

## **Dunmow St Mary's Primary School**

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Dear Parents

### **International Day**

Next Friday morning children in Years 1-6 will be celebrating International Day. They will be moving around the school experiencing crafts, games and other cultural activities from different countries. We are all looking forward to learning and experiencing something new. Parents do not need to send their child in with anything and it is usual school uniform.

### **School lunches**

As we have previously mentioned we are struggling with supplies and the cost of food for our school meals. It has therefore been necessary to make some amendments to the menu for this term and a copy of the new lunch menu is attached. The online system has already been changed to reflect these amendments. You will note that we are still able to offer a choice of options for lunch. There may still be occasions where we have to make last minute changes but we hope that once these changes are implemented these will be minimised.

### **Golf**

Are there any golfers who would like to represent the school in an Uttlesford Schools Golf competition? They will need their own golf clubs and balls. Parents will transport their own child to the Great Chesterford Park Golf course (CB10 1XL) for 12.45 pm on Thursday 13th October and will be their caddy. Estimated time of finish 3.30pm. If your child is interested please email [donna.anderson@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk](mailto:donna.anderson@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk). It is first come first serve (20 places in total).

### **Catering and Pastoral Care Assistants required**

We are currently looking for a Catering Assistant (to work in our lunch hall - 10 hours a week) and Pastoral Care Assistants (to work in the playground - 6.25 hours a week) over the lunchtime period on a daily basis. If you, a friend or family member is interested in either of these roles please contact the school office.

### **Harvest Festival**

Due to the space constraints in the church only Years 3-6 will be attending the our Harvest Festival on Monday 10th October at 9.45am in St. Mary's Church. Parents are invited to attend as well. However all year groups are able to be part of our Harvest collection for the Uttlesford Foodbank. Please send any of the following (unopened and in date) items to your child's class. 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

## PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bouncy Fun event yesterday and supported our PTA. It looked as though a good time was had by all. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

The PTA's AGM is being held on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend please contact them on [dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk)

## Christmas cards/gifts

Over the course of the next few weeks the children will be bringing home a Christmas design. Once you have taken a look at the design there is the opportunity for you to buy cards/gifts featuring that design. Full details of the products are on the forms but include cards, wrapping paper, chocolate bars and notebooks. The products will be added to Scopay and you must return the form in order for us to send off your order. Please note the deadline for ordering is Friday 14th October. Products will then be delivered to school at the end of November.

## Adult learning

Essex County Council have published their FREE adult learning/parent courses for the autumn term. Please find this attached.

## Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 26 September	
TUESDAY 3.15-4.15	Y4 11+ taster session (parents to collect from the door by the quiet area on the back playground)
TUESDAY 7.30	PTA AGM - online
WEDNESDAY 10.40	3SC Class Assembly - parents to arrive at 10.35 at the front gate
THURSDAY	Y1 Scootfit
THURSDAY 3.15-4.15	Y5 11+ taster session (parents to collect from the door by the quiet area on the back playground)
FRIDAY	International Day

Yours sincerely  
Clare Charter