



Newton's Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending 17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderful week in school, with the sun shining; many lessons have taken place outside, which the children have loved. Our new sensory garden has been well utilised to support a range of curriculum subjects and children's enthusiasm and engagement in their learning has been great to see. Our intention is to use the outdoor environment to support children's learning throughout the year so please do ensure you send your children in with a warm, waterproof jacket and wellies during the colder days that are ahead of us. Emma Peters from Essex Wildlife Trust is working with our teachers and children to develop our outside space and enhance the children's knowledge and understanding of nature and its benefit to health and well-being.

Classes will be taking part in a 'memorable day' to launch their new topics, it has been great to see children in Year 3, and Year 4 come to school dressed appropriately for this lesson. We look forward to seeing children in the other year groups enjoying and immersing themselves in the memorable day next week.

Children in Year 5 will be going swimming once a week from next week, if your child has received a letter telling them they will be starting swimming lessons, please ensure they have a swimming costume and swimming hat with them on the allotted day. The children are very excited about this, but they will not be allowed in the pool if they do not have a swimming cap.

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who attended our meeting about the proposed Year 6 residential trip next March. It was so good to welcome parents back into school and we hope that we will get enough children signing up for this unforgettable experience so that we can run this trip.

Next week we have two meetings that parents are welcome to attend, the first is Tuesday (21st) and is an informal Coffee Morning where you can come and chat to other parents and get some advice and support with positive behaviour strategies with your children at home. The second meeting is our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon next Friday 24th, which is an opportunity for you to come in to school and have a chat with other parents over coffee and cake – we look forward to your donations for this amazing charity. In addition to these meetings, parents are invited to come and meet their child's class teacher at a short meeting next week to hear about expectations and ask any questions you have.

We have planned lots of fun events and trips for the children over this Autumn Term; please see the attached calendar of events, so that you are fully aware of what is coming up. You will see that we have Parents' Meetings planned in, just before October Half Term – we will be giving you the opportunity to choose whether you would like a telephone consultation or come to the school to meet the teacher face to face.

Thank you for the positive responses to our request for parent representatives for our new Parent Forum. It is encouraging that so many parents have put themselves forward to become part of this group. If you have not yet returned your slip and are interested in supporting the school move forward, please do send it in. We have scheduled the first meeting for Wednesday 29th September, where we will establish how this forum will operate.

Thank you for supporting our drive to ensure our children come to school with the highest standards of uniform, the children look very smart. Please can you ensure that **if** your child wears earrings, they are small stud earrings, nothing bigger and certainly not hooped. Earrings must be removed for PE for Health and Safety reasons.

The children in Year 6 have been applying for positions of responsibility and Mrs Beckett and Miss Allsop have conducted interviews throughout this week and were staggered by the quality and level of maturity displayed by the children. Congratulations to all the successful candidates and particularly to Jasper and Uzma who were selected for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. Well done to everyone who applied and please see the list of successful children below. We will host a special assembly next week to present badges and ties to these children.

Head Boy and Girl

| | Boy | Girl |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Head | Jasper | Uzma |
| Deputy | Oscar | Daisy |

House Captains

| | Green | Red | Yellow | Blue |
|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Captain | Micah | Inaaya | Larisa | Lacey S |
| Deputy | Harry H | Absar | Kai L | Ralphy |

Prefects

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| Estelle |
| Tilly |
| Jaimee |
| Mohammed |
| Jermiah |
| Emily |
| Summer |
| Hannah |
| Yaqoob |
| Lelija |

Reading Ambassadors

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| Lily-Rose |
| Skye |
| Ismael |
| Dennie |
| Hurriya |
| Natan |
| Durriya |
| Auguste |

Please keep up to date with all the fantastic things your children are doing by visiting our Facebook page and our website, as we regularly post photos, videos and information for you to enjoy.

Have a great weekend
Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan

Every Day Counts!

Attendance is very important in ensuring that children maximise their learning and prevent gaps in their knowledge from happening. Our whole school attendance this week is disappointing **94.8%**. Well done Gardenia for achieving the highest attendance this week.

You will receive the delicious cookies to share with your class.

Red Zone = below 90%
Amber Zone = below 95%
Green Zone = above 95%

| Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % |
|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Daisy | 97.77 | Sunflower | 92.9 |
| Holly | 82.01 | Gardenia | 100 |
| Nigella | 93.95 | Cassia | 91.16 |
| Marigold | 92.09 | Carnation | 98.61 |
| Fuchsia | 99.63 | Cosmos | 95.29 |
| Willow | 91.23 | Rose | 97.14 |
| Angelica | 96.11 | | |

Stars of the week

| Class | Star | Class | Star |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Daisy | Emilia | Sunflower | Rayaan & Ashton |
| Holly | Cody | Gardenia | Zion |
| Nigella | Ares | Cassia | Alise |
| Marigold | Junaina | Carnation | Ellie W |
| Fuchsia | Promesse | Cosmos | Mohammed |
| Willow | Wasila | Rose | Mahim |
| Angelica | Tommy | Tulips | The Whole Class |

Values superstar – Generosity

Sunflower Class – Leila
 Willow Class – Lilly-May
 Fuchsia Class – Casey
 Nigella Class – Sienna
 Holly Class - Oliver

