

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Playleaders of the Month - April

The following children have been awarded the Playleader of the Month for April for their wonderful work with their respective year groups:

Jack Lattimore – Reception
Tayla McGuinness – Years 1 and 2

Y6 SATs reminder

Y6 sit their SATs in the mornings Monday - Thursday next week. Please make sure they are in school on time and bring a water bottle and a snack with them each morning. Please also make sure that the children are not taken out of school for any appointments. As mentioned before, early nights and making sure they have breakfast is the best way to support your child. They have worked hard and are ready so we are now trying to keep calm and alleviate any anxieties.

If your child is ill please contact the school immediately so we can work out contingency plans as it isn't possible to sit the exams on different days.

Club cancellations

There will be no Nature Club next week (14th May). Please also note that there will be no craft club on Monday 3rd June (first day back after half term) or homework club on Thursday 6th June as it is assessment week.

3RB Class Assembly

Please note that the 3RB class assembly will not now be held as previously advised due to assessment week. This will be rescheduled in due course.

Volunteer Event – Saturday 25th May

Could you spare a couple of hours to support the school? We have a number of outdoor projects that we would love your help with. So on Saturday 25th May we are opening the school grounds between 10am and 3pm and hoping that you and/or your child(ren) may be able to come and support us. The PTA have kindly offered to provide food and drinks for volunteers and we are hoping this will be a fun family event that will help us to make some improvements to our grounds to benefit the children.

Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated and make a real difference to our school. Once we have an idea of numbers we will provide further details about what equipment/tools it would be useful for you to bring. So please register your interest in the day by completing the attached slip or emailing admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk. Please be aware that you will need to supervise and be responsible for your own children on the day.

Free trial sessions at Saffron Centre for Young Musicians

Saffron Centre for Young Musicians (SCYM) (www.saffroncym.org) is a Saturday morning music school based at Saffron Walden County High School and partnered with Guildhall School, and the concert hall Saffron Hall. It is open to all children aged 4 to 18, whether they have been playing an instrument or singing for several years or are just at the very beginning of their music education. The session runs from 9.30 to 12.45 and all children sing in a choir, take a general musicianship class and play in an instrumental group appropriate to their experience. For those children who don't play anything yet there are small groups of beginner guitars, recorders and percussion. It is also possible to take a 1-1 instrumental or voice lesson.

For the last half of the summer term SCYM are offering free trial sessions to children at Dunmow St Mary's, with a view to enrolling in September. As no child should miss out on a music education, bursaries are available. Please get in touch with the school office, leaving an email and contact number as soon as possible to register your interest!



Tennis competition

Last Friday a team from Years 5 and 6 represented the school today at a tennis competition held at Stebbing Tennis Club. The team came 2nd in the Dunmow Tennis competition. We are waiting to hear if they have made it through to the Uttlesford finals. Well played everyone!

Lost Property

Our lost property bin is once again getting full. Do please check it regularly for lost items. Any items that are unnamed will be placed in the recycling bin on the last day of this half term.

Safer School Journeys Working Party

Last week we asked if anyone would be interested in supporting the school on this. If you could spare a couple of hours over the next half-term then please contact Mrs Horrocks on jess.horrocks@dsmprimary.essex.co.uk.



Cashless School

Scopay have now launched their mobile app for any parents who prefer to pay for school lunches and trips using their phone. This can be downloaded from your usual app store for free. This is still being developed to include other items such as parent evenings and an update will be sent once the full version is released.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 13 th May	
MONDAY-THURSDAY	Y6 SATs
TUESDAY	Y3 Egyptian dress up day
WEDNESDAY 10.40	5NR Class Assembly
WEDNESDAY 2.55	2RF/CJ Class Assembly

Other events

MRFA half term holiday camps are taking place around Essex. Please find attached a flyer with all the details.

Gardens of Easton Lodge Nature Day on 19th May. Well-known local naturalist Jono Forgham will lead bug hunts, bird walks and other nature activities suitable for all ages! The Gardens' beekeepers will showcase the work of their honey bees and the Essex Bat Group, Uttlesford Badger Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and RSPB will be on hand to talk to visitors about the wildlife in the area. There will also be a plant stall, and visitors enjoy spring cheer from the Thaxted Morris dancers. The Gardens are open from 11.30am to 5pm, with last entry at 4pm. Entrance fee is £4.50 for adults and there's free entry for children under 16. Food and drink will be available as well as a children's nature trail and craft activities.

HRS have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant 25hrs per week 9.30-2.30 Term time only. For further information or an application form please contact Jackie Holdsworth (email 61677@compass-group.co.uk or telephone on 01371-873511).

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

Volunteer Event – Saturday 25th May

Name(s): E-mail address:

Mobile number:

(in case we need to cancel the event in adverse weather conditions text would be the easiest way to contact people)

Number of adults: Number of children: