

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents

### Learner of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received Learner of the Week awards on Monday:

6BH	Zoe Wiehahn	3RB	Artur Budovitskyi
6TH	Natasha Dubaj	3SC	Sophie Gorman
5NR	Lucie Smith	2BR	Ernie Ambrose
5SM	Freddie McCulloch	2SJ	Remy Groves
4LR	Miley Harle	1BI	Harry Sewell
4LW	Albie Hamilton	1RF/GM	Blossom Metson

### INSET Days 2020/21

The INSET days for the academic year September 2020 – July 2021 have not yet been set. As soon as we have them we will put them in the newsletter and update the term dates on the website and app. In the meantime, however, please note that if you are planning a late summer holiday the school term officially starts on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September which will be a non-pupil day. Therefore the children will all be back in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### Mobile phones in school

If your child walks to/from school it is likely he/she has a mobile phone. A Mobile Phone Authorisation form should be signed and handed in to the school office to allow your child to bring their phone to school and it asks the child to sign the form too to agree to not using their phone on the premises. If your child is found with a phone on the premises and there is no signed agreement the phone may be confiscated. If you have not yet completed this please sign and return the form which is available on our website (<http://dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Mobile-phone-agreement-2019-20.pdf>).

### Sports Roundup



*Dodgeball* – Last Friday a team of 10 pupils from Y6 travelled to Benfleet to compete in the Essex Dodgeball finals. To get to this final, they had competed in the Dunmow area tournament and then went on to win the Uttlesford area tournament. There were 15 primary schools in the finals, all representing their area of Essex. DSM got all the way through to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost a very tight game. They then went into 3rd/4th play offs. This was a hard fought game and was very close but we managed to win, making us the 3rd best school in Essex at Dodgeball. A fantastic result and wonderful achievement. The team worked so hard together, improving their game and confidence throughout the tournament. They were a credit to the school and Uttlesford. Well done everyone!

## Lost Property



Do you recognise any of these items? If so please collect these from the lost property bin as soon as possible. Any unclaimed items will be placed in the recycling bin next week. All items sent into school whether it is clothing, lunchboxes or bags should be named.

## YR, 1 and 2 Disco Party

Please note the change of time for the KS1 Disco Party for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. This will now be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. The cost is £3 per child and this includes a drink and a special iced cookie. Payment should be made in advance via your child's online account where permission can be given too. If children would like to bring in a change of clothes they are able to do so on the day in a named bag. Children will need to be collected from their classroom at 4.30pm. Any children attending Olivers Lodge will be collected from the disco unless you make alternative arrangements with them.

## Club cancellations

Please note that there will be no TTGymnastics, Craft Club or Reading Club on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January due to the KS1 disco.

## Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	
FRIDAY	Y6 School Journey – instalment 5 out of 9 now due

## Other events

Please see the community noticeboard on our website for details of sports, health, activity camps and so on: <http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/parents/community-noticeboard/>.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Griffiths