



I can't believe we are at the end of September already!

It has been an excellent start to the new school year and we have been really impressed with the hard work from the children in this first month. We are confident that this will continue throughout the year.

The building work is going really well with minimal disruption to the children's learning; the new windows and doors are looking very good.

Birch class will be having their windows and door replaced on Monday so they will be working in the ICT suite for 3 days. Can they please come in through the breakfast club double doors – opposite the classroom door.

A reminder that as from Monday Beech class will be brought in and collected from the double doors leading into KS2. This is to try and reduce the volume of traffic round the side of the building.

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed themselves this week whether they have been visiting the Isle of Wight or having fun in school.

Your first parent consultation meeting of the year is the week after next, this is a good opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class and how they are developing in their learning.

All clubs are up and running, we are still waiting for some permission slips to come back from the year 6 children on the residential, then we can sort out how many spaces we have for the cubs and allocate children from the waiting lists.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:

October

- 9th—Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
- 9th—Year 5 team workshop
- 10th—Parent consultations 3.30-5.30pm
- 11th—Year 5 multisports event
- 15th—Year 3 trip to Weald Country park
- 18th—DOJO celebration
- 18th—Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly 9.30am
(Parents welcome)
- 19th—Poetry Slam KS1 & KS2 (selected children)
- 19th—Last day of half term

Inset Days—3rd & 4th January, 24th May 2019



Secondary school open evenings

- Lower Academy—04/10/18 5-7pm
- James Hornsby—29/09/18 4.30-8.30pm
- Bromfords—04/10/18 5.30-8.30pm
- Appleton—29/09/18 6pm
- Mayflower—04/10/18 6.30-9.30pm

Class updates

Reception had a visit from 2 police officers this week. We learnt about how the police keep us safe and got to sit inside a police car and hear the sirens. The police recommended that all children should know their address in case they ever get lost. It was very exciting!!

Year 6—On Tuesday, some of year 6 went to Danbury Outdoors Centre to take part in aerial trekking, caving and ground and vertical obstacle course



activities. The weather was good, the children were brave and supported each other brilliantly throughout the day. They made us



and themselves proud.

- "It was really fun!" - Jaxx W
- "It is the best place on Earth!" - Freya A
- "The staff were very nice," - Teejai S
- "It was amazing and adventurous and a very fun experience!" - George W



KS2 Reading—It's been really great to see the enthusiasm and progression in children's reading. However, it would be even better if more children could be listened to at home. The more reading the child does, the better reader he/she becomes!

Wall of Achievement

Week of 24th September 2018



- Bluebell Class—Freddie C
- Rose Class—Mia L
- Tulip Class—Nathaniel C
- Lavender Class—Ajay B
- Orchid Class—Troy S
- Sunflower Class—Frankie P
- Birch Class—Malachi E
- Hawthorne Class—Teea D
- Pine Class—Noah C
- Ash Class—Freddie M
- Beech Class—Eliza R
- Maple Class—Child Absent
- Olive Class—Kai H
- Sycamore Class—Arian B
- Willow class—Alfie C
- Elder Class— }
- Elm Class— } Year 6
- Oak Class— }



Talk it topics

Talk it topics are an opportunity for children to discuss and issue or idea throughout the week, at play or lunchtime, during the daily mile etc. It encourages children's communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We will be covering a different topic in school each week. Next week's topic is— Good manners are important.....



Reminders—

School photo proofs need to be returned to the school by 5th October if you wish to order through the school.

Parking—We would remind you to please be respectful and mindful of the local residents when bringing your children to and from school and please park sensibly.



Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County Council and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness. We would ask that you also try to arrange doctors/dentist and other appointments outside of the school day as we have an increasing number of children being collected early or throughout the day. This has a knock on effect with your child's learning and also can disrupt the class.

The classes with the best attendance this week were—KS1 Sunflower class with 99% and KS2 Elm class with 99.6%. The overall school attendance is 95.5%; which is moving in the right direction, thank you for your help in achieving this. Our target is 96%

