



Friday 7th September 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher



It was lovely to see so many happy children returning to school on Wednesday. As always there are many exciting things planned for the year ahead.

We are delighted to welcome all new children to our school and hope that their time here will be a very rewarding experience for them. We also welcome Miss Ball, Ms De Costa, Miss Curtis, Mrs Parish, Mrs Tucker and Miss Winterbourne who have joined our staff and hope that they will enjoy working at Earls Colne Primary School & Nursery.

We would like to remind parents that children must arrive in class by 8.50am so that lessons can begin promptly.

As from next Monday, please encourage all children in Years 1 to 6 to come into school from the big playground independently. Whilst we are always happy to talk to parents, if possible please avoid the need to speak to class teachers in the mornings as this delays the start of lessons. The Home-School Log can be used for any messages to teachers or, alternatively, you can speak to a member of the office staff who will be happy to pass on messages to teachers or to make an appointment.

All children have been issued Home-School Log Books. Please check these daily as teachers will use these to communicate with parents.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year and are always available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Wear their medal to assembly so that we can celebrate their success.

Afterschool Clubs

Information on Afterschool Clubs will be available shortly.

Staff car park

Many of our staff travel to work by car and it is **imperative** that they are able to access the staff car park throughout the day. Therefore, please could we ask for your consideration in **not** using the staff car park at any time.

Can you help?

We welcome parents to come and help in school, there are many varied opportunities across the year which benefit tremendously from your input.

However much time you are able to give, we are delighted to have your help. Parents help in a wide range of ways with reading, mathematics, creative activities or accompanying school visits. Whatever your skills and strengths we would be pleased to hear from you.

If you are interested in becoming a parent helper, please contact the school office by calling (01787 222205 or admin@earlscolne.essex.sch.uk) and indicate the day/time you are available. Session times and classes



On Tuesday we welcomed 52 children into **Elephants** and **Monkey** classes. We also welcomed children joining us in the other year groups.

Pass to walk home

Parents of children in Y5/6 wishing for their child to have a walk home alone pass must apply in writing to the school office.

Earrings

Essex County Council's policy with regards to wearing earrings during PE states earrings **MUST** be removed for all PE lessons. If your child cannot remove them themselves, please remove them before they come into school as staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed The library reading challenge. Please ask them to



where support is welcomed are flexible, and any offer of help would be most appreciated. (All adults helping in school are required to undertake a DBS check.) Thank you in advance.

Music Lessons

This school is very fortunate to have peripatetic music teachers who come in each week to teach a range of musical instruments (saxophone, clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, etc.). Currently we have:

- Mrs Stopp on Mondays, Music for Schools; (Woodwind/brass players)**
- Mr Tyler on Wednesdays (Guitar);**
- Mrs Watt on Fridays (Flute/Clarinet).**

Some children have their own instruments and some are hired from the school. Due to several children transferring to secondary school we have lessons available from September for children in Y3-6. If you are interested in your child taking up music lessons, please call into the school office for details of instrument hire, charges, etc.

Scooters

If your child travels to school on a scooter or bike please ensure that they stop at the entrance of the school playground and wheel the scooter safely through the playground. **Scooters and bikes are not to be used on the school playground at anytime.**

Can I also remind you that children should not use the playground apparatus before and after school for health and safety reasons. Thank you.



ABCO Financial Services raised funds for the school during the World Cup with a lucky dip and World Cup footballs. We would like to say a huge thank you for their very generous donation.



Key dates – Autumn 2018

September 2018

10 th	Reception 2018 – ½ day 8.50am-11.45am
11 th	Reception 2018 – ½ day 8.50-11.45am
12 th	Reception 2018 – ½ day & lunch 8.50-1.15pm
	Y1 transition meeting 2.30pm
13 th	Reception 2018 – ½ day & lunch 8.50-1.15pm
	Individual and family photos
14 th	Reception 2018 – Full day
25 th	YR2 SATs meeting – 2.30pm

October

1 st – 2 nd	Art project
5 th	Y5/6 Chocolate Day – all day
15 th	Parent consultations 2.30-5.30pm
16 th	Y2 Castle workshop
17 th	Parent consultations 4.00-7.00pm
19 th	Non-pupil day
22 nd 28 th	October half term
30 th	NSPCC assembly and workshops
31 st	Y6 SATS meeting – 2.30pm
	EYFS reading meeting -7.00pm

November

1 st	EYFS reading meeting 2.00pm
2 nd	Harvest festival-assembly
6 th	Y1 visit to Hollytrees museum
	EYFS parents’ lunch
9 th	100 th anniversary of the end of WW1
19 th -21 st	Open week

December

4 th & 5 th	KS1 nativity – 2.00pm
6 th	EYFS nativity
11 th	Flu immunisations
14 th	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 th -6 th Jan	Christmas break (3 rd and 4 th non-pupil)