

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

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

6BH	Ayden Saltmarsh	3RB	Adam Baines
6TH	Ollie Edwards	2BR	Heidi Baker
5RM	Tyler Cooper	2RF/CJ	George Nevill
5NR	Natasha Dubaj	1BI	Joseph Paveley
4LW	Charlie Dunmow	1SH	Hugo Chylinksi
4LR	Ellie Luciani	RND	Isla Ryan
3SJ	Isabella Stanbury	RLEB	Evie Holden

Volunteer Event – Saturday 25th May

Don't forget that we are opening the school grounds tomorrow between 10am and 3pm and would welcome any help that you are able to give 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. If you are able to join us for even an hour then it would be helpful to bring gardening gloves, secateurs, mini handsaws and/or pruning shears and of course lots of energy and enthusiasm.

Additional Class 2019

Please find attached a letter from our Chair of Governors in relation to the school's decision to increase our reception intake this year.

Clubs

Please note that clubs start back straight after half term with the exception of homework club which starts again on Thursday 13th June and Cricket club, which resumes week of 10th June.

Mathletics for Y6 has now finished.

Gym Trail, for the invited children, starts on Tuesday 25th June and will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

PTA – Fun Day – Saturday 6th July, 12 noon until 3pm

We will be holding our annual fun day on Saturday 6th July. As always the PTA are only able to organise this event with the help and support of all our parents. Please see the attached flyer for further information however, if you are clearing out over the half-term break please do let us have any of the following items:

- Unused items/unwanted gifts for tombola prizes
- Bric-a-brac: toys, games, books, DVD's (no videos!), jewellery, hotel freebies, ...
- Unwanted school uniform (clean and ready for sale)

- Teddies/dolls/ soft toys in good/clean condition please

Walk to School Week

A huge thank you to all of those parents and children who made the effort this week to support our 'walk to school' initiative. Over half of our children managed to walk every day and many more made every effort where possible to walk on at least some of the days. Badges, stickers and the trophy for the class with the most 'walks' will be awarded after half-term. We really hope that you will have seen the benefits of this programme and wherever possible continue to walk to school. There was a noticeable difference in traffic congestion outside school and this can only be beneficial for everyone.

Sports Day - Wednesday 26th June

YR, 1 and 2 will be out on the field from 9.15am to 10.15am

Y3 and 4 will be on the field from 10.30am to 11.55am

Y5 and 6 will be on the field from 1.15pm to 3.00pm

Parents are welcome to watch their children. There will be track events and field events. For the field events please move around the field with your children.

Please feel free to join us if you can for a picnic lunch on the school field from 12.00pm to 1.00pm.

You can choose from the following options:

- Children can order a packed lunch from school (*no hot meals will be available on this day*)
- Children can bring their own packed lunch
- Adults can bring a picnic lunch to share with their children

If you would like to order a packed lunch for your child this is now available to complete online. Sports Day will feature as a trip in www.scopay.com and you can click on "view" to select your choice of sandwich or specify if you are providing lunch for your child. Alternatively please complete the reply slip and return this to school. Please note that the deadline for ordering a school lunch is **Wednesday 12th June**. We cannot accept requests for school lunches after this time.

Tea, coffee and cakes are also available for adults to purchase throughout the day from the school kitchen.



Rapid Fire Cricket

A team from Y4 won the rapid fire cricket competition last Friday. They won all their games and will now go on to represent Dunmow in the Uttlesford finals on 4th July. Congratulations and well done to them!

Croquet

If anyone has a croquet set they would like to donate to the school we would greatly appreciate it.

Swimming

Apologies to all the children who were due to swim this week. The lessons will be made up in the next half term and we will contact you to let you know the date in due course.

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid for swimming next half term. As you are aware swimming is heavily subsidised by the school and the parental contribution is key to our ability to

provide this opportunity which is so popular with our children. If you haven't yet paid your contribution the amount of £20 is still available to pay online via [Scopay](#).

Swimming Timetable for Years R, 2 and 5 (11th June to 16th July)

Year R – Wednesday mornings & Thursday afternoons

Year 2 – Tuesday afternoons & Thursday mornings

Year 5 – Tuesday mornings & Wednesday afternoons

Lost and/or Damaged Library Books

At the end of each term we ask the children to return any overdue library books. Despite the best efforts of the children and parents we know that sometimes books get lost, mislaid or even damaged. In order that we are able to continue to offer such a wonderful selection of books for all our current and future children we ask either for these to be replaced or for a financial contribution of £5 to cover the cost of the school replacing them. After half-term should you need to do this you will be able to make the payment via Scopay. This will appear under the products tab on your child's page.

Advance Notice - Class photos

On either Tuesday 11th June or Friday 14th June the PTA have organised for class photos of years 1-5 to be taken. These will then be available to order for parents to order in due course. We will confirm in the newsletter after half-term which classes will have their photos on which date.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for the first week after half term:

Week commencing Monday 3rd June	
MONDAY	Y5 Greek Day
MONDAY	Reception 2019 parents' meeting
THURSDAY	Reception children going to Co-op
FRIDAY	Deadline for payment of Reception and KS1 Picnic and Games

Other events/news

Girls Football: The FA Elite Player Pathway trials - dates for the 2019/20 season have been decided and registration is now open. They are keen to offer this opportunity to girls who will be eligible to play at the U10 age group (current years 3 and 4) although it is open to girls in Y3-6. For more information on the trials or to register your daughter follow here is the link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EssexRTC19-20>.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back for the last half term of their school year on Monday 3rd June.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

Sports Day Picnic Menu

Filled Baguettes with
Tuna, Ham or Cheese
Box of Raisins
Pot of Yoghurt
Piece of Fruit
Cake
Apple Juice

I would like my child in class to have a school packed lunch.

Filled baguette with

Tuna

Ham

Cheese

Signed
Parent/Carer

Please ensure this slip is returned by no later than **Wednesday 12th June**