that we use in school and cartridge pens are always causing problems with ink spillages and blots. As a school we are now presenting children from Year 2 upwards with their pen licences and we are moving over to giving them Berol pens. These are easy to manage and still support a fluent joined handwriting style. We are happy if parents wants to supply a blue cartridge pen but from September we will no longer sell pens or provide the ink cartridges so if you choose a cartridge pen, then a supply will need to be sent into school for safekeeping. We will supply the Berol pens as part of our class equipment.

The Year 5 children in Class Budgerigar presented their class assembly last week and this was a real Shakespeare treat. The children shared their learning all about *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, retelling a very convoluted plot and sharing some excellent creative writing including lots of letters which clearly showed their involvement in the story and also their understanding of the issues raised. Well done!

Future Summer Events

Meet the Teacher

On Monday the children will meet their teachers for next year. From September some staff will be moving year groups so the classes will be:

| Mrs Marsland | Flamingo | Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Hill |
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| Miss Parsons | Goldfinch | Miss Johnston |
| Mrs Evans | Hummingbird | Mrs Smith |
| Mrs Ireland | Jay | Mrs Stone (formerly Miss Bridge) |
| Mrs Murphy and Mrs Buer | | and Mrs Crouch |
| | Miss Parsons Mrs Evans | Miss ParsonsGoldfinchMrs EvansHummingbirdMrs IrelandJay |

We welcome Miss Parsons to fill Mrs Booth's position and Mrs Murphy, whilst Mrs Eveleigh takes a year's sabbatical. The children will have the opportunity to meet their teachers on Monday and on Friday 8th July.

Sports Day – Monday 18th July

This year Sports Day will take place on Monday 18th July. We are following the same format as in previous years combining our Sports Day and Open Afternoon. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we are combining the two events on the same day with the traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The timetable for the day is:

| 9.10am | Front gates will be opened to visitors |
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| 9.15am | KS2 opening ceremony on the playground |
| | Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A) |
| 10.30am | KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground |
| | Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F) |
| 11.30am | Whole school running events on the field |
| 12.15pm | Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field |
| 1.30pm | Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration |
| 2.00pm | Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's |
| | work and then visit their new class for next year |
| 3.15pm | End |

If you would like to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child you are welcome. We are offering the opportunity to order a lunch from the school kitchen and a letter is being sent home today with details. Please note that you must pre-book your picnic lunch using the slip and that no other lunches will be provided by the school kitchen. You must complete the slip, enclose the money and <u>order</u> a picnic lunch even if your child has school dinners everyday. Replies must be received by 12 noon on Friday 8th July as late requests will not be possible. <u>Please note that payments for adults must be cash only for this event.</u>

In the event of bad weather we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead. Regardless, we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be.

Danbury Park's Got Talent - Wednesday 20th July

We are pleased to re-introduce our annual talent show on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th July. Each class will organise and hold auditions for two acts to represent their class in the main competition. In previous years children have worked in groups to produce their own mini plays and sketches or gymnastics and dance routines whilst other children have performed a solo, singing and playing an instrument. The teachers will be talking to the children and will let you know their own class's requirements and arrangements shortly. We are sorry but we do not have room in the hall to accommodate visitors for this event.



Year 6 Bake Sale – Wednesday 29th June 3.15pm

The children have been doing incredibly well with their fundraising efforts and are holding one last Bake Sale on Wednesday 29th June after school. Please support their efforts to raise money for their farewell gift to the school.



Provide Speech and Language Services

Provide have been making some changes to their speech and language service and we thought this might be of interest to some parents. Detailed information (some of which is below) is available on their website: https://providechildrenandfamilyservices.co.uk/services/childrens-speech-language-therapy/

How to refer to the children's speech and language team

School age children can be referred by completing a referral form.

For children aged 2-5 with a mid-Essex GP, we are starting to return to drop-in Communication Stations. This means that children do not require a referral. These are currently by invitation only to those on our waiting list. If your child has been referred to us, you will receive a letter detailing times and dates of Communication Stations that you can access.

From July 2022, any child aged 2-5 with a Mid-Essex GP can be brought to a Communication Station by their parent/ carer. Details of dates and locations will be added here.

If translation services are required or if there are safeguarding concerns for a child, then a pre-booked Communication Station slot can be arranged by completing a <u>referral form</u>.

Communication Stations are 15 minute appointments that involve meeting a Speech and Language Therapist to assess your child, review their progress if we have seen them before or referring onwards to the relevant therapy or professional.

If you would like more information about what your child should be doing at their age, please visit the ICAN website <u>here</u>.

