

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely break and made the most of the long overdue sunshine.

Last half term

There was some fantastic work produced by all the classes over the past half term. Not only did Y2 make bath bombs and raise money for charity, Y4 created their own Roman Museum, 6BH entered a competition showcasing their DT talent in creating images from a book that inspired them and 6LR



worked hard on their Anglo-Saxon work making honey and oat cakes, rye bread, mushroom soup, wooden looms and weaving. You can see more of this work on our website:

<https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/our-class-loves-this-book/>
<https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/roman-museum/>
<https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/marvellous-bath-bombs/>
<https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/anglo-saxon-projects/>

Swimming stars

Year 5 were swimming in the sunshine this week. Nicole has been impressed with the number of children who have shown determination and progress throughout the week. The following should be very proud of themselves:

5NR

Jayden
Archie
Lucas
Ava B
Marley
Bernardo
Daniel D

5SM

Tobie
Charlie
Maddie
Billy
Emily T
Riley
Ruby

Reception and Y1 parents will be emailed separately about their swimming session dates so please keep an eye out for these.

School lunches

Thank you to everyone who had pre-ordered their child's school lunch this week. The children have been really excited to be having school meals again. If you would like your child to have a school lunch we would appreciate your pre-ordering this via your child's online account at www.scopay.com. Please note it is also possible to order a lunch on the day if you are unable to pre-book however all meals should be paid for in advance.

Suspicious behaviour

We have had reported to us that some of our children were approached by a stranger during an extra-curricular activity in Dunmow who was keen to talk to them. He was moved on and the matter reported to the police. If your children are out in Dunmow unsupervised please remind them of what to say and do if they are approached by anyone they don't know.



Plant Sale

Mella, our gardener, has been growing and tending to lots of flowers and plants in and around our school grounds. We now have a dedicated page on our website featuring regular updates about what is growing around our school so please take a moment to check this out <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/beyond-the-classroom/#1619794589933-dd0a482b-e47c>



Next Tuesday (15th June) she will be at the front gates in the afternoon and on Wednesday (16th June) she will be on the back gate to sell some vegetable plants, flowers and grasses. The plants range from 50p to £2. Payment is cash only so if you would like to purchase any please do ensure you have some money with you.

Thank you also goes to the Town Council for their donation of compost, seeds and plants for the school grounds. This was appreciated.

Chequers Lane Car Park

We were informed yesterday by Uttlesford Council that they are closing Chequers Lane car park from Monday 21st June for at least three months. This is so that mobile testing units can be erected and security will be on site to ensure no one is parking there. Please be reminded that we are permitted to use the Tesco and Jalsa Ghar car parks for drop off and pick up to ease traffic issues around both entrances of our school.

School Uniform

Please note that all long hair (defined as being shoulder length or longer) should be tied back. This applies to both boys and girls. Simple, plain hairbands should be used and big bows, fancy coloured ribbons or extravagant hair accessories are not permitted. No drastic shaved head designs are allowed either.

If you are thinking of ordering new school uniform please note School Trends are increasing their prices from 1st July and have informed us that they may struggle to fulfil orders for September if placed now. As you are aware we are looking at our uniform suppliers and the service they provide. More information on this will follow shortly.

Please remember second hand uniform items currently sell for 50p each via your child's online account. Stock is being updated daily so please do keep checking and if you have any branded uniform to donate we would gratefully receive this.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 14th June	
MONDAY - FRIDAY	Y2 Swimming
TUESDAY 3pm	Plant Sale at the front gate. Cash only.
WEDNESDAY 3pm	Plant Sale at the back gate. Cash only.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths