



Head Talk

The last 2 weeks have flown by. Year 3 have had a trip to Fingringhoe, the Early Years children have now started to be at school for a whole day and the teachers have shown parents how to use Tapestry and teach children phonics. We have had presentations to parents on how to work best in maths and we have had a stranger danger evening too.

We are now looking forward to harvest festivals for the infants and juniors and the Year 6 children going off on their residential trip to Aylmerton. This Saturday we will also be having a group of Year 4 children performing at Essex University as part of the Roman River Music Festival with the Army to celebrate the 100 years since the ending of World War I.

Last week also saw the teachers having some training on using iPads in lessons, so keep an eye out for some exciting changes to lessons over the coming year.

New Pavement Outside School

At last we have a new pavement outside of the school. After a few complaints from parents and the school to the local council, work began this week on sorting out the dip by the Constantine Road gate that was causing a trip hazard and a push chair nightmare!! We now have a lovely level piece of pavement to use! Thank you to the council for getting this done.

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 ran a very successful coffee morning this week. It was

lovely to see all of the new parents and some of the more familiar faces having a drink and chatting about ways to support the school. If you think you could give some time to the PSA, please do contact them. Links can be found on the school website.

Communication with school

Attached to the newsletter this week is a copy of the school communication flowchart. This has been written in response to some parents not being sure of who they need to speak to regarding any queries that they may have. Please do keep a copy of it somewhere helpful at home.

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.

Hamilton Remembers the Fallen

As part of the Centenary events this year, we are holding our own 'Hamilton Remembers the Fallen' memorial on Friday 9th of November. We have invited some special guests - veterans from various conflicts, Will Quince M.P. and the Press to join us. 4NB have been learning songs as part of the Roman River Festival - '100 years, 100 voices' and will be performing some for us. Rev. Norrington will be leading a service for the whole school and our visitors, followed by a silence. We will also be unveiling an art mural in our playground, as a lasting legacy, which the children are currently creating. We are also very excited to have just received our 'There But Not There' silhouettes from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund - look out for them appearing soon around the school site!



Harvest Festival

On Thursday 18th October we will be having two Harvest Festival services. Key Stage One will be having a special assembly at 9.30am in school and Key Stage Two will be going to Christchurch, Ireton Road, in the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to constraints on numbers, we are not able to invite parents to these services.

As part of these services, we would like to give food donations to the Salvation Army and the Food Bank to support those people less fortunate than ourselves and these donations can be brought to school from Monday 1st October. The kinds of food items that we would like donations of are: Oxtail, Vegetable, Tomato, Chicken or Mushroom Soup. Tinned meat, tinned fruit, custard, pickles and pasta. Tea and coffee are used daily, but they have a policy that it must be fair trade.

If your child is in Key Stage One, then any donations that you send in need to be taken to the Key Stage One Library and if your child is in Key Stage Two, then any donations you send in need to be put on the stage in the Upstairs Hall.

Learning Conference Week

Learning Conference Week is Tuesday 13th November to Thursday 15th November.

Parent Forum

The next parent forum will take place on Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 2pm in the Infant Hall.

Data Collection Sheets

If you haven't returned your data collection sheet please check the details, sign and return to the office asap to ensure our details are correct.

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.

Topic Overviews

Please find attached the topic overviews for your child for this term. The topic overviews can also be found on the school website.

Year 4 Play

The Year 4 Play will be on Thursday 6th December at 2.00pm.

Year 6 Assembly

The Year 6 Assembly will be on Friday 16th November at 2.30pm.

Pupil News

Congratulations to Tilly Prichard (3JA) who passed Level 7 in gymnastics earning a gold in the vault and silver overall.

Congratulations to Celeste Bell (6SM) who passed her Cello 1st grade exam with merits.



Calendar Dates

AutumnTerm 2018	
Monday 1 st October – Friday 5 th October 2018	Year 6 to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	Parents Forum – 2pm
Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October 2018	Half Term
Tuesday 13 th November – Thursday 15 th November 2018	Learning Conferences
Friday 16 th November 2018	Year 6 Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th November 2018	Flu Immunisation
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Year 4 Play
Monday 10 th December – Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Infant Nativity – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 12 th – Thursday 13 th December 2018	Junior Carol Service – Christchurch 6pm
Monday 17 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Rainbow Class
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Sunshine Class
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last Day of Term

Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use:

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