



FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020

School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Next week sees the start of our Parents Evening phone calls. You should by now have received confirmation of when your child's teacher will be calling you. Please contact the school office if you need clarification.

Although face to face meetings are preferable, we hope you find these conversations informative and they give you the opportunity to discover how your child has settled into the new academic year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Sarah Vass - Headteacher

Week starting 12th October 2020:

Autumn menu: Week 1

The **RED** option for Friday will be Chicken burger (in replacement of the Pork and Apple burger, for this week only). Everything else remains unaltered as per our Autumn Menu.



School Photographs - Tuesday 13th October

We are pleased individual school photos are being taken on Tuesday.

If the weather is dry and mild then we will set up outside to allow for maximum ventilation.

The photographer will not be within 3 metres of the children and the chair will be sanitised between bubbles. If the weather should be inclement, the Performance Studio will be used but the same measures would still apply.

Whilst it is not possible to take family photos this year, the photographer has offered to produce a digitally combined image for your consideration. There is no obligation to buy the photos.

For Tuesday 13th October only, it will be acceptable for children to come to school wearing a school tie, if they wish. Due to the current restrictions it will not be possible to loan your child a tie on the day.

A reminder that the PE day for **Reception classes** is Monday next week, therefore they should attend school in their PE kit on Monday, and full uniform on Tuesday.



Important Dates:

13th October - Individual Photographs (following COVID compliant procedures)

26th October - 30th October - **HALF TERM**

2nd November - **INSET DAY**

4th November - Flu Vaccinations

Cleaners Wanted

We have a vacancy for 3 evenings a week for a permanent cleaning position.

In addition, if you are interested in joining our bank of relief cleaners please contact the school office for more information.

Each evening cleaners work for 2 hours usually from 3.30-5.30pm although there is some flexibility.



Harvest Festival Collection

A big thank you for all of the generous donations earlier this week. All items have now been transferred to the Maldon Food Pantry who will in turn donate to families and people across the community who are in need of a helping hand.



New Secondary Admission Round (Year 6 to 7—September 2021)

The application period for admissions to Year 7 in secondary school for September 2021 opened on Friday 11th September 2020.

Parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications online via www.essex.gov.uk/topic/admissions.

All of the application information, including the admissions booklets and policies are published on the website above.

Please be aware the statutory national closing date is **Saturday 31st October 2021.**

Engine Idling

We understand that it can be chilly waiting in your car before and after school, however can we ask you to consider the impact on the environment and our health and not leave your vehicle engine running? Thank you.

