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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 25th May 2023**  
***Year 3 Hasty's Farm Trip***

**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***

## 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,

At the start of the week, Year Four spent the day at Birch Hall. The children were working on team work, communication and growth mindset skills as they took on many different challenges. They completed a team low ropes course, den building and a climbing wall. All the staff were impressed by the Year Four Pupils' team work and communication. We saw many children overcoming their nerves and tackling new challenges.

Thank you to parents/carers who supported the transportation of the children. This helps to keep the cost of the trip down during these times of spiraling transport costs.

On the 5th June we will be asking staff and children to wear purple to school in aid of the 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.

On Tuesday 16th May our Tag Rugby Team competed in a tournament at Witham. This was their first tournament as a team and they grew in confidence as they played more games. The children had a great attitude and were fine ambassadors for the school. Well done to the team.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Mr. Bradley

Headteacher

## School Dinners

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

**w/c Monday 22nd May**

**Week 3**

## **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/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.