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Diary Dates

Year 6 Birch Hall Trip

Monday 19th June - Wednesday 21st June: Trip 1

Monday 26th June - Wednesday 28th June: Trip 2

Wednesday 28th June - Friday 30th June: Trip 3

As previously stated, please note that children will need to be dropped off and collected from the venue. The postcode is CO13 0EL.

September Reception Intake Induction Evening

Wednesday 21st June 2023: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

CCA, CCHS and TTC Induction Day for Year 6 Pupils

Thursday 6th July 2023

Meet the Teacher Morning

Thursday 6th July 2023

Children will spend the morning with their Teacher for September 2023.

SPORTS DAYS

Monday 10th July 2023

Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning: 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Year 1 & 2 Sports Morning: 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Reception Sports Afternoon: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2023

School Dinners

Please see our school website for a copy of the School Dinner Menu.

w/c Monday 19th June

Week 3

May we please remind all parents/carers that the school has a nut free policy, as we have several pupils with severe nut allergies. Please ensure your children's lunch boxes/snacks do not contain nuts or products containing nuts. We thank you for supporting us in keeping our children safe.

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, our athletics team competed at the Tendring Competition which was held at Colchester Garrison. The children were very competitive with six children from the team making it to the finals to compete for the medals. I am delighted that the following children won medals:

Jacob - Year 6 80m Sprint – Silver

Zachary - Year 5/6 Shot Put – Silver

Jacob, Amylia, Melody & Leo – Year 5/6 Relay – Silver

The team finished a very credible 6th place in a very competitive event. As always, our children were great ambassadors for our school, with exemplary behaviour and commitment. Well done team!

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Colchester Castle on the 6th June! The train ride to and from Colchester was a new and exciting experience for many children. The children enjoyed exploring the castle, seeing amazing artefacts, and learning about Queen Boudicca's courageous battle against the Romans. It really helped deepen their understanding. It was an educational and unforgettable adventure for everyone!

I would like to clarify some of our school uniform expectations. Firstly, we have had a number of girls coming into school with nail extensions. Our school uniform policy clearly states that these are not permitted and pupils must not attend school with such nails.

Secondly, our uniform policy has been updated to clarify that cycling shorts are not an appropriate style of shorts for P.E lessons. This is because the length of these shorts do not protect the modesty of the pupils.

We are pleased to announce that our non-uniform day on Monday 5th June raised £329.69 for the 'Relay For Life' charity. We would like to thank you for all of your kind donations.

Regards

Mr. Bradley, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving late to school. Children should be sitting at their desks for registration by **8:50am**. Please be aware that any child who arrives after this time and registered at the office will receive an **unauthorised mark**. This will affect your child's attendance and could inevitably lead to intervention by the Education Welfare Service.

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office and reporting the absence directly to a member of staff, which is in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your children are wearing sun cream and bring hats to school. It is really important that every child brings a water bottle each day to school.

Please check the ingredients of the sunscreen you are applying to your child. Please be aware that some now include Almond Oil which can cause an allergic reaction. Therefore, please use products which do not contain nut oil. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting all our pupils.



Dear all Year 2 Parents/Carers,

Your child's Universal Free School Meals will cease on **Friday 21st July 2023**.

For Parents/Carers who receive a Free School Meal food voucher over the half terms, your child's Free School Meal entitlement will continue until the end of their primary school education. Therefore, no action is required.

For Parents/Carers who do NOT receive Free School Meal vouchers over the half terms, you will need to pay for any school meals taken from **5th September 2023**, when your child starts Year 3. If you believe your child is entitled to receive Free School Meals, via eligible benefits, please contact the school office, so an application can be made to check your eligibility.

The deadline for us to check your entitlement is **Friday 7th July 2023**. This is to enable your child to receive ongoing Free School Meals in September.

LATE CLUB/WRAPAROUND & SCHOOL MEALS

Please be aware, if you are late collecting your child from school, the following charges will be applied:

3.15pm to 3.45pm - £1.50

3.45pm to collection - £8.00

If you would like to access the Wraparound provision, please book a place, or places, at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/N0Qckf58bd>

Please note, we do not hold a credit facility for the late club/wraparound service and school meals. Please ensure payment in ADVANCE is made for your children to continue to use these services. Failure to do so WILL result in your children being refused a place/school meal. All payments are to be made through our online payment system, 'Pay360'.

PAY360

We have had an overwhelming amount of queries with regards to accessing PAY360.

We request parents/carers keep login details and passwords safe as the school office cannot help with passwords set up on the account. If you have forgotten your password, and registered using Microsoft, please sign in to Microsoft to reset passwords. You cannot change your password directly in PAY360.

If you have recently changed your email address, please inform the school office as soon as possible, as you will have to re-register PAY360 with your new address.

Pay360 have recently changed their login details for parents/carers who have registered for PAY360 since September 22. Please follow the SIMS ID Information to access your account.