

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 9th September 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of the new academic year during which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sadly died. Today, Friday 9th September, we marked this momentous moment in British history with a special assembly to celebrate Her Majesty's laudable life and the character strengths by which she became loved and respected, globally. After a minute's silence, we prayed for her family, remembering that she was also a daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. We look forward to the coronation of our new king, Charles III.

Already, pupils have made a fantastic beginning, settling into their new classes, purposefully. Their new teachers report that they have made an excellent start in following the class expectations for behaviour and learning. We are delighted that attendance has been so good which means pupils are enjoying their right to education. We have also welcomed many parents and carers into the school for the year group meetings; we would like to thank you for attending, demonstrating your commitment to working in partnership with the school.

A warm welcome to children and their families who are new to our school community; we look forward to a long and successful relationship with you and your children. Next week, Reception pupils will begin their full day of learning, as well as staying for lunch. We would like all parents to go through the menu with their children during the weekend, and discuss the food choices on offer. Lunch menus can be found on the school website.

### The Power of Reading



Reading is an essential skill to your child's future success. One of the greatest gifts parents can give to their children is regular shared reading together. This has positive benefits for well-being: comfort, reassurance, confidence, security, relaxation, happiness and fun. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary and feeds the imagination. This is why we prioritise reading at Essex. Take a look inside our amazing new school library! Our creative teachers have also been busy planning their own class book corners to inspire pupils with a

lifelong love of reading for pleasure. We know Essex parents go the extra mile for their children and we hope that you will make time to share stories and listen to them read, daily.

### Healthy Packed Lunches

Essex Primary School is a Healthy School; it is also "nut free" because a number of our children have severe allergies to nuts. It is very important that parents/carers of children who have packed lunches ensure they do not include any items that contain nuts. To ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch you can visit this website for some great healthy tips and menu choices. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#jTjmDVEf8dXtIslj.97>



### **Sports Clubs**

We are pleased to welcome our new sports coaches, Louis Allen, Lisa Lewis, Eliana Sanchez and Adam Hannachi. This year we are delighted to be adding yoga to the PE curriculum offer.

### **School Clubs (Week beginning 12th September)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Football Year 3&4: Table Tennis	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Netball Year 3&4: Handball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Years 1&2: Handball Year 5&6: Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6: Table Tennis Years 5&6: Competition Football
<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Hockey Year 5&6: Girls Football	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Hockey Year 3&4: Multi-skills KS2: Dance	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Multi-skills Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Netball	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 5&6: Multi-skills	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girls Football KS2: Gymnastics Year 5&6: Hockey

### **Attendance Matters!**



### **Every Student, Every School, Every day**

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	93.3	1R	95.0	3R	88.0	5A	95.4
NNpm	95.3	1A	91.0	3A	81.1	5M	92.9
NSam	97.6	1B	96.7	3L	86.7	5Q	99.3
NSpm	81.6	1S	89.0	3S	92.1	5H	96.3
RM	94.6	2K	96.0	4M	89.7	6H	95.9
RF	87.4	2C	84.0	4H	93.2	6B	95.7
RT	97.9	2A	85.7	4B	98.3	6P	95.9
RR	91.8	2N	82.7	4F	92.7	6C	95.0
Whole School			92.1%				

*Mrs Cecilia Mojzes*  
Executive Head Teacher

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