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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good half term break, despite the changeable weather, and are ready for the run up to the summer holiday.

This half term started with the children in the Infant School enjoying a performance of Asher and the Troll, by the Matipo Theatre Company, which was followed by workshops for the Year 1 children. The children had a wonderful time – thank you to Mrs Bowery for organising this.

We are very excited to have in school a clutch of duck eggs, that we are looking forward to hatching later this week. Every class, including Pebbles, will be able to visit daily to see the changes and, when the ducklings are hatched, the children will be able to handle them and watch them swimming. This is a wonderful experience for the children as they are able to observe the scientific changes the eggs/ducklings make during the two weeks they are with us. Huge thanks to our PTFA for funding this amazing enrichment activity.

The rest of this half term will be so busy, with the following events to look forward to:

- 4<sup>th</sup> June – class photos
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Pebbles Sports day at 9.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 trip to Belfairs Nature Discovery Centre
- Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 phonic screening check
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Kwick Cricket Festival – selected Year 2 children
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA Father's Day gift and wrap
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 working with Essex Police about road safety and speed awareness
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – School closed for staff training
- 18<sup>th</sup> June – Reception trip to Langdon Nature Reserve
- 20<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm – Sports Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception children stay and play with parents
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – Gemma's Farm visit for Pebbles
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – new Reception children stay and play
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Canvey Awards – by invitation only
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – School closed for General Election (Home Learning will be set)
- Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage One summer production
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2's Leaver's Disco (PTFA)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Display afternoon from 3.30pm – 5pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of term

## Parent Survey RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. A total of 81 responses were received, of which the overwhelming majority were extremely positive. I am pleased to announce that the lucky winner of the £20 Amazon voucher was Mrs Gabrysz.

It was particularly pleasing to read so many positive comments. The whole school staff work extremely hard to make your child's learning experience happy and productive, and it goes a long way when we read your kind words. Thank you.

Additionally, there were some very helpful suggestions as to how we can make the school and Nursery better; these will certainly be considered and have already prompted some discussion in preparation for the new school year. Unfortunately, there are some things we cannot change eg timings of the school day, keeping the children overnight, or letting them stay until Year 6!

A few comments were made regarding breakfast and after-school clubs. This was explored recently but the financial risk for the school was too great. However, should you require wrap-around care, I can signpost you to some local providers.

School meals were also mentioned. Unfortunately, we encountered a huge issue with some of the kitchen equipment and it took rather longer than expected for this to be resolved. I am pleased to report that the work is now complete and a new menu will be emailed to you this week.

Regarding communication, as you know, I send a monthly letter, via email, that includes news and general updates, as well as past and future events. Additionally, Mrs Kiln sends a half-termly letter, via email, with diary dates and reminders. These are also posted on our website and copies are displayed in the school reception area. You may also receive occasional emails with brief additional information. As email is our main source of communication, please do check your inbox regularly. We do endeavour to give as much notice as possible of events and diary dates, but sometimes things happen that mean we have to make changes at short notice.

Should you require a printed copy of any letter or communication, please do not hesitate to ask in the School Office.

## School website

Please do take a look at our website, you might be surprised at the amount of information on there. From policies to PTFA and curriculum to calendar, you will find it there, somewhere.

The noticeboard on the welcome page has links to the most recent newsletters and the Calendar dates are easy to access too.

The 'Key Information' tab takes you to comprehensive information about our curriculum and how each subject is delivered across the school.

The 'Nursery' tab has a wealth of information, including the Pebbles curriculum, funding and school readiness.



## **School Attendance**

As you may know, school attendance is a huge priority for the DfE and their guidance, 'Working together to Improve School Attendance', will be in place from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Please see this link to the DfE education hub article for more information regarding term-time holidays and fines. <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/category/attendance/>

## **Ready...Steady...Go to School!**

Essex Library Service will be running a school readiness campaign that runs throughout the summer to 7<sup>th</sup> September. The campaign consists of Big School Meet Ups and the Ready, Steady, Go to School challenge. The Big School Meet ups are fun, relaxed sessions with a storytime, activities and a chance to meet other families whose children are also starting school in September.

## **... and finally**

As always, thank you for your continued support and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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