

# **Newsletter 30**

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## **Diary Dates**

Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June 2023

Half Term

#### Monday 5th June 2023

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Cancer Relay for Life Charity Children can wear non-uniform items that are purple or come to school in their uniform if they wish to. Collection buckets will be on the main gates as usual.

Tuesday 6th June 2023
Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle

Friday 9th June 2023
Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 6th July 2023

Meet the Teacher Morning

Children will spend the morning with their Teacher for

# SPORTS DAYS Monday 10th July 2023

Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning: 9:15 am - 11:15 am Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

September 2023.

#### Tuesday 11th July 2023

Year 1 & 2 Sports Morning: 9:15 am - 11:15 am Reception Sports Afternoon: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Friday 21st July 2023

Last Day of Term

### **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.

### Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Eames has been appointed as the headteacher of White Hall Academy from the 1st September. This will provide continuity and stability in the leadership of the school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her new role.

The year 3 children visited Hasty's Farm on Thurdsay as part of their 'Animals Including Humans' topic. The children had an amazing time feeding calves, kids and chicks. They learned about the animals' diets, habitats and how they look after their young. Following a nature trail the children got to eat pancakes which they loved.

The school rounders team competed in a LPAT/SIGMA Trust competition at Monkwick Junior School on Thursday. The competition was very strong with some excellent players and teams on display. This was our team's first experience of a rounders tournament and their performances got stronger as they played more matches. The children showed great resilience and sportsmanship towards the other teams. Congratulations to our sister school Lyons Hall who were the overall winners.

I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend and half term break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5th June.

Regards

Mr.Bradley, Headteacher

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.

# School Dinners

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

w/c Monday 5th June

Week 1



#### **Half Term Activity Vouchers**

The school has not been provided with any HAF vouchers for this half term. Therefore, if you have any issues or queries, please contact Active Essex directly as unfortunately we have no further information for this scheme.

https://www.activeessex.org/

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.

