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Dear Parents

Welcome back! It was so nice to see all the children in their new classes, hearing them sing again in assembly and eating together in the hall. Welcome to all the new families joining us this term, we look forward to meeting you and your children.

As a reminder we are now able to revert to our pre-Covid operating times and methods so the school gates will open at 8.40am with registration at 8.55am. For afternoon pick-up the gates will open at 3.10pm with all children leaving at 3.15pm. A copy of our latest risk assessment can be found on our website at <https://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COVID19-Risk-Assessment-and-Action-Plan-from-Sept-21.pdf>

If any child starts to display symptoms or comes in contact with anyone with Covid they should be kept at home until a PCR test is carried out. If the result is negative the child can return to school, even if the parents are isolating/have Covid.

Parking

We'd like to take this opportunity at the beginning of term to remind everyone how important it is to drive slowly and safely at both the front and back entrances of school. If possible please walk or park further away (such as Tesco's) and allow time to walk from there. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not parking across driveways/blocking entrances to side roads and/or turning in driveways.

Lunches

School lunches for Y3-6 can be pre-ordered via the child's online account at www.scopay.com or via the Scopay app. Please note that meals cannot be ordered on the day using this method. However, all KS2 children will be asked each morning to confirm their lunch option for that day. For those KS2 children having a packed lunch please think carefully about what food you send in with your child. We are a nut-free and peanut-free school and this includes them as ingredients within food. Please do not send chocolate bars or packets of crisps in packed lunches or for snacks.

Clubs

Please find attached the club list for this term. We are delighted to be able to once again offer a wider variety of extracurricular activities for the children this term. If a child chooses to attend a club we would hope that they would come each week. **If they are not attending for any reason other than school absence please let the office know (rather than the class teacher) so that we do not chase the whereabouts of your child.** Registers are held for each club.

If a club has to be cancelled, we do our best to notify the children in advance. If this has not been possible, we will look after the children at school until the time the club should have finished. **Sometimes, outdoor clubs have to be cancelled on the afternoon they are due to take place because of bad weather. It would be helpful to let your child know in the morning what they should do if this has to happen; you may wish**

to tell them to come home in the usual way. If there is no other arrangement, we will keep the children in school until the time the club would have ended.

Please note that no PE kit is held in the office for children to use for clubs. Sports kit from home should be provided – it does not need to be a school PE kit however if a school PE kit is used this must be returned to school the next morning.

If you would like your child to participate in a club please email the school office with their name, class and the club they would like to attend. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be confirmed prior to the commencement of the club. Clubs commence from Monday 13th September unless otherwise noted and collection from all clubs will be via the front gate.

Mobile Phones

Only children in Y5-6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school with them if they are walking home alone and this is only where parents have signed and returned the consent form for them to do so. Should any child be found with a mobile phone without a prior written agreement this will be taken from them and a parent asked to collect it.

Y6 School Journey – parents meeting

A meeting for parents to learn more about this year's School Journey is taking place on Tuesday 21st September at 6 pm. Parents can bring children if they have no childcare but the meeting is aimed at adults.

Term Dates

Please note that Essex County Council have changed the end of this academic year to Thursday 21st July 2022 to take into consideration the additional Bank Holiday. Term dates can be found on the parent page of the website and our school app.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 6th September	
MONDAY	Reception – Group 1 – morning Reception – Group 2 - afternoon
TUESDAY	Reception – Group 2 – morning Reception – Group 1 - afternoon
WEDNESDAY	Reception – Group 1 – morning and lunch Reception – Group 2 - afternoon
THURSDAY	Reception – Group 2 – morning and lunch Reception – Group 1 - afternoon
FRIDAY	Reception – Groups 1 and 2 morning and lunch

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Day	Club	Leader	Venue	Year Group(s)
Monday 3.15-4.15	Multi-Skills	MRFA <i>This is a paid club</i>	Sports Hall/Outside	1-3
Monday 3.15-4.15	Chess	Mrs Hughes/ Mrs Bourke	4LH/HT	3-5 Max 14 places
Monday 3.15-4.00	Bug club	Mrs Burton/Mrs Coopersmith	IT Suite	2 Max 14 places
Tuesday 12.30-1.00	Mindfulness	Mrs Short	Meeting Room	6
Tuesday 12.30-1.00	Dodgeball	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	6
Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Sports Hall Athletics	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	3-6
Tuesday 3.15-4.00	Construction	Y1 teachers	1BR	1 Max 12 places
Tuesday 3.15-4.00	Biscuits and Banter	Mrs Rogers/ Miss McCarthy	5NR	4-6 Max 15 places
Tuesday 3.15-4.15	Computer Club	Miss Bussell/ Miss Cramer	3RB	3-4 Max 12 places
Wednesday 12.30-1.00	Dodgeball	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	5
Wednesday 3.15-4.15	Dodgeball	MRFA <i>This is a paid club</i>	Sports Hall	4-6
Wednesday 3.15-4.15	Cross Country	Mrs Anderson	Outside	3-6
Thursday 12.30-1.00	Dodgeball	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	4
Thursday 3.15-4.15	Tag Rugby	Mrs Anderson	Outside	4-6
Thursday 3.15-4.15	Choir and percussion	Mrs Andrews	Hall	3-6
Thursday 3.15-4.15	Maths Games	Mr Heath	2TH	1-2 Max 12 places
Thursday 3.20-4.20	Lego Robotics	Computer Xplorers <i>This is a paid club</i>	IT Suite	4-6 Starts 23 September and runs until 2 December
Friday 12.30-1.00	Dodgeball	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	3
Friday 3.15-4.15	Archery	Mrs Anderson	Sports Hall	3-6
Friday 3.15-4.15	Football	MRFA <i>This is a paid club</i>	Hall/Outside	4-6