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## Message from the Head

### Diary Dates

**Monday 15th May & Tuesday 16th May 2023**

*Year 4 Trip to Birch Hall*

**Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June 2023**

*Half Term*

**Friday 9th June 2023**

*Non-Pupil Day*

**Thursday 6th July 2023**

*Meet the Teacher Morning*

*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 - 11:15 am*

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

**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*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been a short week it has been a very busy one. Year 6 have been taking their SATS tests this week and they have been amazing. We are all so proud of their attitude and hard work over the last few months in preparing for these tests. I hope they get the results their effort deserves when the results are released in July.

Congratulations to Eden, Year 4, in being invited to join West Ham United Academy. Hopefully we have a future Lioness!

Could I remind parents/carers to be considerate when parking around the school site. We have had reports of parents parking illegally, particularly along Thomas Road near to the school's red gate.

We have been advised by the North Essex Parking Partnerships that if you have a concern about any parking issues that you please contact them direct on 01206 282316 or email [parking@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:parking@colchester.gov.uk).

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the weather will improve.

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.

### School Dinners

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

**w/c Monday 15th May**

**Week 2**

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/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrusqua2htX1OnuzqxmtRHxBUNVJFOUgzMEZKN0tWWDIXRzZVWDExWUFPTi4u>

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.

## Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Families



### Introduction

In Essex, all schools/settings are being offered training to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people through a training approach called Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP).

### Values and Mindset

Through this training, we aim to promote:

Compassion & Kindness	Hope	Connection & Belonging
...instead of Shame & Blame	...instead of Hopelessness	...instead of Disconnection

#### Course Details

<b>Venue:</b>	White Hall Academy Training Room
<b>Duration:</b>	6 weeks
<b>Dates:</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June, Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June, Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Time:</b>	9:15am – 11.30am
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Mrs Eames and Miss Watts

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the Main Reception.

## Further updates/news

As well as our weekly newsletter, any urgent updates/news will be published on ClassDojo, and our Facebook page which can also be accessed via our school website on the Home page: -

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