

Lexden Primary School

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 3

Dear Parents,

I am please to inform you that the school has recently received a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education for Essex, celebrating our SATs results from the last academic year.

"I was very pleased to see that based on the 2018 provisional data the outcomes for your school have improved in KS2 attainment in combined RWM since last year. In addition, there are positive average progress scores in all 3 areas and the progress scores are above the Essex average."

If you would like a full breakdown of our end of year results for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6, it can be found on the school website under the Statutory Information tab.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the children on Monday 29th October.

Alex Candler, Headteacher

Kingswood

The Year 6 class have had a fantastic week at Kingswood this year and I would like to congratulate them for how they have supported each other. They are a credit to their families and the school. Thank you to all the staff that made the trip possible.



Note from the office.

In light of the general data protection regulations we are no longer able to send home any data collection sheets. If you have recently changed your telephone number or address or if your child has any change t their medical or dietary needs, please inform the office, either in person or via email. It is vital that we have the correct details so we can contact you in needed.

School Dinners Menu

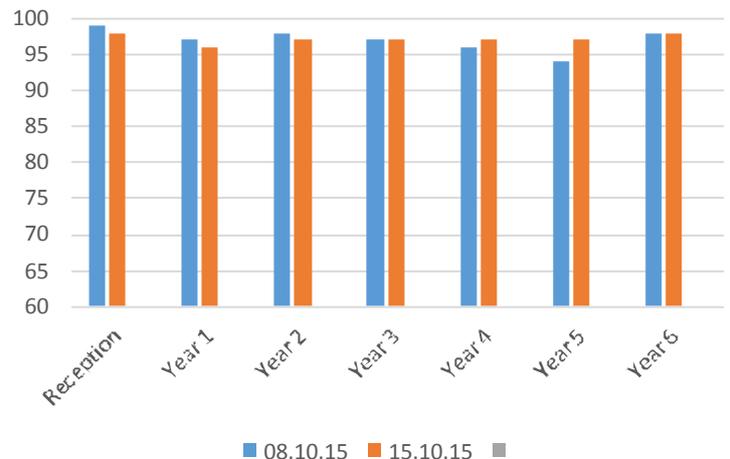
Don't forget to pay for meals on the Monday in a named envelope please. £2.00 a day.
Next week will be Week 1 of the new school menu

Accolades assembly

Well done to the following children who received an award at this half term's accolades assembly. We are all very proud of their hard work and determination.

Reception	Emma Pinnock and Henry Franks
Year 1	Pixie Rivers and Alfie Edon
Year 2	Olivia Stone and James Fisher
Year 3	Phoebe Munro and Arthur Daley
Year 4	Lauren Stone and James Simpkins
Year 5	David Cuciureanu and Sonny-Lee Cullen

Attendance



Dates for the diary

29th October	Back to school
30th October	Parent Consultations until 8pm
31st October	Secondary school applications close Parent Consultations until 6pm
2nd November	Year 6 Kingswood assembly
9th November	Year 1 assembly
12th November	Anti Bullying Week
16th November	Anti Bullying Week Assembly
23rd November	Year 2 assembly
30th November	Year 4 assembly
7th December	FOL Christmas Fayre
14th December	Christmas sing-along assembly
19th December	Accolades assembly at 9.15am

Please note that children are not allowed on the school grounds before 8:40am and should leave promptly once collected at the end of the day. Thank you.

The neonatal Unit at Colchester Hospital has supported many of our families, both staff and parents, through some very challenging times. They have asked the school to share this flyer on the newsletter and I would encourage you all to attend to show your support of the wonderful job that they do.



Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

Sunday 11th November 2018

10:00am - 4:00pm

Organised by Colchester
Miracle Babies

Raising funds for
Colchester Hospital's
Neonatal Unit



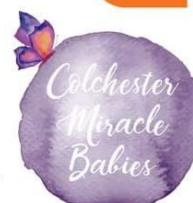
Colchester United Football Club

Jobserve Community Stadium, CO4 5PU

Sponsored by



Entrance: Free for under 16s and £ 2 for adults



To find out more visit Colchester Miracle Babies Events on Facebook or use the QR code

Please see below a letter that all schools have been asked to circulate regarding the sexual and criminal exploitation of children



Dear Parent/Carer,

Sexual and criminal exploitation of children – will you spot the signs?

The exploitation of children is, sadly, a growing problem and has a devastating impact on those directly affected and their families. It happens, and it happens here, in Essex. This is not just involving older children, even primary age children are being drawn into exploitation. It is never too soon for our children to learn how to keep themselves safe.

Essex Police is working hard to tackle these awful crimes but we cannot do it alone. As a parent or carer with responsibility for a child I am asking for your help. Please be aware of the warning signs together with the help and advice available to you.

Exploitation - what is it?

Sexual exploitation involves a child being manipulated, forced or deceived into sexual activity often for financial gain or to build status or control.

Criminal exploitation involves a child being coerced to commit criminal activity. This is often associated with gangs and the selling of illegal drugs.

The warning signs

Is your child regularly going missing, coming home late or persistently absent from school?

Do they have new or older friends different to their normal social group?

Do they have money, expensive-looking clothes or a new phone you didn't buy for them?

Are they being secretive when using their phone or the internet or perhaps making / receiving lots of calls and texts?

Has their mood changed or have they become withdrawn or aggressive?

Are they harming themselves or displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour?

These are indicators. They do not always mean a child is being exploited, but, please see them as a potential 'warning sign'.

A new hotline number – 01245 452058

If you are worried, please call us. You will not be wasting our time. A team of Essex Police officers and staff are on standby to listen, help and offer advice. The line is open Monday to Friday 08:00-16:00 with a voicemail facility outside of these hours.

As a parent of school age children myself I would encourage you to talk to your child / children about these potential dangers. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Prophet
Assistant Chief Constable

You can more information and advice about child exploitation on the Essex Police website <https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/child-sexual-exploitation>

Secondary School Applications

As you may be aware, 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 closing date for applications is 31st October 2018.

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