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Dear Parents

Playleaders of the Month – September

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have undertaken training to lead play at lunchtime with our Reception and KS1 children. Each month we award children who have shown great enthusiasm for the role and compassion for our youngest children. For September these are:

Reception – Mahima Begum
Y1-2 – Henry Ambrose

Parents Evening

Next Monday and Wednesday are our parent consultations. These run from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on Monday 7th October and from 4.00pm until 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th October. Please make every possible effort to arrive for your appointment on time and the teachers will do their very best to keep to schedule as well. In this parent consultation we do not put the children's books outside so there is no need to arrive early to look through them. This is an opportunity for you to discuss with your child's teacher how they have settled in, how they have settled to work, what particular things they are working on, how you can help at home etc. It is also an opportunity for you to discuss any questions you may have.

The appointments are only ten minutes and the teachers are on a tight time schedule with 30 sets of parents to see so please don't be offended if they bring the meeting to a close at the end of the ten minutes. If you have a lot to discuss, please make another appointment.

Myself and Mr Jarvis will also be available on these evenings. If you wish to speak to one of us please mention this to your child's teacher and they will direct you. Thank you too in supporting us by not making separate appointments where parents may be living in separate households.

Mrs Wood will be holding a second hand book sale on Monday evening until 4.30pm in the office area. All proceeds from the sale will be going towards new books for the library.

Club cancellations

Please note that there will be no biscuits and banter on Monday 7th October due to parents evening. All other clubs on that Monday and Wednesday will take place.

Crazy Hair Day!

Next Friday we will be raising money for Essex Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Hospital by having a crazy hair day. The children are invited to come to school with crazy hair (e.g. coloured or styled but no

shaved heads please) in exchange for a donation of £1. Normal school uniform should be worn. Please would those children attending the X Country competition wear their hair as normal until after the event.



Author visit

On Thursday 17th October Yuval Zommer will be visiting the children for the day. He will also be available after school to sign books for you. If you would like to purchase a book in advance the cost is £11 for a hardback non-fiction book and £7.50 for a sticker book. These are available to pre-order via Scopay and will feature as products on your account. If your book is a present and you would like us to arrange for this to be signed secretly please contact the office. The books will be available to pre-order online until Wednesday 16th October after which time you will only be able to purchase the books on the day itself.

PTA

The next PTA Quiz Night is on Friday 18th October from 7.30 pm in the school hall. This is always a fun event and a great way to support the school. Teams of up to 8 people are invited to enter. If, however, you would like to attend but are not part of a team please do not hesitate to contact the PTA as everyone is welcome. The cost is just £5 per person and an entry form is attached. Should you wish to contact the PTA their email address is dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk.



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 11th 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.

Sport

Football – on Wednesday morning Y5 boys attended the Uttlesford Football Competition at Herberts Farm, Saffron Walden. Drawn against a challenging group of teams from opposing schools largely made up of Year 6 boys, our team won one, drew two and lost two matches. This made them 5th overall. In the afternoon Y6 girls played their football competition very enthusiastically resulting in a 7th place overall. Well done to all the children who took part.

Dress the Spud

St Mary's Church are holding a "Dress the Spud" harvest potato decorating contest. Your spud must be at St Mary's before the harvest service this Sunday (10.30am). Please see attached flyer for details and rules.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 7 th October	
MONDAY 8.55	Y2 Mindfulness talk for parents – please sign in at the office
MONDAY 3.30 – 6.30	Parents evening

MONDAY 3.30 - 4.30	Second hand book sale – in the office area
TUESDAY 9.30	Prospective Reception parents tour
WEDNESDAY 10.40	6BH Class Assembly
WEDNESDAY 4.00 – 7.00	Parents evening
FRIDAY	Crazy Hair Day - £1 donation to Essex Air Ambulance and Great Ormond Street Hospital

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths