

Diary Dates

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

Sadly I have to start this week's comment with a negative message. At the start of this term we have had a number of arguments between parents, which have taken place on the school site. In addition, we have also had issues involving former pupils who have been involved in arguments whilst collecting younger siblings. I must remind all parents/carers/siblings that you are visitors on our school site and that such behaviour will not be tolerated and the governing body will act swiftly to enforce the Managing Aggressive Behaviour on School Site Policy. This could result in a total ban from the school site and police involvement.

The number of staff supervising the beginning and end of the school day has been trebled in order to stamp this problem out. Such behaviour is extremely upsetting for our pupils and I would ask you to consider their well-being and respect our school site. Thankfully, the vast majority of our parents are supportive and respectful, and hopefully everyone can adopt the same approach.

We have had a fantastic response to the new online payment system (AGORA) for school dinners, and I would like to thank the parents/carers of Key Stage 2 who have signed up for this option, which is really helping our finance team.

On Wednesday we were visited by a headteacher from a Suffolk school, who was thoroughly impressed by our children in their lessons. He was particularly complimentary about the pupils' engagement in their learning, their ability to talk about their learning and the impeccable manners on display. You should all be very proud of your children.

Reception classes held their Pirate Day today, and the children looked fantastic in their hats. Throughout the week the children have been making eye patches, hats and biscuits, and have participated in a treasure hunt. They looked like they were having so much fun.

I would like to remind Year 6 parents that Clacton County High School are hosting an Open Evening on Thursday 28th September, from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm.

Mr Bradley

School Dinner Menu

Week beginning 25th September:

Week 1

We are a Nut Free School

Some of our pupils have a severe allergy to nuts. We kindly request that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, for their snacks or in their packed lunches.

For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.

Club News

Tag Rugby and Netball Club will start the first week in October.

Letters will be sent home to invited children by the end of September.

The PE Team.

A list of all the after school clubs can be found on our school website.

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.

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

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.

Reception Parents

Don't forget, our Reception children will be featured in the Gazette's Early Starters Picture Special. This will be on sale on Tuesday 26th September.

Year 5 school trip

If you haven't paid for Monday's trip yet, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 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.

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.