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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some of the good weather.

Additional YR class in September

We have been approached by Essex County Council and asked to take an additional class in YR in September. The number of children in Dunmow is increasing rapidly and the construction of the new school (which was meant to be already open) has not even begun. This means there will be a need for extra school places over the next couple of years and the extra classes will be shared out between ourselves and Dunmow Primary. Once the new school is open, we will revert to two form entry. Therefore, we will be welcoming three classes of YR in September. These classes will all be in the current YR corridor with access to the outside classroom.

Swimming for Years 1, 3 & 4

The children have been enjoying their swimming sessions this week. Thank you to all the parents who have paid the £20 contribution. If you have not yet paid, this amount is payable online via [Scopay](#).

Year 1 have an extra session next Monday (29th April). The term timetable is as follows:

Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursday (please note that the lessons are on Tuesday and *not* Monday as previously advised)

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

PE Kit

Please be reminded that every child requires a PE kit to be left in school at all times. Whilst PE days are usually set within the timetable there are often occasions where trainers or the kit are required outside of those allocated days. If a child has a sports club after school then it is advisable that they bring in sportswear to change into and do not wear their PE kit or trainers. PE is part of the national curriculum and each child should be participating in their PE lessons. Please ensure your child has a full kit to keep in school from next week.

For PE, swimming lessons and sports clubs all earrings should be removed. If your daughter does not know how to remove her earrings could you please ensure she learns or that you remove them prior to her coming to school? She will not be permitted to swim with earrings and the school cannot take them out for her.



X Country Finals

The Y3 boys team represented the school and Uttlesford in the Essex X-Country race today. They ran a gruelling 1000m course over the Hadleigh Park hills in Benfleet. All the boys ran a fantastic race against the top 140 runners in Essex. We have to wait to hear where our team was placed.

Well done boys.

Class Assemblies

A reminder of this term's class assemblies is below:

Wednesday 1 st May 10.40am	3SJ		
Wednesday 8 th May 10.40am	4LR		
Wednesday 15 th May 10.40am	5NR	Wednesday 15 th May 2.55pm	2RF/CJ
Wednesday 22 nd May 10.40am	5RM	Wednesday 22 nd May 2.55pm	2BR
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 5 th June 10.40am	3RB		
Wednesday 12 th June 10.40am	4LW	Wednesday 12 th June 2.55pm	1BI
		Wednesday 19 th June 2.55pm	1SH
Wednesday 3 rd July 10.40am	6BH		
Wednesday 10 th July 10.40am	6TH		

Clubs

Please note that all clubs are on next week. Those children that applied for a club with a limited number of places have been informed as to whether they were successful in securing a space.

Rapid Ball Cricket will not be taking place on Wednesday 8th May and Kwik Cricket will not be taking place on Friday 10th May.

Please be reminded that if your child is not attending a club for any reason please do let the office know.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 29 th April	
MONDAY	Bikeability - Group 1
TUESDAY	Bikeability – Group 1
TUESDAY 7.00	PTA Meeting – DSM Staff Room
WEDNESDAY 10.40	3SJ Class Assembly
WEDNESDAY	Bikeability – Group 2
THURSDAY	Bikeability – Group 2

Other events

Sunday 28th April is the first open day of the season at the Gardens of Easton Lodge. It will be a chance to enjoy spring leaves and flowers and to see the work done in the Gardens over the winter. For children there will be a fairy trail and the opportunity to visit the treehouse. The gardens will be open from 11.30am until 5pm. Entry is £4.50 for adults and free for children and dogs.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths