

News Bulletin 28th September

Dates October 2018

3rd Parent Drop in session (2.45)

4th Flu Immunisation

5th Harvest Festival

12th Class Assembly Sycamore class (SA) (2.30)

12th Year 3/4 trip to Colchester Castle

12th FOSP discos

15th-19th Book week

19th School Closed –Staff Training

IT and School Meals

It has been a challenging start to the term with the failure of our data management system (centrally) which has affected schools across the country. Although this has now been fixed there are still minor problems which are hard to anticipate. Thank you for your patience with this.

We have also been very short staffed in the kitchen due to staff illness and an unexpected resignation during the holiday. My thanks to the staff who have stepped in at very short notice. Thanks to them we have been able to provide the full menu as planned. We have now appointed a new Catering Manager who is due to start after the half term holiday.

SATS information evening

The presentations from our Parent Forum information evening on September 27th can be found on the website at:

<http://www.stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/parents/parent-forum>

After School Club

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Every day 3.15-6 pm

Now in the Garden Room (demountable classroom)

Snack after school

Tea (if staying until 6 pm)

Games, crafts, support with homework

Collection from school clubs

School Council

Well done to our elected members of School Council. We look forward to hearing all about their plans for the year. One of their first projects will be the reflection garden area.

The new Council members are:

Pine Class (KU/JG) - Jack, Primrose

Olive Class (CB) - Emilia, Pippa

Cherry Class (JB) - Zachary, Freya

Oak Class (MW/BRL) - Luke, Courtney

Silver Birch Class (SB) - Oscar, Jake

Holly Class (JS) - Daniel, Callum

Redwood Class (SG) - Sam, Aiden

Willow Class (VS/AD) - Ella, Gabriel

Sycamore Class (SA) - George, Joe

Drop in session 3rd October

School will be open to parents and carers from 2.45-3.15 to visit classes and share the work completed so far this year with the children. Please sign in at the office on arrival.

History week

100 years ago on November 11 at 11 o'clock the guns fell silent to end World War 1. At St. Peter's we are holding a humanities week to commemorate this event beginning on 5th November. We will be learning about life in the trenches in KS2, how Britain fared against zeppelins in KS1 and poppies for Remembrance in EYFS. FOSP have very kindly agreed to fund outreach workshops from Braintree Museum and The Royal British Legion will also be in school to talk about their work and the local men and women affected by this war. History club will be launching the event with a special assembly and we will finish the week with a Remembrance service.

Also during this week, we will be creating art pieces inspired by Monet's 'Pathway of Poppies'. Examples of the children's work will be displayed on our Exhibition Evening on November 19th, where we hope to have a journey of poppies throughout the school.

If you have any stories to share or would like to join in with our commemorations, please contact Mrs Styles with details.

Transition to secondary school

The new secondary school admission round opens on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2018.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Harvest Collection

This year we will be collecting for the Braintree Food bank. Please see below for a message regarding donations:

Your school kindly supported us at Harvest Festival last year and I am writing to ask if you would be able to support us again this year.

In the financial year to 31st March, 2017, we saw an increased need in our area. We fed 17% more people than in the previous financial year. During that year we distributed over 39 tonnes of food, providing over 42,000 meals.

In previous years we see less clients from the spring onwards, as the weather warms up. However, that has not been the case this year and we have seen a huge increase in clients compared with previous years. To the end of July 2018 we have already distributed over 14 tonnes of food.

Consequently, our food stocks are the lowest they have been since we opened six years ago. We have only a little over 4 tonnes of food in our warehouse. We are reliant on the generosity of Harvest Festival donations to take us through the winter months, when need increases.

We would be so very grateful if you are able to support us again this year.

This is their most up to date October 2018 Shopping List of items most needed.

Items: Fruit Juice (1lt Longlife)

Longlife Milk

Cereal Bars

Instant Mash

Sponge Puddings

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Rice puddings

Packet soups ·

Custard—packets that can be made with boiling water

Chocolate bars e.g. Kit Kat, Penguins etc

Biscuits

Tinned fish

Tinned Fruit

Sugar (500g bags please)*

Cold meats

Coffee (small jars please)*

Cereal (700grammes please)*

Pasta Sauce

Tinned Spaghetti

Jam

Packet Rice

They have good stocks of all other food items it would

be much appreciated if you would donate only items on the list as overstocking items mean that food can go out of date and be wasted.

Donations can be brought to school up to Monday 8th October.

Many thanks on behalf of the Braintree foodbank

Coggeshall Library

We invite you all to our Fun Palace event for all ages on Saturday, 6th October from 10am – 12.00 noon.

There will be activities for children and adults including arts and crafts and food and drink tasting on a theme of the Senses.

Please do invite your friends and family along and enjoy this opportunity to meet community groups from Coggeshall.

Thinking about a career in teaching?

There will be an information evening on Thursday 18th October 2018 at 6.30pm at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form Notley Road, Braintree, CM7 1WY

You will be able to find out more about teaching in the Primary and Secondary age range. The session will include a talk about teacher training and advice on how to apply. You will then have the opportunity to speak directly to training providers, current trainees, newly qualified teachers and teachers from our partnership schools.

To book a place at this event please email Caroline Duncombe at adminPLN@lyonshall.org.uk