

### Diary Dates

**Monday 25th September**

Year 5 trip to Kentwell Hall

**Friday 29th September**

5FJ Class Assembly

**Monday 2nd October**

KS1 Class Photos

**Friday 6th October**

2S Class Assembly

**Monday 9th October**

KS2 Class Photos

**Friday 13th October**

Nursery photos

**Friday 20th October**

6T Class Assembly

**Monday 23rd October to**

**Friday 27th October**

Half Term

**Tuesday 7th November**

Friends Disco

**Wednesday 8th November**

Non pupil Day/

Termly Learning Conference

**Thursday 9th November**

Shakespeare in Schools Festival

**Wednesday 29th November**

Flu immunisations for Reception to  
Year 6

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

The school has begun implementing an online system for the payment of school lunches. Initially this system will be available to the parents/carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6. Once we are satisfied the system is working effectively other year groups will be invited to register. Hopefully this system will make the lives of parents/carers a little easier, so please register when you receive your information letter.

We have received reports from our neighbours that parents/carers have been blocking driveways at the beginning and end of the school day. The school and residents will be contacting Essex Parking Services to request parking wardens to patrol the area. Some parents have been rude and abusive to residents and the school will help identify any culprits in order to assist the police. I would urge parents/carers to be considerate to our neighbours at all times.

A small number of pupils have been unable to participate in P.E lessons this week as they were wearing earrings, and were unable to remove them. It is a legal requirement for pupils to participate in P.E lessons as they are essential to the development and health of children. In line with health and safety advice all earrings must be removed before a child can start a P.E activity.

### Changes to our Termly Learning Conferences

This year we are trialling a new system. We will be holding our Termly Learning Conference (Parent's evening) throughout the day on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, which is a non-pupil day. Appointments will be available from first thing in the morning, to early evening.

We hope that this change will enable more parents to come along, with their child, to meet with teacher and discuss their child's learning.

Please put this date in your diaries. Letters will be sent home with further details nearer the time.

I would like to ensure that all parents and carers of Year 6 are aware that the window for Secondary Admissions is now open and closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Please see overleaf for a link to the Essex County Council site, where you can complete your application on line. If you require a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

Several children have been coming into school late on a number of occasions this term. Not only does this impact their learning, but they won't be eligible for entry into the Autumn Attendance Prize Draw. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time for registration (before 8.50 am).

Mr Bradley

## School Dinner Menu

Week beginning 18th September:

Week 3

## Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

*It is imperative that we are able to contact all of our parents/carers throughout the day when necessary.*

If you have a new mobile number or land line number, or have moved, please ensure you inform the school office as soon as possible. Please also inform us if a contact number is no longer in use.

If you are unsure what contact details we have for you, or the other contacts for your child, please enquire at the office. Thank you.

## Year 6 high school places

Year 6 parents are now able to apply for high school places.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31st October**.

It is imperative that you apply before the deadline. If you don't you may not get your first choice of high school.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

Using the Essex Education Portal you can apply online for your child to **start secondary school in Year 7 in September 2018** using the 'Starting secondary school in Year 7 September 2018' button.

OR, If you would like a paper copy of the application form, please ask at the office.

## High School Open Days for Year 6 parents

**CCHS:** Thursday 28th September from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Ipswich School:** (for Year 5 and 6 parents) Saturday 30th September from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon.

## To all Year 5 and Year 6 parents: School's online payment system

Invitations to join the school's online payment system have now been sent out.

Please could you register as soon as possible.

If your child has not received an invitation please contact the school office.

## Flu immunization for children in Reception to Year 6

All children in Essex schools from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive a flu vaccine through the national childhood flu programme.

The date for this year's immunisation at White Hall Academy is: Wednesday 29th November 2017

A letter and permission slip will be sent home nearer the time. Please ensure you complete the slip to state whether or not you wish your child to be immunised, and return it to school.

## Cuppa and Catch up

All parents and carers are welcome to come along on a  
Tuesday morning from 9.00—11.00 for a drink, cake and chat.

## Other events:

Messy Church at Christ Church, URC, Carnarvon Road, Clacton  
from 10.30—12.30 on Saturday 16th September  
for families with children and adults with additional needs and disabilities

Lunch provided. Tel 01255 483288 for further details