

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

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

6BH	Alex Ivanas	3SC	Isla Stuart
6LR	Ellie Luciani	2TH	Sid West
5NR	Ruby Pham	2SJ	Oliver Lomax
5SM	Frankie France	1BI	Mia Dynamou
4LH/NT	Olivia Adams	1RF/GM	Reggie Holden
4LW	Oscar Rees	1YP	Abigail Cullenane
3RB	Izzie Webb		

Attendance



Attendance this half term, under the current circumstances, has been excellent. Our overall attendance for this half term has been **95.64%**.

Congratulations to the following classes on their attendance:

- 1st 5NR (97.95%)
- 2nd 2TH (97.80%)
- 3rd 1BI (97.75%)

RSE

From this September the National Curriculum for the teaching of RSE changed. All primary age children will be taught Health and Relationships Education. To assist parents in understanding what this means for their children we have placed a useful presentation on [RSE at Home](#) from Brook Essex which also contains dates for parent workshops together with a [leaflet](#) from Essex County Council outlining what is to be taught in both primary and secondary schools.

Farewell to Tracy McLagan

This week we said a fond farewell to Tracy McLagan who works in the school office. Tracy has been with us for a number of years and her cheerful nature will be missed by us all. We wish her well.

Perch and Willow Fish

You may have seen in the Dunmow Broadcast that Mrs Jackson has been involved in an art project for the 10th anniversary of the Dunmow Big Draw. Children from DSM have also been involved in making the willow and rush fish.



The school is very lucky to be receiving Perch once it has been removed from its current position in the town. If you would like to see how the metal frame for it was made take a look at this [film](#):

The Dunmow Big Draw runs until 31st October with the theme “A Climate for Change”. There is a trail available (via Facebook @highstileprojects and on www.highstileprojects.co.uk) with art from local children and Redbond Care Home residents displayed in the windows of 18 shops and cafes. Artwork from our children will be displayed in the library. Should you also like to enter a suggested name for Perch then please email your children’s suggestions to info@highstileprojects.co.uk.

Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer multi skills after school clubs to years 3-6 after half term. If you are interested in these clubs please look out for the email as places are limited to 12 and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If your son/daughter attended this half term their place is not guaranteed and you would need to respond as per the email instructions. There will also be a Year 2 Dodgeball club run by MRFA.

Rotary Club – Purple4Polio

The Rotary Club have kindly donated 800 crocus bulbs to the school as part of their Purple4Polio campaign which will be planted around the school grounds in due course. The Rotary Club will be planting purple crocus bulbs around Dunmow to mark their campaign. To find out more information on this please see the [leaflet](#) on our website

Winter Illnesses

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service have shared the link below with us. Their [Facebook page](#) contains lots of useful information not only about winter illnesses but also about the services they provide and wider issues facing families.

Year 6 – Secondary School applications

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that applications for their child’s secondary school place must be completed by 31st October. Applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Events

Please find below the event calendar:

Week commencing Monday 26th October	
HALF TERM	
Week commencing Monday 2nd November	
MONDAY	Non-Pupil Day
TUESDAY	Y5 children being picked up at 3.10pm from now on

In the meantime, don't forget our community noticeboard page on the website for local events, holiday clubs and general information: <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/parents/community-noticeboard/>

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

Attachments:

RSE at home: <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RSE-at-Home-with-Parents-ESSEX.pptx>

Understanding RHSE: <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Understanding-Relationships-Sex-and-Health-Education-in-Primary-and-Secondary-Schools.pdf>

Rotary Club: <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Dunmow-Rotary-Purple4Polio.jpg>