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Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

So, we are nearly at the end of our first half term, in our strange and ever-changing world. The children have made us so proud with their hard work, resilience and excellent behaviour, they really are amazing!!

We had a brilliant day on Friday, celebrating Hello Yellow day where we recognised the importance of everyone's mental health, and tried our best to say nice things to each other, help each other and make each other laugh.

Head Boy and Girl

Congratulations to our new Pupil Appointments!

After a rigorous application process, we have appointed our new Infants Head Boy and Girl and the Juniors Head Boy and Girl.



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Congratulations also to our Well-being Ambassadors who introduced our #bekind initiative, which is now being presented in Friday Virtual Worship by the Junior Head Boy and Girl.



Our Core Christian Values: Perseverance, Justice, Respect, Trust, Compassion, Responsibility, Forgiveness, Peace

Social Distancing

We want to again thank all parents for their support in wearing masks on site, however we do kindly ask that parents remember to socially distance whilst talking to staff, waiting for their children and moving around the site.

Parent collections

For all pupils in year 1 to 6, the trusted adults who can collect your child have been passed to their new teacher. If you wish to change or amend these adults please complete the attached form and return to the office. All Reception parents should have received a trusted adult form separately.

E-safety- Roblox

Many of our children are playing Roblox at the moment. Generally, Roblox is safe, however if the privacy settings are public, children can encounter strangers online who may ask them to do things which may make them feel uncomfortable.

The best advice to give children is to use the same rules in the virtual world as you use in the real world.

- Don't talk to strangers
- Don't accept gifts off people you don't know
- Don't be friends with people you haven't met in real life before

A message from our teachers is that quite a few children are playing Roblox before they come into school which is causing children to be unsettled and not ready to learn. We would be grateful if game time can be limited to evenings or weekends, and to allow children a good hour and a half of no screen before they go to sleep to encourage a healthy bedtime routine.

No-smoking site

Can we please remind parents that the school site and all areas around the front of school are no smoking areas. This is to ensure we are keeping all members of the school community safe.

Uniform

As part of our COVID-19 risk assessment we have to keep all inside areas of the school well ventilated at all times. Therefore, please ensure your child has a school jumper or cardigan every day, as classrooms will need to have windows open and this can cause drafts as the weather is getting colder. Also, please ensure all coats and jumpers/cardigans are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Secondary School Applications for September 2021 - Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2021) is **31st October 2020**. Applications can be made via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. You will not receive a letter with any details and it is parental responsibility to apply for a secondary school place.

Children in Need- Friday 13th November

On 13th November we invite the children to wear non-uniform for Children in Need. A suggested donation of £1 can be put in donation buckets at the school gates between 8.40-9.00am. Money should not be taken into class, so please have it ready to donate as you arrive at school.

Take care and stay safe,
Best wishes,

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Dates for your Diary

Week Beginning 19th October: Black History Week

Friday 23rd October: Last day of term

Monday 26th- 30th October: Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd November: First day of new term

Monday 9th November: Flu immunisations

Friday 13th November: Children in Need- non-uniform day, there will be donation buckets on the gates between 8.40-9.00am

Friday 18th December: Last day of term- Early finish- exact times will be sent out nearer the time

Monday 21st December- Tuesday 5th January (Non-pupil days Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January): Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 6th January: First day of the Spring Term

