

Weekly Newsletter



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Parent Teacher Consultations

On 8th October school is closed for normal lessons but we will be sending a letter home next week with full details of how to book to see your child's teacher in the afternoon or evening on that date.

Learning Powers

The new Learning Power that we will be focusing on next week is 'Don't Give Up!' Remember to ask your child how they have used their new power next week.

Continued improvement

As many of you have already seen on my Facebook page (Mrs Masters), we received a letter last week from Essex County Council confirming that the continued and very good progress that our children made last year puts us in the top 14% of Essex primary schools. Well done to everybody.

Cashless school

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up and would remind you to sign up as soon as possible if you have not done so.

Mid-day Assistant

We have a vacancy for a mid-day assistant; details from the office. Closing date is next Friday, 25th September.

Public Health reminder

We have received a reminder from the Public Health Authority that any child who has sickness or diahorrea must remain absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode of illness.

Parentmail

There is now a link on the website to frequently asked questions. Please register with Parentmail PMX to receive your child's letters and information.

School Health drop in sessions

If you would like to talk to the Brentwood School Nursing Team about continence issues, hearing tests, growth/dietary concerns, sleep/behaviour issues, general health and development, they will be running drop in sessions at Larchwood's Children's Centre in Larchwood Gardens on Mondays between 3:00 and 4:00 pm on 14th & 28th September, 12th & 26th October, 9th & 23rd November and 7th December.

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Beech, Elder, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam Larch, Laurel, Mulberry, Spruce and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Because we are early in the school year, just one day's absence will mean that your child's attendance will only be 90% at the moment. Please make sure your child comes to school every day when he/she is well enough so that the most can be made of the learning on offer.

K'nex for Families

The aim is for parents/carers and children to work together to help develop their numeracy skills by using K'nex to make a variety of models on Tuesday, 22nd September at 1:15 pm.

Fundraisers

The first Family Fun Day is happening tomorrow from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at the school. There are activities for the whole family – yoga, sports, shelter building, plant a seed, crafts, hot food, refreshments and a few outside stalls. Come along and enjoy the day. Entry is free, donations requested for activities, picnics welcome. The Fundraisers will have a stall where you can make suggestions for future projects and where we are trying to find out if there is enough interest to form a 50/50 club. Thank you for your cake donations.

Rag Bag Clothing Collection – Thank you very much for all your donations to the School's Rag Bag Bin (in the car park). Last year the Fundraisers raised £750 from this alone. Please note that Rag Bag no longer accepts any kind of linen, so please NO covers, blankets, towels etc. What we CAN collect is – wearable clothing, paired shoes (please put elastic round), handbags and belts. Please put everything in bags and tie a knot – firstly anything that gets wet will be binned (thereby losing money) and secondly to make it easier to bag up which is our job before it gets collected.

Fundraisers AGM – Wednesday, 7th October at Zizzi, Brentwood. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are interested in or would like more information on becoming an elected committee member, please email hollytreespta@hotmail.co.uk.

Menu

Week 1 of the menu - please see the website for the new summer menus.

Letters home

11th – Y5 & Y6 football trials

15th – Y6 Forest

15th – Holly Hobbies workshops

16th - Tag Rugby after school club

16th – Y2 theatre and visit to Essex Fire Museum

Forthcoming dates

19th Sept – Family Fun Day – 12:00 to 3:00

8th Oct – Non-pupil day – Parent Teacher consultations

9th- 12th Oct – Y6 Norfolk visit

15th Oct – Y3 visit to Chelmsford Museum

26th-30th Oct – Half term

4th Nov – Individual photos

5th Nov – Y2 – Great Fire of London theatre in school

6th Nov – Firework display

13th Nov – Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum

20th Nov – Y2 visit to Essex Fire Museum

17th Dec – flu immunisation

17th Dec – carol singing

18th Dec – last day of school – children return on Tuesday, 5th January

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Charlie Rose, Lenny Foster, Kimberly Chen, Max Delow, Barney Mizen-Pheby, Montgomery Bartlett, Amber Brazier, Kylesh Anpalahan, Casper Jeffries, David Shotunde, Natalie Clements, Tomas Mason and Luke Summerfield-Butler.