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Diary Dates

Year 6 Birch Hall Trip

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.

Year 2 Trip to London Road Allotment
Tuesday 27th June 2023

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 26th June

Week 1

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,

Our first group of Year 6 pupils took part on their residential trip to Birch Hall this week. They took part in:

- Rock climbing
- A boat trip
- Geocaching
- Low ropes
- Archery
- Night walk

They had to pitch their tents and had a great time camping. They even survived the torrential downpour that hit the Tendring area on Tuesday. I would like to thank our staff for giving up their evenings and nights to supervise the children. Group 2 and Group 3 of the Year 6 Cohort will be attending Birch Hall.

It was great to meet the new parents/carers for the Reception Cohort for September 2023 on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to attend the meeting, your welcome packs are available from the main school office. The school are looking forward to working with your children next week during their taster days.

Could I please remind parents/carers that cycling shorts are not part of our school uniform and that pupils must be wearing shorts for physical education lessons. This will also apply to the upcoming sports days. Thank you for supporting this expectation.

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.



FREE PLACES for Little Stars (WHA Nursery) from SEPT 23, as our current wonderful Little Stars move up to school.

Please tell your friends, neighbours and family: -

Free places available for 3-4 year olds (term after child's 3rd birthday) with universal funding and FREE places available to 2yr olds (term after child's 2nd birthday), subject to eligibility.

Additional sessions available at family - friendly rates, no more than the funding rate. 30hrs available for working parents subject to eligibility, with lunch club available at a small extra cost.

High quality teaching and learning in a warm and friendly, multi-sensory, enabling environment with a strong key person approach so your child settles quickly and is confident, safe and happy.

Come and look around and join up soon to give your child an outstanding start - 'Let your Little Star shine, where children and families come first'. Read our school OFSTED report.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/2770645>