

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Congratulations to the following children who were our Learners of the Week:

5LH	George Myers	3SJ	Elliott Rounce
5NR	Ella Hawkins	3RB	Clark Cole
4LW	Ava Holmes	2BR	Vaida Farrant
4LRW	Harrison Long	2NT	Ava Gray
		1BI	Eleanor Horrix-O'Brien
		1SH	Izzy Webb

Science Stars

These children have impressed their teachers this half-term - either with their science knowledge on their current topic, their enthusiasm, their home research or their thoughtful questioning. Well done Science Stars!

6BH	Adam Conway	3SJ	Finley Sladden
6TH	Freya Horrocks	3RB	Tommy Gilder
5LH	Oliver Snell	2BR	Edward Bourke
5NR	Aiden Cooper	2NT	Jacob Reynolds
4LW	Ella Hollins	1BI	Emily Simmonds
4LRW	George Lattimore	1SH	Archie Ramage

Playleaders of the Month – March

Our fantastic playleaders of the month for March were Alfie Winter for his great work with the Reception children and Katie O'Neil for her wonderful work with years 1 and 2. Congratulations both of you.

Class Changes

Following the departure today of Mrs Hughes and Mrs Thapa on maternity leave and Miss Wilson's marriage during the holidays the following class names will be changed after Easter:

2NT becomes 2RF/CJ (Mrs Frost and Mr Jarvis)
4LRW becomes 4LR (Mrs Rooney)
5LH becomes 5RM (Mrs Morton)

Gates

Please note that after Easter the back gate will be opened at the end of school at 3.10pm in line with the front gate.

Clubs

Please note that the only clubs running during the first week back after the Easter break are multi-skills, football and 11+. All other clubs will start the following week. The club list for next term was distributed with last week's newsletter and is now available on the website and app.

Please be reminded that if your child will not be attending a club one afternoon you should let the office know as they will be phoning parents should a child not be registered at the club as expected.

Easter Service at St Mary's Church

On Friday 26th April the children from Years 2 to 6 will be going to St Mary's for their Easter Service. Parents are invited to join the children at the church from 9.45am.

Summer term lunch menu

Attached is a copy of the lunch menu for next term. A copy can be viewed on our main notice board by the office as well as on the website and app. Please note that all school lunches should be paid for in advance and that these should be paid for online via [Scopay](#). The cost of lunches for the next term is £135.70 and for the first half term is £52.90.

Volunteers Needed

We are very grateful to our team of volunteer readers who come in once a week to listen to children read. It really does make a difference to the children and to the teachers to be able to offer the children the chance to read to another adult. We are currently looking for adults to support years 3 and 5 in particular so if you think you could spare an hour a week please do get in touch with us via admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk.

Class Assemblies

KS2 assemblies are from 10.40-10.50am on a Wednesday in the hall. The class assemblies are not a special presentation for parents, they are part of the normal timetable and their main purpose is for the children to share their work with other children. However, parents are very welcome to attend. Please don't feel that it is expected that you will be there. If you do wish to come, please make sure you are here at 10.35 to be seated as the hall is very full and it is hard to come in once the assembly has started. Please note there is no room in the hall for buggies. KS1 assemblies are in the classroom at 2.55pm on a Wednesday afternoon. Please sign in at the office at 2.45pm. Here are the assemblies for next term:

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		

PTA News

Mother's Day Gift Sale – We hope everyone enjoyed their gifts last Sunday! A huge thank you for coming and supporting this event. Thanks to you this event raised £280 valuable funds for our school! Watch this space for something similar for Father's Day.

KS1 Cinema Club – This event raised £150 for the school. Thanks to all the children who came and were very well behaved for the duration. We hope they enjoyed it. We are planning to hold a similar event for KS2 next term. Watch this space for news....

Inter-form Netball

KS2 have been playing their inter-form netball competition this week during their PE lessons. The results are as follows:

3 – 3SJ won

Y4 – 4LRW won

Y5 – playing next half term

Y6 - draw

Cashless Office

A reminder that after the Easter holidays the school will become cashless. This means that all trip, swimming and dinner money should be paid online. No cash will be accepted at the office. If you have not yet activated your online account or linked accounts for siblings please ensure this is done before we return for the summer term. If you would like another activation code or assistance with setting up the account please do speak to any member of the office team who will be happy to assist.

Swimming for Years 1, 3 & 4

A reminder that Years 1, 3 and 4 will swim after Easter commencing 23rd April and ending on 6th June. If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if you could pay the £20 contribution for your child as soon as possible and in any event before he/she starts swimming. This amount is payable online via [Scopay](#). The timetable is as follows:

Year 1 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Events

Please find below the event calendar for the first week back after Easter:

Week commencing Monday 22nd April	
MONDAY	Easter Bank Holiday
TUESDAY	Y4 Electricity Exploration Day
TUESDAY	Swimming lessons commence
WEDNESDAY	Y2 Trip to Duxford
FRIDAY 9.45	Y2-6 Easter Service at St Mary's

Other events

All are welcome to Messy Church at St Mary's Church on Good Friday (19th April) from 4-6pm. There'll be free crafts, activities, games, songs, and an Easter egg hunt, as you explore the Easter story, plus a free dinner. The flyer is attached.

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 our treehouse. The gardens open from 11.30am until 5pm. Entry is £4.50 for adults and free for children and dogs. More information can be found on the attached flyer.

On Friday 12th April Great Dunmow Town Team's Easter Egg Hunt takes place. This is a free family event and full details can be found on the attached flyer.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths