

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

### Learners of the Week

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

6BH	Oliver Snell/George Myers	3RB	Isla Maguire
6TH	Emily Fountzoula	3SC	Rose Witham
5NR	Charlie Dunmow	2BR	Bobby Daley
5SM	Mac Herd	2SJ	Clara Barno
4LR	Ava Bundock	1BI	Danny Dearle
4LW	Tobie Beedle	1RF/GM	Darcy Maura-Cooper

### Author visit – Yuval Zommer

Yesterday the children spent time with Yuval Zommer where he led workshops demonstrating step by step how he approached his illustrations for the 'Big Book of Bugs'. Full details of his visit can be found on our website at <http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/yuval-zommer-author-visit/>. A massive thank you to Mrs Wood who organised the whole event on behalf of the school and to the parents who supported us by purchasing books, the profits from which, will as always be ploughed back into our library. If you would still like to purchase a book these are on sale at the school office until the end of Monday. Cash will be accepted in this instance and if you are not able to pop in yourself please send the cash in a named envelope clearly stating the title of the book(s) you require. Hardback books are £11 and sticker books are £7.50 each.

### Where is God? Exhibition of work Thursday 24th October 3pm

This half term the children have been involved in a whole school RE project entitled 'Where is God?' They have been creating pieces of writing and art work around this subject. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October there will be an exhibition of the work in all the classes from Y1 - Y6. The children will have the opportunity to go round and see the work earlier in the afternoon then, at 3pm parents are invited into the classrooms to have a look also. The gates will be open at 3pm and you can make your way to the classrooms, there is no need to sign in at the office.

### Lunchtime Bible Story

Mrs Wilcox will be running a Bible Story Club for year 2 children on Mondays from 12.30pm until 12.55pm starting on Monday 11th November. There will be songs, a Bible story and a short activity during the club. If your child would like to attend this Club please fill in the form below and return it to the office by Thursday 24th October. There is only space for 15 children so this will be on a first come first served basis.

### **Hats and bows**

Please note that novelty animal hats with attached scarves are not permitted to be worn in school. Children should all now bring a coat to school to wear at break and lunchtimes. Please also note that JoJo and similar large bows are not part of the uniform and should be left at home.

### **Bulb Planting**

Mrs Watts will be planting bulbs in the woodland area behind the Discovery Den on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October during the lunch hour. Any children in years 1-6 are welcome to join her if they have a pair of wellies in school that day.

### **KS2 Club cancellations and disco**

Please note that dance club, gardening club, TTRockstars and homework club for KS2 are cancelled next Thursday due to the disco.

For the disco, and to assist with dropping off, the school gates will be open before 6pm but the doors will not be unlocked until 6pm so please do not arrive too early. Please note that the back gates to school will also be open so people can use the car parks at the back of the school. When you arrive to pick your children up you will be let into the dinner hall and the children will come to meet you from the disco hall at 7.30pm. No children will be let out of school without an adult.

Entry to the disco is £3.00. It will also be possible to buy a packet of crisps and a drink for 50p and a cookie for £1. There will be no flashing jewellery on sale as we aim to help the environment and reduce plastic usage.

### **Overdue/lost/damaged library books**

As we approach half term the Library is attempting to recover all overdue library books. If your child's book is overdue you will have received an email earlier this week. If your child does have an overdue book please help them locate it and return it to the Library. If you think the book is lost or damaged to the point it cannot be used then we ask you to either pay a £5 replacement fee via the product section of Scopay or purchase a good quality replacement copy of the book. We do operate a policy whereby your child's borrowing may be restricted whilst your child has an overdue book. Thank you for your support.

### **Gardens of Easton Lodge**

This Sunday is the last Open Day at the Gardens of Easton Lodge. Artwork and books produced by our Y6 children will be on display and Mr Harris and Mr Heath will be at the Gardens between 12.00pm and 2.30pm although the Gardens are open from 11.30am until 5pm.

### **Second hand uniform and lost property**

Please claim any lost property before the end of next week as this will be recycled after this time. Our next second hand uniform sale will be in the front playground (weather permitting) on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The gate will open at 3pm for this purpose. Please do not walk around to classrooms until nearer pick-up time.

### **Dinner money**

We would be grateful if all outstanding dinner money is paid by half term. Should you wish to pay for the next half term's lunches in advance this amounts to £73.60 excluding the Christmas lunch.

### **Sport**

*Cross Country* - The following teams have made it through to the Uttlesford Finals on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Carver Barracks: Y3 Boys, Y3 Girls, Y4 Boys, Y4 Girls, Y5 Boys and Y6 Boys.

*Archery workshop* – today both Y5 classes participated in an archery workshop run by Nick Wilderspin. They were taught how to draw the bow accurately in order to hit the target successfully. The

following pupils will be representing the school in the forthcoming competition – Ophelia Gibbs, Oliver Lockett, Grace Keniger and George Lattimore.

### Aldi Get Set to Eat Fresh campaign

We are still collecting the Aldi vouchers and if you have seen the poster under the Y5/6 stairs you will know we still have a long way to go to fill it and claim our free sports kit. You have until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to bring them into school. The box is at the office. Please ask all your friends and family to collect and pass the stickers on.

### Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	
WEDNESDAY 10.40	4LR Class Assembly and open classroom
WEDNESDAY 2.55	2BR Class Assembly
THURSDAY 3.00	Where is God? Exhibition – parents please go straight to classrooms
THURSDAY 6.00-7.30	KS2 Disco

### Other events

As we advertise a number of events on a weekly basis we have decided to put these all in one place to make it easier for our parents to read and access the information. These are on our community noticeboard page on the parents tab of our website. Please see the noticeboard for details of sports, health, activity camps and so on: <http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/parents/community-noticeboard/>  
Please note this page is updated every Friday.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Griffiths

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### Year 2 Bible Story Club

I would like my child to attend Bible Story Club every Monday lunchtime.

Name of child .....

Class .....

Signed .....  
Parent/Carer