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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who are our Learners of the Week:

6BH	Elliott Rounce/Araminta O'Rourke	3SC	Noel Chenery
6BI	Ava Prendergast	2CC	Max Farrant
5NR	Sophie Gorman	2TH	Jaxon Macrow
5SM	Lily-Rose Robinson	2SJ	Noah Birkett
4LH/HT	Eva Rounce	1EW	Lloyd Hall
4LW	Melody Adams	1RF/GM	Abigail Carroll
3RB	Isla Galvin	1BR	Oliver Abbott

Jubilee Day

We are really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee next Friday. Please be reminded that children can come to school wearing red, white and/or blue or if they prefer they are able to wear an outfit representative of the decade their year group is celebrating. In the morning the children will attend the Queen's Coronation before going out onto the field to enjoy games from each of the decades. A street party style lunch will follow which consists of a traditional English breakfast followed by an Elizabeth sponge finger (although this is more commonly known as Victoria sponge). After school you are invited to view the children's work on the side playground.

As a reminder the decades each year group is celebrating is:

Reception - 2010-now	Y4 - 1970s
Y1 - 2000s	Y5 - 1960s
Y2 - 1990s	Y6 - 1950s
Y3 - 1980s	

Sports Day

We are delighted that this year Sports Day will revert to our traditional format. This will be held on Wednesday 6th July. Children from Reception, Y1 and Y2 will participate in the morning and children from Y3-Y6 will be taking part in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join their child(ren) for a picnic lunch on the field. Please do not worry if you cannot attend, your child can either sit with his/her teacher or join a friend for lunch. The school is able to provide a packed lunch if you wish but does need to be booked in advance and is not available to order on the day. Even if you will be

having a picnic with your child please complete the following form so that we know your arrangements. **All forms need to be completed by Monday 20th June.**

<https://forms.gle/6t75widUg9UdYCGt7>

Swimming

We were so disappointed this week to have to cancel swimming lessons due to the boiler stopping working. This has been condemned and a replacement has been sourced and will be installed over the next week. We are therefore anticipating that all swimming lessons will resume after half term. We will be scheduling catch up sessions for the lessons missed this week and next week so please make sure you check the newsletter or your email for details as we cannot catch up individuals if they miss the sessions due to not having their swimming kit in school. For the remaining year groups we will let you know about your lessons in due course.

Long Covid

The NHS Long Covid Team have put together the attached information sheet which includes information on what Long Covid is, symptoms to look out for, and the support available.

Driving on High Stile

Recently there was a near miss between cars who mounted the pavement whilst parking and a child who was standing on the pavement. Please leave enough time for your journey if you are driving as parking spaces are limited and traffic on High Stile is busy. Nobody wants to see a child hurt however, rushed or late we are.

Club cancellations

There is no homework club next week as the children are not receiving homework.

Although we try our best not to, occasionally we have to cancel sports clubs at short notice. This only happens if the weather is bad and we have prior bookings in the hall or if the person leading the club is ill on the day. We have trialled doing an alternative activity in the classroom but have found that this hasn't worked as the children are disappointed that they are not outside running around and don't really want to be contained in a classroom.

Please be assured though, that if you miss a message or cannot get to school to collect your child that they will be safe and supervised until you arrive.

Sports Round up

Y6 boys football

Yesterday saw our Y6 boys travel to play against Dunmow Primary in our local derby. They were 2-1 down at half time but through determination came through to win 3-6 by the final whistle. Well done boys!

Rounders

On Wednesday a Y5 rounders team went to Joyce Frankland Academy to play in a tournament. There were a number of teams competing. They showed great team spirit which makes us really proud of them.

Dynamo cricket

Today despite the threat of rain stopping play we have hosted a Dynamo Cricket tournament with five other local schools visiting. This morning a team of Y5/6 boys competed, coming 1st overall followed by the Y5/6 girls this afternoon who came second. Fantastic results, well done to everyone.

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be meeting on Monday evening, 7.30pm, at the Angel and Harp. They would love to see new faces and hear new ideas even if you are only able to help a little or stay for just a short while.

Explorer Scouts - Plant Sale

As part of their Jubilee celebrations Dunmow Explorer Scouts (many of whom are former pupils) would like to invite you to plant a vegetable for the Queen. Her Majesty recently discovered the love of gardening, but not everyone can grow a tree as per her campaign. They have come up with the vegetable idea and will be holding a plant sale on Thursday 27 May at 3.15 by the front gate.

They are raising money for World Jamboree 2023 in Korea and would also like to encourage all of our children to grow some fun vegetables as part of their sustainability pledge. They have grown hundreds of fun plants, colourful crazy tomatoes, spiky cucumbers, runner beans, yellow courgettes and mystery pumpkins, lots of the vegetables can be grown in big pots or in a small 1x1 m patch. Mrs Grudka (5SM) will be available to give you planting advice and answer any questions. The plants will be sold at £1 per vegetable (or pot) and there might be a selection of plants at different prices too. You might wish to grow your own pizza sauce ingredients which come in a huge tomato tin or you might just fancy some flowers to keep the bees happy. No garden? A selection of houseplants will also be available. Please join in with this exciting Grow Your Own fundraiser, the Scouts will supply a prize for the most creative vegetable recipe (recipe to be supplied to the school office by the end of June). The plant sale will be cash only as the youngsters do not own a card reader.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 23 May	
MONDAY 7.30pm	PTA meeting at Angel and Harp
FRIDAY	Jubilee Day - children can wear red, white and/or blue or an outfit representing the decade they are celebrating
FRIDAY	Last day of Summer 1

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths