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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

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

6BH	Molly Akers	3RB	Olivia Adams
6TH	Henry Evans-Barlow	3SC	Ava Gray
5NR	Nancy Murphy	2BR	Olivia Carroll
5SM	Ethan Trevillian	2SJ	Archie Ramage
4LR	Oscar Wiehahn	1BI	George Muscroft
4LW	Amelia Richards	1RF/GM	William Edwards

Playleader of the Month – January

Each month we celebrate our Year 6 children who act as Playleaders for our youngest children. They help them to play games in a safe, enjoyable way and assist with any difficulties they may have. For January our Playleaders of the Month were Angus Whelan and Henry Saville for their work with our Reception children.

Number Day



The children have been engaged in a variety of number and maze activities today. These have included creating hopscotch grids, mazes with PE equipment, solving sums on the playground, looking at clues placed around the school and creating mazes linked to their current topics. In each assembly there was a raffle and our prize winners will be

bringing their number inspired prizes home later. Congratulations to them all.

We have raised just over £300 for the NSPCC. If you have not yet sent in your money please do so next week. Photos of the day can be found on our website at <http://dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk/a-maze-ing-numbers/>.

Club cancellations

Please note that there will be no homework club, netball or TTRockstars club next Thursday due to the KS2 disco taking place.

Magnetic balls

Small magnetic balls are currently very popular with children using them to pretend they have piercings, particularly in and around the mouth area. These are not permitted in school. The small balls pose a risk as they can easily be swallowed or sniffed and children around the country have been hospitalised whilst playing with them, with some requiring surgery to extract them and repair the damage they have caused.

KS2 Disco

The disco for Y3-6 will be held on Thursday 13th February from 6pm until 7.30pm. Entrance will cost £3, payable on the day and refreshments will be on sale during the evening. Both the front and back gates will be open. Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Book Sale

We will be holding our regular end of term book sale all next week in the Library. This is an opportunity for pupils to purchase second hand Library books, all priced at 6 for £1. The proceeds from the sale will go directly back into the Library, allowing us to purchase new and exciting titles for the children to enjoy. Please ensure that any money sent into school with your child is in a labelled envelope and we ask that they bring in no more than £2 to spend.

As we approach the end of the half term the Library is attempting to recover all overdue library books. If you have received an e-mail advising you that your child's book is overdue, please help them locate it and return it to the Library by no later than Thursday 13th February. If you think the book is lost or damaged to the point it cannot be used then please pay £5 online or replace the book. Your e-mail will have given you fuller details. Thank you for your support.

Class Assemblies

The 5SM class assembly will not take place as previously advertised as we hope all the Y5 parents will attend their chocolate sale the day before.

Sports Roundup

Y4 Football tournament – Last Friday DSM hosted the Y4 boys DEEP football tournament. Seven schools entered into a round robin competition. DSM won 3, drew 2 and lost 1 placing them 2nd overall. Well done to everyone who played.

Tag Rugby – after school last Friday a team of Y4 boys and girls walked to Dunmow Primary for a tag rugby friendly. They were playing against a team of Y5/6 children and it provided them with a great experience to learn more about the game and their skills improved immensely throughout the afternoon.

Illness – when to send your child to school

Parents are occasionally unsure whether it is safe to send their child to school with some childhood illnesses. To assist you at the bottom of the newsletter there is a chart outlining some common conditions, their symptoms, treatment and a guide to sending your child to school. This is also available on our website for future reference at <http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Childhood-illness-chart.pdf>.

Y6 – HRS

Daniel Gee, the Headteacher of HRS, will be hosting an event on Monday 9th March at 3.15pm in our school hall for the Y6 parents and children who will be starting there this September. This will be your chance to chat to him in familiar, informal surroundings whilst having a cup of tea.

Unwanted football shirts

If anyone has football shirts that their children have grown out of, we are collecting them for children in Kenya. Miss Rogers will be visiting Kenya during the May half term and will be taking these with her. Please hand them into the school office over the coming months.

Lego

The school is also in need of unwanted Lego pieces/sets. If you have any that children no longer play with could you please pop it into the school office.

Help needed

We are looking to take down and move a couple of sheds from our playground. If anyone is feeling that they could offer some muscle to support with this for a morning we would be very grateful. Please call Wolf Bird (our site manager) on 07860 969699 if you are able to help. Thank you.

Half term activities

If you are looking for something for your child to do at half term details of local clubs and activities can be found on our community noticeboard on the website. In particular Scott Forbes is running a special INSET day activity camp on Friday 14th February at Great Dunmow Primary for both GDP and St Mary's pupils at a heavily discounted rate. His flyer can also be found on that page of the website:

<http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/parents/community-noticeboard/>

Job Vacancy – Cleaner

Our cleaning company, KM Cleaning, are looking for a cleaner to cover Monday to Friday during term time only from either 3.30-7.30 per evening or 4 – 8pm per evening. They would also consider applications from parties interested in splitting the shift e.g. 2 hours per day each. If you would like to find out more about the job and pay rates then please contact Bal on 07525 591842.

Dates for your diary

Photographs – individual and sibling photos will be taking place on Wednesday 26th February.

Parent consultations for YR to Y5 will be taking place on Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Booking for these sessions will open after half term so please check the newsletter for further details. Bookings are made online via your child's Scopay account so if you have not yet activated this, please do so as soon as possible. The office are always happy to assist you if you have any difficulty or require another activation code.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 10 th February	
TUESDAY 3.15-4.00	Y5 Chocolate Sale
WEDNESDAY	5SM Class Assembly - cancelled
THURSDAY 10.30	Livewire Rock Academy Assembly
THURSDAY 6.00-7.30	KS2 DISCO No homework, netball or TTRockstars clubs this week
THURSDAY	Last day of Spring 1
FRIDAY	Y6 School Journey instalment 6 out of 9 and instalment 4 out of 6 now due
FRIDAY	Non-pupil day


















Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

What to do - Advice on childhood illnesses

Go to school;
if needed get
treatment as
shown

Can be
catching. Some
restrictions
for school
attendance

Don't go to
school and see
the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters		Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after onset of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)		Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.		G.P.	Back to school 6 days from onset of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands		G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)		G.P.	Only need to stay off if feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)		Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness		G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash		G.P.	Back to school 4 days from onset of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty		G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm		G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash		G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea		Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat		Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with “whooping” sound to get air into lungs		G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

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