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Parent Update

Dear Parents,

Today's letter is going to be short and sweet you'll be pleased to know, but just wanted to say a massive well done to all the children, they have been absolutely brilliant, working hard and behaving superbly! Also thank you to all the parents ensuring the children are all in on time, making sure children are not riding scooters on the play ground and generally being so supportive - so huge thanks to you all!

Milk

Milk is now available for all children to order - if you would like to order milk for your child, go to eduspot. The school sends reminders from time to time to all parents - if you do not want to order milk - just ignore the reminder.



FSM Vouchers

Parents whose children receive free school meals will receive vouchers over the Easter holidays from Wonde. You will receive a total of £30 for each child for the period over the Easter holidays. Watch out for the emails.

Road Safety

The school was contacted last night, as there was a near miss involving two children running across the road outside the school. They were not accompanied by an adult. All the children have been reminded about crossing roads safely, both in Collective Worship and with their teachers in class. Fortunately, no one was hurt, however I would be grateful if you could talk to your child/children about



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road safety, and how important it is to cross the road using the zebra crossing, and always checking in both directions but before stepping out.

Phone safety

Teachers in Year 4 have reported that children have been regularly sharing their mobile phone numbers with each other. The teachers have encouraged children to do this under the supervision of their parents. Being careful with who you share your personal number with is a key area of e-safety, we would be grateful you could discuss why sharing your personal number with others must be done carefully and thoughtfully, particularly as children move up to Secondary School.

Active Essex Easter Activities

Essex ActivAte holiday activity and food programme is being delivered across Essex on behalf of Essex County Council.

Over Easter they are launching over 65 ActivAte clubs across Essex, including specialist clubs for SEND pupils and mental wellbeing hubs. These clubs are completely free for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or working families who need additional support this Easter holidays.

Clubs will include fun activities, arts and crafts for at least 4 hours a day over the 8 days of the Easter holidays. Plus, every child attending will get a healthy, tasty lunch!

<https://www.activeessex.org/activateeasterbooking/>.

Vaccinations Available for Unpaid Carers

Parents of children with SEND and young carers, aged 16 and over, are now eligible for the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccination. In a joint appeal, Essex County Council (ECC) and the charity Carers First, are urging all unpaid carers who have not yet been invited for an appointment by the NHS, to visit the National Booking Service or call 119 to see if they are eligible.

There is a Facebook Live event for unpaid carers scheduled with Carers First Essex next Wednesday 24 March 2021, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

This event is for parents of children with SEND and young carers over the age of 16, where they will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

More information can be found on the [Essex County Council](#) website.

I think that's everything - have an absolutely fantastic Easter holiday and keep yourselves safe!

Very best wishes

Gina Bailey
Executive Headteacher

