



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher

## Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out.

This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold during that time.

- In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period.
- Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary). The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.



### Well done for working so hard!

**William Ripper** – an excellent model of Christ the Redeemer. **Maddy Ind-Smith** – a magical playground. **Farrah Field-Mullins** - for an informative pamphlet about owls.



### Attendance champions

Congratulations to 5/6SY whose attendance was 97.8% for the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

### Message from the Parish Council



The Parish Council has received a number of complaints from residents and motorists concerning parking on Church Hill at school drop off and collection times. We would like to remind all parents that it is illegal to park on the footway. Parked vehicles in this area are putting others at risk as they restrict visibility of motorists and those pedestrians using the crossing point. We appeal to parents to consider their actions, find an alternate legal place to park and act responsibly to ensure everyone keeps safe.



We are sadly saying good-bye to Mrs Smith, ICT Tutor and Mrs Boardman, English Teacher today. Mrs Smith is returning to work in London and Mrs Boardman has taken on a full time position in another school. We wish them both the very best for the future. Good-bye and good luck.



**Key dates – 2018**

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March	
30th	Good Friday
April	
-13th	Easter break
30th	KS1 movie night
May	
1st	Netball match vs. St. Peters – 3.30pm
7th	Bank Holiday
8th	Y6 extended visit Pp meeting – 7.00pm
14th-17th	Y6 SATs breakfast club
14th-17th	SATs
25th	Reception open afternoon – 2.40pm
28th-1st	Half-term
June	
8th	Inflatable soccer day
12th	Honywood intake day 1
14th	Honywood intake day 2
15th & 18th	Non-pupil days
19th-21st	Math workshops
22nd	Friends summer fete – <b>DATE CHANGE</b>
26th	Ramsey Intake – day 1
27th	Ramsey Intake – day 2
29th	EYFS/KS1 Sports day – PM
July	
2nd-4th	Y6 Extended visit to Mersea Outdoors
2nd	Y5 Viking workshop
4th	Reception 2018 intake day 1
5th	Y5 taster day at Ramsey Academy
11th	Y5/6 production – 7.00pm
12th	Y5/6 production – 7.00pm
13th	Meet the teacher/EYFS 2018 – intake 2
16th	KS2 sports day – All day
19th	School discos
20th	Y6 leavers assembly

**Hansel and Gretel**

Well done to all Y3/4 children who took part in the production of 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children have worked very hard for several weeks to ensure you watched a first class production, I think you will agree they put on two fantastic performances! A big thank you to the Y3/4 teachers and LSA's who directed, choreographed and created costumes for this excellent production and also to Mr Ogilvie for the staging and lighting.

**Start of School**

Please can we remind parents that Registration starts promptly at 8.50am. It is essential that children arrive at school with sufficient time to hang up their coats and be in class ready for the start of the day.



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HOLIDAY\***

\* TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Offer is valid until from Monday 2nd April till Friday 13th April 2018. All orders subject to availability. Offer is limited to one child per adult and the adult must order a main dish from our menu. Children's food options are restricted to children's pizza and children's pasta dishes. Not available in conjunction with any other offer.



# The Colchester School of Dance Easter Workshop



Wednesday 11th April 9.30am-3pm  
Earls Colne Village Hall

Come and join us for a fun day of classes including, Street Dance, Singing  
Drama and Contemporary/Ballet

Suitable for children age 5 - 13yrs (no experience required)

£25 for the day CSOD members discounted price of £20

To book your place please contact  
Jane Hansford [janecsod@btinternet.com](mailto:janecsod@btinternet.com) (07855 380739)  
or Jo White [jowhite.csod@gmail.com](mailto:jowhite.csod@gmail.com)

**FOOTBALL FUN DAY**  
Football Fun Days  
School Holidays Camps

**FOOTBALL FUN DAY EARLS COLNE EASTER**

**£15 FOR THE DAY**

**Week 1**  
2 days for £30  
3 days for £40

**Week 2**  
2 days for £30  
3 days for £40  
All 4 days £50

**Limited Availability of 24 per camp!**  
**RESERVE AND BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

**WEEK 1**  
Tuesday 3rd April  
Thursday 5th April  
Friday 6th April

**WEEK 2**  
Monday 9th April  
Tuesday 10th April  
Thursday 12th April  
Friday 13th April

**Whether you are a superstar or new to the game, We want YOU to get involved and join the fun!**

**Sibling Discount!**

All sessions 10am-3pm  
Qualified coaches running the camps  
Boys & Girls aged 4 -12  
Fun games, competitions and prizes to be won  
Football boots/Trainers, Shin pads, Drinks & Pack lunches required

**BOOK ONLINE** @FootballFunDays

Earls Colne Rec Club, CO6 2NG

Daniel Mather - 07585959529 Email - [dmather29@icloud.com](mailto:dmather29@icloud.com)

**FOOTBALL FUN DAY** 2018

# Easter Tennis Camp

**5th & 12th April**

Non stop fun activities all day including mini tournaments and trophies, plus Easter eggs for all who attend

Earls Colne tennis club  
£20 for the day.

5th & 12th April from 9.30 - 3pm at Earls Colne Tennis Club  
To book text Dave Birks on 07515 512875 or sign up online at [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/earlscolnetennisclub/Coaching/Camps](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/earlscolnetennisclub/Coaching/Camps)

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