If parents/carers of children aged 2-5 have any concerns/queries about their child's communication (and you are registered with a GP in Mid Essex) you are able to contact us on <u>Provide.communicationstation@nhs.net</u>

CONTACT CHILDREN'S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Email - provide.childrenSLT@nhs.net

Please note: Our email accounts are not secure so we ask that you do not include confidential information within the email.

Please also contact the CCC by calling 0300 1310 111, please select option 5 followed by option 1.

<u>0300 1310 11</u>1

provide.ccc@nhs.net

Safeguarding

Last week the 2 Johns issued a 15 minute update for schools and parents on topical matters in Essex. They highlighted:

- Edible cannabis (which we have included in our previous newsletters),
- Child exploitation and
- Challenges.

We appreciate that some children also read our newsletter so do not want to give too much detail here but we would urge parents to check out the 2 Johns website and facebook page for more details. The worry is that children as young as 6 are being urged to participate in challenges that they are seeing online and that these could cause serious injury or death. At this age the children are unable to understand the consequences of what they are being urged to do.

The website is: <u>https://esafetytraining.org/</u>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

COVID Guidance from 1st April

The government has issued the following guidance:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.



Notification and Reminders

Stomach bugs – Please remember that if your child suffers vomiting or diarrhoea, **they must stay at home for 48 hours** after the last bout. This is a directive from the Health Authority and the Local Authority. Tummy bugs spread very quickly and we want to protect the other children and the adults in school. We have some members of our community who are vulnerable and a stomach bug could be a serious illness for them and could lead to hospitalisation. Please do not be offended if the office staff ask for more details after an absence or if a child tells us they were sick.

Pay 360 – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payments system. Our office staff are happy to support you if you are experiencing difficulties. Please note that we are now well on our way to being a cashless school as part of *Our World, Our Future* project. By having the online system, staff need to make fewer journeys by car to the bank, thus reducing emissions and we are using less paper.

Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

Sports Day and Picnic Lunch Invitation

Request from Class Flamingo

If you have any spare material at home in red, yellow, orange, blue, white or silver at home, please can Class Flamingo have it for their weaving activity.



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 27th June 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

| Monday | Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V)Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza | White/Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn | Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
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| Tuesday | Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages | Creamy Mashed Potato Carrot Peas Green Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo | Jam Tart and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Wednesday | Homemade Chicken Korma With Naan Bread or (V)Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma | White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Salad | Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Thursday | Chicken Nuggets or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap | White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo | Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Friday | Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette | Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber | Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Iced Sponge Cake Fruit Yoghurt |

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2022

2nd Half Term: 7th June – 21st July 2022 = 33 days at £2.25 = **£74.25**

Total for the whole term = £137.25

Please pay via the online payment system Pay 360 – Thank you

Meals should be paid for in advance and if possible for the whole half-term. You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 27th June 2022

| Mon 27 th | |
|--------------------------|--|
| 9.30am | New entrants for September to visit and pupils their teacher for next year |
| Am | Classes D and C - Tennis as part of PE lessons |
| 1.30pm-3.00pm | District Sports Event for KS2 |
| Tues 28 th | |
| 9.10am | Whole School Assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge |
| Weds 29 th | |
| 12.45pm-3.15pm | Year 3 Swimming 4/6 |
| 2.45pm | Let's Present |
| 3.15pm | Year 6 Bake Sale |
| Thurs 30 th | |
| Fri 1 st July | |
| All day | Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors |
| 2.15pm | Class Avocet assembly for parents |
| | Full term dates for the academic years |
| | 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are available on the school website. |

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding, Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2022

| Date | Time | Event |
|------------------------------|----------|---|
| June | | |
| 25 th | | DPSA Quiz |
| 27 th | 9.30am – | New entrants to visit |
| | 10.30am | Meet your teacher for next year |
| | Pm | KS2 District Athletics |
| 29 th | 12.45 – | Year 3 Swimming 4/6 |
| | 3.15pm | |
| July | | |
| 1 st | All day | Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors |
| | 2.45pm | Class A assembly |
| 4 th | | Science Day |
| | | DPSA Inflatables afternoon |
| 6 th | 12.45 – | Year 3 Swimming 5/6 |
| | 3.15pm | |
| 7 th | 7.00pm | Full governing body meeting |
| 8 th | | Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon |
| | 1.30pm – | New entrants to visit |
| | 2.30pm | Meet your teacher for next year |
| | | Pupil end of year reports to go out |
| | Eve | DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Event |
| Week beg 11 th | | Year 6 School Journey |
| 13 th | | New entrants to visit for lunch and stay and play afternoon |
| | 12.45 – | Year 3 Swimming 6/6 |
| | 3.15pm | |
| 18 th | | Sports Day & Open afternoon |
| 20 th | | DPS Got Talent |
| 21 st | | Last day of term |
| | 9.15am | Leavers' Assembly |