

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

### **Fitness Fun February**

Uttlesford School Sports Partnership are running a Fitness Fun February campaign. Children are encouraged to carry out different fun activities of their choice throughout the month and record them on the sheet. Please find more information in the attachment. If you complete the whole month please let us know by emailing a copy of your sheet to the Schools Co-ordinator, Jacky Coleman at [JColeman@swchs.net](mailto:JColeman@swchs.net) who can arrange for a certificate to be sent to your child.

### **Harmful toys**

Whilst children are spending more time at home they have more opportunities to play with their toys. Recent reports have included children being hospitalised and having to undergo surgery after they have swallowed small magnetic balls, Orbeez, water beads and similar items. These toys either attach to each other burning holes in organs and tissues or swell once inside the body and cause blockages. The only way to remove them is unfortunately to operate on the child. If you have any of these please either remove them or ensure you are supervising your child whilst they are playing with them and store them out of their reach.

### **PTA update**

#### *Local Lockdown Library*

One of our parents has kindly set up a lockdown library. If you are struggling to find or buy books for your child to read in lockdown, have lots of unused books at home or would like to borrow/swap some books then please contact Laura Balerdi on [couttslm@gmail.com](mailto:couttslm@gmail.com) for more details. Book ages range from pre-school to end of primary school. There are already around 100 books available to loan and all are cleaned and quarantined before being given out.

#### *Tea towels*

The PTA still have a number of tea towels ready for collection locally. If you would like to arrange collection please email them at [dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk) and they will forward the details of where to collect. Please can you do this before the end of half term? After this date the tea towels will be returned to school and given out to your child once they return to school.

#### *Fundraising*

Thank you to everyone who has so far donated or committed to a regular donation on our fundraising page at <https://donatemyschool.com/DSM-PTA2384>. The campaign remains open and every penny raised will make a difference. So please if you are able, go to the link or the QR code and donating is a few easy clicks away. Thank you!



**Teacher Training**

We have been contacted by Essex SCITT regarding their virtual recruitment event that is taking place this month. Details are on the attached flyer.

Yours sincerely  
Clare Griffiths