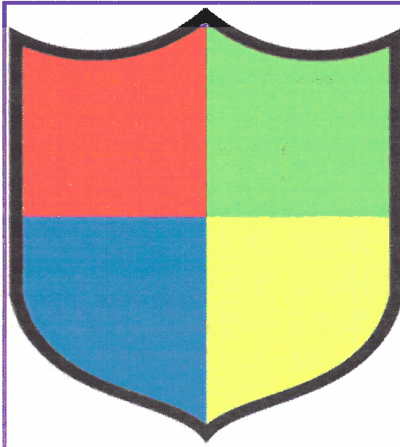




Friday 14th September 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher



As you are aware the children recently chose names for our 'Houses. These are as follows,' **Dolphin (Red)**, **Eagles (Green)**, **Otters (Blue)** and **Wolves (Yellow)**. All children are assigned a house (siblings will be in the same one), and they can be awarded House Points for good work, kindness, exceptional behaviour, sporting achievements etc.

Each week, the House Captains (two Year 6 children from each house) collect the points and announce the results in Friday's celebration assembly. The winning colours are attached to a cup which is kept in the school reception area.

The House Captains stand for election at the beginning of the school year by making a presentation to the rest of the year group who then vote for their choice.

Food Allergies!

We have a number of children in school with severe allergies which includes **eggs**, please do not provide any egg products such as **scotch eggs** or **egg bites** in pack lunches. We also ask you not to provide in packed lunches is **peanuts**, i.e. **peanut butter** or **shellfish** products. Please can we also remind you to **cut grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** in half. Thank you.

Medication in School

If children require medication to be administered during the school day this must be handed in to the school reception and a medication administration form completed and signed by a parent/carer. The medication must be in the original packaging as dispensed by the pharmacist. If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, please ask the G.P. to time the doses so that the medication can be taken before and after school, where possible, or at lunchtimes. It is also advisable to keep your child at home for 24 hours following prescribed antibiotics.

Secondary School Admissions September 2019

Secondary admissions opened on 12th September 2018.

Applications can be made online via

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions>. This year admissions will not be sending letters to parents about making an application, but all information will be available on the web address above. Parents of children in Year 6 will need to log onto the website and make an application by the closing date of 31st October 2018. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies

[http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary Admissions Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

Data record sheets and health care plans

Next week children will be sent home with data record sheets and if applicable health care plans for review. Please check the information on these sheets carefully as this is what is held at school. It is **very important** that we have the correct contact telephone numbers should we need to get in touch with you. Please return amendments to the school office by Wednesday 26th September. Thank you.



Annual Cycle Ride



Sunday 30th September - 2-4 pm
Earls Colne Airfield

Directions: From the airfield entrance keep left following the signs for the golf club, drive past the golf club and turn left down Halifax Way, (Postcode CO6 2NS). Registration at the start line from 1.30pm . Wearing a cycle helmet is advised.

Bring a chair for the grassy picnic area.
Refreshments will be available to buy. Parking on site.

The course is a half mile lap, suitable for all ages.



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Under 5s Forest School Session

Let them get outside and explore! Look for creepy crawlies, get messy in our mud kitchen, relax in the hammock, make woodland craft and cook on the fire.

Date: Mondays & Every second Wednesdays (please see calendar on reverse)

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm (on Wednesdays we finish at 11.30am)

Free taster session on your first visit!

Booking Essential

Donation: £6 per child, babes in arms free.

Location: Abbots Hall Farm, Colchester, CO5 7RZ



To book or for more information 01621 862960 or lucyw@essexwt.org.uk

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URGENT APPEAL!

Art Solutions have kindly agreed to create new displays for our hall based on the four 'Houses' on the 1st and 2nd October.

We urgently need newspapers and any large, empty ice cream/margarine tubs for this project. If you have any, please donate them to MN class (Year 3).

Key dates – Autumn 2018

September 2018

17 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)

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