



Friday 18th May 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher



Well done to Year 2 and Year 6 children who sat their statutory end of Key Stage tests this week, you all tried very hard, please remember what I said in my opening of last week's newsletter, the SATs test and results will not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not in the way your families do!

Y6 were invited into school early to have breakfast with each other; it was lovely to see them enjoying their breakfast together and it certainly seemed to calm any nerves they may have had. Now with the SATs out of the way they can look forward to their production, secondary school taster days and the highly anticipated residential trip to Mersea Outdoors!



A warm welcome from Earls Colne Primary School to **Lily Short** who joined Zebras on 9th May 2018.



Well done for working so hard!

Jessica Ayres – great problem solving involving multiplication! **Evie Schwingen** and **Amelia Wood** – for persevering with a maths investigation. **Zack Burton** – and **Lealand Adamson** – powerful writing! **Callum Edwards** – superb writing using techniques identified in reading. **Molly Canton** and **Mason Springall** – excellent drawings of fruit.



Attendance champions

Congratulations to Elephant class whose attendance was 99.3% for the week commencing 8th-11th May 2018.

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.

The children are allowed to come into school from 8.40am. Many thanks for your help.

Leave of Absence

Government legislation only permits schools to agree leave of absence during term time in 'exceptional circumstances'. We appreciate that the cost of holidays during term time is much lower, but we are not able to approve leave of absence for this reason.

School lunches / ParentPay

Please be aware that we are no longer able to accept any additional bookings for school lunches after the weekly ParentPay cut off point. This is due to food orders being placed with suppliers on a Thursday using figures which are provided following the Wednesday 11:59pm cut of. Please provide a packed lunch for the following week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

Due to staff training we have had to change around the dessert choices for week commencing 4th June. The desserts are now as follows:

Monday – no change (milkshake cupcake)

Tuesday – Fruit smoothie

Wednesday – Fresh fruit salad and cream

Thursday – Fruit crumble slice with custard

Friday – no change (chocolate toffee krispie bar served with a glass of milk)

Please note that these changes will not show on ParentPay.

School uniform

Please ensure that all of your child/ren's uniform is clearly named, it is very hard for the class teacher to ensure the correct clothing goes home with children if they are not named.

Please can I also ask that children in Y6 do not wear their leaver's hoodies during the day at school. Thank you

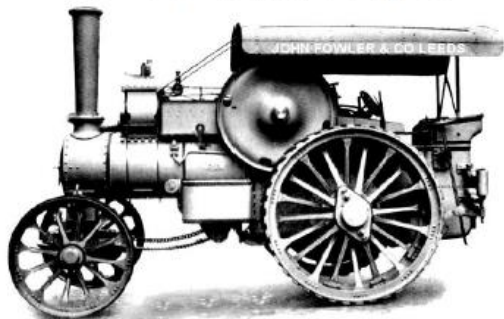
Summer Swimming

As you are aware swimming in the school pool starts on Monday 4th June. Please note that long hair **must** be tied back for swimming (boys and girls) and for health and safety reasons **earrings must be removed or not worn** on swimming days. Please ensure that all swimming costumes, towels, etc. are CLEARLY named. Thank you



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Key dates – 2018

May

28th-1st Half-term

June

4th Swimming lessons commence

5th-7th Y3/4 visit to Earls Colne museum

12th & 14th Honeywood intake day 1 & day 2

15th & 18th Non-pupil days

19th Y5 netball team to Ramsey – 10-12pm

19th-21st Math workshops

22nd Friends summer fete

25th Code club sharing with parents – 3.00pm

26th & 27th Ramsey Intake – day 1 & day 2

26th Reception 2018 parents meeting – 7.00pm

29th EYFS/KS1 Sports day – PM

July

2nd-4th Y6 Extended visit to Mersea Outdoors

2nd Y5 Viking workshop

3rd Y5 Primary learning day at Honeywood

4th Reception 2018 intake day 1

5th Y5 taster day at Ramsey Academy

6th Music assembly with Mrs Watts – 9.00am

9th-11th Ormiston Academy intake

11th & 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



Summer Fete

The Summer fete is held at school each year by Friends PTA, who are a group of parents dedicated to fundraising for the school.

The Fete usually has inflatables, various stalls, cakes, music, food and a bar. It is a lovely event held after school on a Friday.

Help from parents is required on the lead up, on the day setting up or just on the afternoon from 3pm.

Friday 22nd June 2018

Please contact Laura Stringer (Chair of Friends) on 07977921878 if you would like to help and are available to help out at this year's summer Fete.