



Welcome back to a new school year, it was lovely to see you all yesterday. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break.

As you can see from the scaffolding around the junior building, we are having some more re-modernising work done. The roofs and windows are being replaced in this part of the school which is great news. It is a bit tight in places where some of the scaffolding is, thank you for your patience during this time, we are hoping they will be finished by Christmas, weather permitting! This funding is from the Condition and Improvement Funding grant that we apply to the Government for each year. Last year, the junior part of the school was re-wired after a successful bid application. We are hoping to continue to apply for grants over the next few years to replace the rest of the roofs, windows, electrics and plumbing across the rest of the school.

The children have had an excellent start to the new school year, they have been settling well into their new classrooms with their new teachers. We had an amazing year last year with our results being significantly higher than the previous year. Our Y6 combined results (the percentage of children reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths) were 64%, which was the national average for all schools in England. We aim to improve on those results this year and to continue to raise the progress and attainment of all children right across the school.

There are no significant changes in the school organisation this year which supports the stability and consistency we now have. Thank you to all the parents who filled in surveys and questionnaires last year, this is providing us with valuable feedback to help us to improve the things we do as a school.

Children in year 3 now have to pay for their school meals, if you think you may be eligible for free school meals then please apply online or speak to a member of the office staff who will be happy to help you. A reminder that breakfast club is now 50p per day.

All children in KS2 can now have a free piece of fruit at break-time; we want to encourage our children to have a healthy lifestyle so helps to support this along with things like the Daily Mile, 2 hours of PE weekly and healthy options at lunchtime. Children can bring their own fruit or fruit juice into school if they prefer.

We also have a vacancy for a parent Governor, please enquire at the office if you are interested.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs N Kemp, Headteacher

Dates:

September

10th—Year 1 Meet the Teacher KS1 hall at 3.20pm
11th—Reception Meet the Teacher KS1 hall at 1.30pm
12th—Year 2 Meet the Teacher KS1 hall at 3.20pm
13th—Year 3 Meet the Teacher KS2 hall at 3.20pm
14th—Year 6 Meet the Teacher KS2 hall at 3.20pm
17th—Year 5 Meet the Teacher KS2 hall at 3.20pm
19th—Year 4 Meet the Teacher KS2 hall at 3.20pm
W/C 24th—Year 6 Residential trip to Isle of Wight

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



Application for Secondary School Places for 2019

We have been notified that Essex County Council will no longer be writing to you if your child is in year 6 to advise you when you need to submit your application for your child's secondary school place. The deadline is 15th October. Please go to the following website for more information.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Applying-for-a-school-place-for-September-2019.aspx>