

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

### Learners of the Week

Congratulations to our Learners of the Week:

6BH	Ella Scarbrow	3RB	Megan Campion
6NR	Izzy Solvey	3BI	Sophie Smith
5LC	Olivia Carroll	2TP	Lucas Rose
5LH/HT	Lacey Barham	2BR	Megan Munn
4AM	Charlie Lomax	2CC	Charlton Wilkinson-Balser
4LW	Sean Haston	1EW	Penny Wright
3SC	Crystal Manoilov	1RF/GM	Stefan Ciungu

### Attendance award

Congratulations to 2TP who won this week's award.

### Gate times

Please be reminded that all children should be in class for registration which takes place at 8.55am. The gates will close at this time and anyone entering after this time must go to the school office and not be taken to their classroom.

Could all parents also please ensure that no scooters are ridden on the playgrounds. These are permitted on the snake path however they should be ridden safely and carefully as a number of injuries are occurring with children crashing into adults and other children walking along the path.

### NSPCC Number Day

Next Friday, 3rd February, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day. The children will be completing "Buddy's Key Challenge" in the morning and will have lots of other fun number based activities throughout the day. Children are able to come to school wearing clothing featuring a number in exchange for a donation to the NSPCC. Alternatively you may wish to be creative and they could dress as a playing card, dice or clock. If you would like to donate cash can be collected in your child's class, you can scan the QR code or visit our Justgiving page at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dunmowstmarys>



## **Snapchat**

We have had a number of reports about Snapchat being used by our children despite the 13+ age restrictions being in place. Please find attached a useful parent guide with advice on how to safely set up an account and how to talk to your child about using it.

## **Sports roundup**

### *Boccia Essex finals*

On Tuesday 10th January three of our KS2 children travelled to Basildon to represent Uttlesford in the Essex Boccia finals. They had previously won the Uttlesford competition back in October. There were over 100 children at this event and the competition was high. Our children played well and enjoyed the whole experience.

### *Swimming gala*

On Friday 13th January over 40 KS2 children represented the school in the DEEP swimming gala at Dunmow Leisure Centre. Both the Y3/4 and the Y5/6 teams came 3rd. There were some close finishes and everyone swam their best. The following children were awarded with a certificate for coming 1st in their race:

Lucas W Y4 Freestyle

Florence Y4 Freestyle

Darcy K Y5 Freestyle

Luca Y3 Breaststroke

Will R Y6 Breaststroke

Heidi Y6 Backstroke

Florence Y4 Champions

William E Y4 Champions

### *Y6 Tag rugby Competition*

Last Friday 12 pupils from Y6 represented the school in the DEEP tag rugby competition. They won 6 games and lost 1 to be placed 3rd overall and have secured a place in the Uttlesford finals.

Well done to everyone.

## **Forest School**

Could we please remind you that children go to forest school in most weather conditions. Please therefore ensure that your child has a long sleeved jumper/cardigan and leggings/tights/long trousers for their sessions or in school at all times to wear under their waterproofs.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out most afternoons. If you have a few hours free and would like to volunteer (or share responsibilities with another parent) then please contact the school office.

## **RSPB Bird Watch**

This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It involves watching and logging the birds you see around for an hour this weekend. More information on how to participate can be found at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

## Winter Reading Challenge

Please be reminded that if your child participated in the Essex Libraries winter Reading Challenge they will need to have completed their challenges and go to their library by the end of tomorrow (28 January) to collect their seeds and free books and also to be entered into the competition to win an Animal Experience at Colchester Zoo.

## Events

Please find below the event calendar up to half term:

<b>Week commencing Monday 30 January</b>	
WEDNESDAY	Teacher's strike
FRIDAY	NSPCC Number Day - children to wear something with a number on it in exchange for a donation

<b>Week commencing Monday 6 February</b>	
WEDNESDAY 2.45 - 3.15	Y4 - electric games open afternoon for parents - please come to front gate from 2.40 onwards
WEDNESDAY 5.30-7.00	KS2 School Disco
THURSDAY	Individual/sibling photos
THURSDAY 2.55	Y2 Class assemblies - please come to front gate at 2.45
FRIDAY	Last day of spring 1

## Parent/carer information sessions

Detailed at the bottom of this newsletter are a number of sessions you may be interested in attending relating to a variety of subjects including tips for helping you through the cost of living crisis.

## Half term events

There are a number of half term clubs and activities already available to book, including a sports camp taking place at our school every day. If you are interested in these please see the community noticeboard on our website.

Yours sincerely

Clare Charter

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# FREE SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

Join by scanning here:



**Raising Boys**  
Monday 30th Jan/6th Feb 23  
9:30-11:30am

**Understanding Children**  
Tuesday 31st Jan/7th/21st/28th Feb 23  
9:30 -11:30am

**Confident Cooking on a budget**  
Tuesday 31st Jan  
12:30-1:30pm

**Fussy Eaters**  
Tuesday 31st Jan/7th Feb 23  
12:30-1:30pm

**Valentine's Family Day Ideas**  
Wednesday 1st Feb  
9:30-11:30am

**Top tips to make your money go further**  
Thursday 2nd Feb 23  
12:30-1:30pm

**Where to go for cost of living support**  
Thursday 2nd Feb 23  
6:00-7:00pm

**Explain cost of living to your child**  
Friday 3rd Feb 23  
12:30-1:30pm

