



Welcome back to the start of a new academic year, I hope you all had a relaxing summer break!

This half-termly newsletter outlines up and coming events for the term and gives you a few dates for your diaries so please do make a note of these.

As last year we will use parent mail (our texting / emailing) service to keep you updated. Please ensure all of your details are kept up to date so you don't miss out on information. If you have any queries / issues regarding parent mail please contact Ms Pearson in the school office.

Another way of gaining information is through our school website: [www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk](http://www.easthanningfield.essex.sch.uk).

### Car Parking

Once again I write to ask parents not to park on the double yellow lines outside school.

Poor parking is not only annoying as it causes problems for other drivers trying to enter or exit the car park but it is unsafe for children and pedestrians.

Therefore please can I ask that if walking to school is not an option then to only park your car in the village hall car park and walk safely along the back path by the park, entering school by the back gate. Thank you.

### No Smoking Zone

Can I remind parents that the school is a no smoking zone, this includes E-cigarettes.

### Social Media

As you will be fully aware, the internet has become a powerful tool to connect and to share ideas and opinions. In recent years, social networking sites such as Facebook have grown in popularity and many people use them to communicate with family, friends and others.

The vast majority of people who use social networking show respect in their communication with others and this is something that we must encourage to show our children that we are positive 'digital role models'. However, like other aspects of society, there are people who disregard the rules set and will use social networking sites to cyber bully, harass or stalk others.

Recently, there have been a number of high-profile cases in the media where people have used the internet to intimidate and bully others. These have been investigated by the police and, in some instances, have led to criminal prosecutions.

As a school, we encourage parents to support us with the education and wellbeing of their children and if at any time, parents feel that they have any issues regarding their child's education, they should make an appointment with me.

As a community, we should all frown upon the use of social networking sites by parents to criticise and make unsubstantiated comments about religions, the school or members of staff.

May I also remind you that if you wish to upload a photo of your child taken in school you must check to ensure there are no other children in the background and if there are you must get permission from their parents before posting.

In school we ask you do not take photos unless a member of staff has given permission. No photographs are to be taken in our sharing assemblies or church services. All other events we will let you know if and when photographs can be taken. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Harvest Festival



We will be holding our Harvest Festival service at All Saints Church on Tuesday 2nd October at 9.15am. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

We are joining the church in collecting harvest gifts of dried, tinned or bottled food items for the Roberts Family Trust. The Roberts Family adopt and foster children from very difficult backgrounds, they are a registered charity and over the years have helped many children in need. Gifts can be brought into school on the morning of the Harvest Festival.

## School Meals

Those children in classes 1 & 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. Children have a choice of 2 hot meals every day, one is either meat or fish and the other is a vegetarian dish. Alternatively children can bring in their own packed lunch or order the 'baguette of the day'.

Children in KS2 have to pay for their school dinners unless they are entitled to a free school meal. Baguettes can still be ordered and paid for on the day at £2.00. (If you think you may be entitled to a free school meal please contact the school office).

If your child has ordered a school meal then they must have it. We will have pre-ordered the ingredients and therefore it will cause the school to lose money if your child doesn't have their ordered meal. We thank you for your co-operation.

## Parent Celebration Assemblies

This term we will hold 2 parent assemblies where the classes share their learning. We will be holding a crèche for toddlers to enable parents to relax and enjoy the assembly. These assemblies start at 9.10am and are usually over by 10am at the latest.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

## Clubs

Club assembly was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Forms are to be back by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September and all clubs start week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> September except for Church club that starts the following week.

Please see club letters sent home for more details.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Music All School	Mon	3.15 – 4.00	Mr Burdge
Lego	Mon	3.15 – 4.00	Mrs Thomas
Dodge Ball	Tues	8.00- 8.45	Premier Sports
Netball	Tues	3.15- 4.00	Mrs James
Dance	Wed	8.00- 8.45	Xpress Dance
Gym All School	Thurs	8.00 - 8.45	Premier Sports
Art & Craft All School	Thurs	3.15 – 4.00	Mrs Dawes
Film Club	Thurs	3.15- 4.00	Mrs Whitaker
Football All School	Thurs	3.15 – 4.00	Chelmsford City FC



In support of Macmillan Cancer Support we will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 5th October 2018 to raise money for the charity. It will be held in the school hall from 9am and those children who have parents in the hall will be brought through to join them after registration. **Please donate a cake and bring on the day for us to sell.** We will also hold a non-uniform day for the children and ask for a £1 donation, **all funds raised to go to Macmillan.**

### Bags 2 School



Bags 2 School will be collecting on Monday 5th November, bags will be sent out in book bags before half term.

### Letters

Please ensure that all letters sent home that require a response are sent back to the school by the required date given.

Please can we remind you, if you haven't already, to return your dinner menus and the data collection sheets asap.

### School Uniform

We have a strict uniform policy in school. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately every day.

No child should wear jewellery in school. A sensible wrist watch is allowed. If a child has earrings they can only be small studs that must be removed for PE and swimming. Hair styles should be sensible no pattern designs if short. Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied up, using a small hairband.

Summer uniform will continue until October half term. After half term all children must wear;

KS1 - Blue polo top, grey trousers or skirt, navy jumper or cardigan. Black sensible shoes (no trainers). Grey, navy, black or white socks / tights.

KS2 -Blue shirt (not a polo top), school tie, grey trousers or skirt, navy jumper or cardigan. Black sensible shoes (no trainers). Grey, navy, black or white socks / tights.

Girls are allowed to wear summer blue checked dresses weather permitting until half term. They must not wear cycle shorts underneath. Girls can wear grey shorts in the warm weather if they feel more comfortable. KS2 children can wear blue polo tops without ties until October half term.

Every child must have a PE kit in school every day. This must contain, a white t-shirt / polo top, blue shorts and a pair of black plimsolls. KS2 children require a pair of jogging bottoms also.

**Please ensure your child has a coat or waterproof in school every day as learning does take place outside as well as inside.**

**Autumn Term diary dates are attached to this letter**

*Miss Kerry Collins - Headteacher*