



## Head Talk

What a busy few days we have had back at school. It is amazing how quickly we start looking forward to the future events that are taking place this term. I would like to thank all the parents that came along to the Year Ahead meetings this week. It was a brilliant opportunity to meet with the teachers and to see Mrs Smith our new Deputy Head. As a quick reminder, Mrs Smith and myself are available on the school playground most mornings and after school if you would like to have a chat to us about anything to do with school. Events this term are coming along thick and fast - do keep an eye on your parent mail accounts and the school website diary.

Over the summer we had a new Early Years Playground completed. This was thanks to funding from the Big Lottery, the P.E. Grant and the PSA. Do have a look at the school twitter feed for some pictures.

Have a great couple of weeks.

## Parking outside of the school

Please park with care when dropping off or picking up. I have already received complaints from parents about dangerous parking. The zigzag lines in front of the school on Constantine Road are not a drop off zone. They are to be kept clear at all times to allow parents and children a safe crossing point. Please do not park on them.

## Scoters and Bicycles on the school playground

I would like to remind parents that scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds. This is to ensure that children and parents are not injured.

## Play equipment at the beginning and end of the day

I would like to remind parents that the playground equipment is not to be played on before or after school. Thank you.

## PSA Coffee Morning

The Parent Staff Association of the school are running a coffee morning on **Wednesday 26th September** in the infant hall. This is an opportunity to have a flapjack, a coffee and a chat with some of the PSA team and I about how you can help the school raise money for the children. The PSA raise a staggering amount of money each year through the generosity of the parents. They do need some help to run events though. Without the PSA the school would not be able to provide for the children as it does at the moment. Please do come along from **9.20am**.

## Tapestry Workshop for Reception Parents

On Thursday 27th September at **2.30pm** Mrs Charad and Mrs Baker will be running a short workshop on phonics and how to use our online tool, Tapestry. To record learning experiences your child has outside of school. The workshop is very worthwhile and was well attended last year. It is being run at 2.30pm, so that you can pick your child up at the end of the day.

## Secondary School Applications

The closing date for Secondary School Applications is 31 October 2018. Applications must be made online via the Essex County Council Applications page. It can be found at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>

Please make sure you do list more than one Secondary School.



## Stranger Danger Evening for Parents

Just a quick reminder that there will be a **parents only event** on 24 September at 7pm in the infant hall looking at how to keep your child safe on the internet. Please do come along. You might be interested in some of the content that will be shown.

## Hamilton Remembers Event

On the 9th of November the school will be marking the centenary of the end of WWI at an event with invited attendees on the school playground. Will Quince MP will be attending as will some local veterans from more recent conflicts. As part of the event we have been lucky enough to get 6 'There but not there' silhouettes to install around the school. We will be creating an 'art installation' ready for the event, using the lunch time games store on the junior playground. Children and staff of the school will be painting poppies on the wall as an act of remembrance. Mrs Smith and Mrs Macgregor are running the project and Mrs Macgregor has asked if there are any parent volunteers available to help with the painting. You will need to have an in-date DBS check that has been carried out by the school to be able to be on the school site. If you can help, please do see Mrs Macgregor.

## School Charity – Walking with the Wounded

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the school fund raising last year for the school charity – Walking with the Wounded. We raised an amazing £2545.04

## How to help your child with maths

We will be running two sessions for parents in the infant hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with ideas and games for you to share at home to help support your child with their maths.

KS1 – 6.30pm – 7.10pm

KS2 – 7.20pm – 8.00pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Parent Forum

The next parent forum will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2pm in the Infant Hall.

## Learning Conference Week

Learning Conference Week is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## Meeting with Teachers

Can we please remind parents that if they wish to speak to their child's teacher they must make an appointment through the school office.

## Year 6 Assembly

The Year 6 Assembly will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

## Year 4 Play

The Year 4 Play will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.

## Pupil News

Congratulations to Beatrice Smith (5AW) who passed her level one LAMDA exam with distinction!

Congratulations to Rhys Kelsall (3SW) who took part in the Langham 2K. He came 60<sup>th</sup> out of 163 participants.



## Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2018	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	How to help your child with Maths KS1 6.30pm – 7.10pm KS2 7.20pm – 8.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Stranger Danger Evening 7pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	PSA Coffee Morning – 9.20am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 3 trip to Fingringhoe Wick
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Foundation Tapestry & Phonics Parents Workshop 2.30 – 3.00pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 6 to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Parents Forum – 2pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half Term
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Learning Conferences
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Year 6 Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Year 4 Play
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Infant Nativity – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Junior Carol Service – Christchurch 6pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Rainbow Class
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Sunshine Class
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Last Day of Term

### Email Information

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