

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

As a sign of respect for Queen Elizabeth II the school will be closed on Monday. St Mary's Church will be showing the funeral on the big screen from 10 am with the funeral commencing at 11 am.

It is the Dunmow Carnival this weekend. Should you wish to have a moment of reflection Rev Tom will be leading this on the Rec at 2pm.

School meals

If you had previously booked a school lunch for Monday this has already been credited back to your account. The lunches next week will remain as per the published lunch menu.

Learner of the week

Congratulations to the following children who are our learners of the week:

6BI	Bethany Vince	3SC	Parker Lindley
6NR	Joe Tyler	3BI	Leo Stamataris
5LH/HT	Maya Jack	2BR	Jack Stuchfield
5LC	Eleanor Horrix-O'Brien	2SJ	Mason Middleton
4LW	Fran Stockwell	2CC	Sienna Annesley
4AM	Florence Bretman	1RF/GM	Archie Kavanagh
3RB	Sidney Worster	1EW	Vinnie Hill

Black History Month

After such a wonderful celebration during October last year, we would like to mark Black History Month this year with a focus on literacy and Black British Authors and Illustrators, including those that explore Black History. We are planning for each year group to have a featured author, whose work will be shared in the classrooms. Our plan will be for the children to put on an exhibition for you all to come and enjoy towards the end of October.

If you would like to be involved in the planning stage at school before we start the work with children, or if you have any comments or questions, please do get in touch with Mr Jarvis.

Catering and Pastoral Care Assistants required

We are currently looking for a Catering Assistant (to work in our lunch hall) and Pastoral Care Assistants (to work in the playground) over the lunchtime period on a daily basis. If you, a friend or family member is interested in either of these roles please see the advertisements attached to the newsletter.

Scooters, bikes and play equipment

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground. Once inside the gates these should be dismantled unless you are on the snake path from the back gate to Reception. Once you reach Reception they should not be ridden. If your child is on a bike/scooter please ensure he/she is not riding too fast and is aware of other children and adults. Children are not permitted on the play equipment at drop off/pick up time.

We have also been notified that children have been swinging scooters around by parked cars and other children whilst waiting for school to open. If your child comes to school on a scooter please ensure they use this for the intended purpose, particularly if they are unaccompanied by an adult.

PTA Bouncy Fun

Bouncy Fun is taking place next Thursday from 3.30-5.30 on the field. Wristbands are available to purchase (£8) prior to the event via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dsmpta>. Please note the deadline for purchase is Tuesday 20th September. More details are attached. Toilets are located at the rear of the school by the swimming pool/Reception classes. **After school clubs are cancelled on this day.**

BOUNCY FUN
Thursday 22nd Sept
3:30-5:30PM on the school field
£8 per wristband

Dance Club

A Dance club has been organised for Y5 and Y6 pupils (maximum of 20). The club is being run by Y12 pupils from HRS starting on Wednesday 28th September. They will be choreographing some dances to perform at the HRS Christmas dance show. If you are interested, please contact the office. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival (Y3-Y6) on Monday 10th October at 9.45am in St. Mary's Church. As part of our value this term, compassion, we would like to collect donations for the Uttlesford Foodbank this Harvest Festival. The children have talked about it in assembly and we welcome any of the items on the list. Children can bring them into class starting from next week. We appreciate any donation and thank you for your support.

BAKED BEANS

UHT MILK

TINNED FRUIT/TINNED VEG

NON-PASTA COOKING SAUCES

PUDDINGS/CUSTARD

NOODLES/RICE

FRUIT JUICE

TINNED FISH

PEANUT BUTTER

WASHING UP LIQUID

SHAMPOO/TOOTHPASTE/SOAP/KIDS
SOAP/KIDS TOOTHPASTE

Toilets

Could adults please not use the childrens' toilets. Should you need to use a toilet whilst at school please go to the school office and they will direct you to the nearest adult toilet.

Parent Consultations

Bookings are now open via your child's online account. Additional appointments are being made to ensure that all families have the opportunity to speak to their child(ren)'s teacher. If you are having an issue with booking an appointment please speak to the school office.

Secondary School - 2023

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Monday 12 September for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2022. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 19 September	
MONDAY	Bank Holiday
THURSDAY 3.30-5.30	Bouncy Fun - field

Live Nativity

Save the Date for this year's Live Nativity, starting at 3pm in the Town Square on Sunday 4th December. More details to follow nearer the time.

Yours sincerely
Clare Charter