

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

High Stile, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1EB  
Telephone 01371 872340  
Facsimile 01371 875144  
E-mail [admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk)



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents

### Face masks

Following new government guidance as the country went into national lockdown yesterday we are now stepping up our endeavours to have all adults on site wearing a face mask. Whilst we understand that some people are exempt please explain this politely if you are asked about wearing a mask by a member of our staff. We know that you all understand that we are just doing everything we can to keep adults and children safe and the school open.

Please ensure your child has everything they require for school before you leave the house or drop them off at school. We have a large number of lunchboxes, coats and drinks bottles being dropped off by parents during the school day and from Monday we will not be accepting water bottles at the front gate. Each classroom has water and sanitised cups available for any child who has forgotten their bottle.

### Clubs

Unfortunately, due to the latest guidance from Essex County Council we have had to cancel all after school clubs for the foreseeable future. We are sorry for the disappointment this will cause.

### Christmas Trees

We would like in due course to have a Christmas tree in each class that children can decorate. These probably need to be between 4-6ft. If anyone has a fake tree that they can spare we would be very grateful. Please let the office know on [admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk) and which class you would like to have it. We will be able to return any 'on loan' at the end of term.

### Worms

We have had a case of worms in Year 1. Whilst we are washing hands a lot in school please ensure your child is continuing this practice outside of school, particularly after going to the toilet and before eating. For more information on this and treatment please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>. Thank you.

### Reception 2021

From Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) applications can be made online via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/topic/admissions> for those children who are due to start school next September (children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017). All of the application and admissions information is available on the website above.

### Uttlesford Children's Clothing Bank

This is a newly set up clothing bank, distributing children's clothing (0-16yrs) to local families in need. If you have any good condition, preloved children's clothing that you would like to go to a good home, please take a look at the details on their [Facebook page](#).

**Events**

Please find below the event calendar:

<b>Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
MONDAY	Reception 2021 applications open
TUESDAY	Flu vaccinations

Yours sincerely  
Clare Griffiths