



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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**Y6 Extended visit to Mersea Outdoors – look out for a news report next week**



**Y5 viking day – look out for a news report next week**



**Well done for working so hard!**

**Rowan Handley** – a wonderful model. **Joe Mortier, Ria Henze and Toby Davies** – handling data. **Tommy Jukes, Olivia Jinman and Maisie Moon** – amazing home learning projects. **Charlie Furness** – Good explanations when solving maths problems. **Max Farnes, Harry Wragg, Neve Parry-Jones and Isobel Boatman** – interesting data about litter on the field.

**A warm welcome to our new Elephants and Monkeys 2018-19**

On Wednesday we held our first intake day for September Reception children. The children settled in well and enjoyed exploring the Elephant and Monkey classrooms. Present Reception children have been continuing their journey getting ready for Y1 with the help of our very grown up Lions and Tigers.



### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

The **leaver's assembly** for Y6 parents will start at 11.00am.

**The big picnic** – in the event of bad weather and the event being cancelled children can be collected at 12 noon from the main playground Y1-6, Reception children should be collected from their normal collection place.



### Attendance champions

Congratulations to Monkeys class whose attendance was 99.3% for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### Y5/6 Production

Rehearsals are progressing well for the Y5/6 production and we are ready to start sorting out tickets. As we have a high number of pupils this year in Y5/6 and for health and safety reasons tickets for the Y5/6 production **must** be shown on the door. Please do not arrive without your ticket as you may be refused entry.

### Swimming spotters – Thank you

As you are all aware we are extremely fortunate to have our swimming pool which is generously supported by Friends. The children have all benefited this term from two lessons a week. This is only possible with the help of a dedicated team of parent 'spotters'. We would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who has offered their time, energy and dedication to help the children become more confident swimmers.

### Sun cream and hat

What a glorious week of sunshine we have had! It is due to continue next week so please ensure you apply sun cream before school and make certain your child comes to school with a hat and water bottle every day. Thank you.

### School reading books

Please ensure your child returns all of their reading books by on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Books will not be given for over the holiday. To help your child to read over the summer take part in the Essex Libraries reading challenge which starts this Saturday.

### Child Exploitation Online - National Crime Agency

An officer from the National Crime Agency contacted the school yesterday regarding primary school pupils who had been using 'Snapchat' (this is a site for children of 13+ years).

They had befriended someone unknown to them. This person had requested that they send images of themselves. Fortunately, on this occasion the pupils did not send images and parents were made aware. These children had made themselves very vulnerable to online exploitation but had also, unintentionally placed their friends in a potentially vulnerable situation.

Despite constant e-safety training, children can put themselves in danger.

The officer stated that it is the responsibility of parents to make sure that their child uses age-appropriate sites and take measures to monitor this. If a parent does not take every step to keep their child safe, then it is a safeguarding issue, which should be reported to social services.

In addition to the above, they recommended, that a child's phone or other device is taken from them at night and that it is linked to the parents' phone for monitoring of all activity.

Information on how to keep your child safe is available on the CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) website also Internet Matters.

I would ask all parents to review their child's online activity and follow the recommendations from the Crime Agency Officer.

### Key dates – 2018

July	
6th	Music assembly with Mrs Watts – 9.00am
9th-11th	Ormiston Academy intake
12th	Y5/6 production – 7.00pm
13th	Y5/6 production – 1.30pm - <b>CHANGE</b>
13th	Meet the teacher/EYFS 2018 – intake 2
16th	KS2 sports day – All day
17th & 18th	Y5 taster day at Honeywood
19th	School discos
20th	Y6 leavers assembly
	The big picnic