



Newsletter

Week 33 9th June 2017

Message from SLT

Yet another very busy week – the work never stops! We have had a lot of visitors in the school this week including school governors and a Theatre Group. Sadly, we were also visited by some uninvited guests very early on Wednesday morning, who smashed some doors and windows. Fortunately, they were unable to remove anything of value as we don't keep any cash on the premises. Thank you for all the kind offers of help and support during this challenging situation; the solidarity shown by our community was much appreciated. We apologise for any inconvenience caused with communication issues experienced on Wednesday morning - this was unfortunately beyond our control.

On a positive note, Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Langdon Hills and showed exemplary behaviour, as our children always do.

Thank you for your support with the Book Fair. This will continue until Monday, so please come along after school if you haven't already done so.

Assembly focuses for this half term are around Changes and the preparation of the children for the coming year as they reflect on all they have achieved and how they have changed.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Reception news

This week in Reception we have been set lots of challenges by Jolly Roger the Pirate! We have been practising reading and using a range of tricky words in our independent writing. Poor Jolly Roger's ship had a hole in it, so we each designed a brand new ship with special features that we wrote about. In maths we have been looking at money and how we use it. We have set up our own shops and practised adding together different coins to make the same amount. We were also very lucky this week as our parents and carers came into school to see our Learning Journeys so far. They were very impressed at all the hard work we have been doing!

Year 6 news

This week Year Six have had a busy week, even though the SATs are over! In English we have been creating film reviews about some short films we have watched; let us just say that some of the children are really hard to impress and they have been rather critical of some of the films we have watched, however some of them enjoyed the clip. Despite the contrasting views, the children have created interesting film reviews. Year Six have also been incredibly lucky because starting this week, they will be having private cricket lessons from an ex-cricket player - these will continue until the end of term. The pupils really enjoyed their first session and they are looking forward to the rest of them. In science this week we have been exploring how we look and inheritance; we have been trying to work out which features we inherited from our parents as well as the features we acquired as we have grown up - this has caused some interesting debates.

Mobile 'Phones

As you are aware when children come into school with their mobile 'phone they are requested to leave them at the Reception area. It has been noticed that some children are using their 'phones during break times—please remind your child to take their 'phone to the Reception area first thing in the morning. Thank you.

School Payments

From September 2017 all school trip and dinner money payments will have to be made electronically via School Comms. You will need to register an account with the email address that we have at school. If you need any help please contact the school office.

Donations

As you should all be aware we have a 'wild garden area' at East Tilbury School, in which the children help to weed, plant and grow a variety of plants. We are in need of some donations of wellington boots in all sizes so the children are able to go out to the garden in all weathers. If you have any at home that no longer fit your child we would be most grateful if you would drop them in to the main office area. Thank you in advance for your donations.



You are invited to join us for our next Parent Forum meeting



When? Wednesday 21st June 2017 10am

What is on the agenda? The parents have requested a discussion on disability awareness. We have a guest speaker attending from Sheffield University with a research background in this area.

Where? Beacon Hill Academy Mainsite Parent Room Erriff Drive, South Ockendon, RM15 5AY

Who? Any Beacon Hill parent/carer and any parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs in Thurrock

We look forward to seeing you then!

Very Best Wishes From:

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School Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st June 2017—EYFS Sports Day—1.45-2.45pm; gates open for parents/carers 1.30-1.40pm
 Friday 23rd June 2017—KS1 Sports Day—9.00-10.45am; gates open for parents/carers 9.00-9.10am
 Friday 23rd June 2017—KS2 Sports Day—1.00-3.00pm; gates open for parents/carers 1.00-1.10pm
 Monday 3rd—Friday 7th July 2017—St Cleres transition week
 Tuesday 4th July 2017—Whole school transition day
 Tuesday 4th July 2017—new Reception children induction day

Celebration of Achievement

Very well done to Scarlett W in 1RJ for collecting two awards at a ballet presentation over the week-end. Scarlett has only been attending ballet lessons for two months—what a great achievement!



Stars of the Week

RG—Chase, RR—Rebecca, RS—Perla, 1AA—Velsie, 1EG—Bella, 1JP—Caiden, 1RJ—Georgia, 2AP—Arianna, 2JC—Amber and 2LF—Dylan.

Collection of Children

Where possible please refrain from collecting children from the office area at the end of the school day. This is a very busy area with visitors, staff and parents/carers, therefore we request that when you think you are going to be late collecting your child you can still collect from the classroom. Just notify the office that you are running late and we can inform class teachers. Only in exceptional circumstances should children be collected from the office. Thank you for your understanding.

PFA Summer Bounce - 30th June

You should have received a letter about the summer bounce today. All castles will be supervised by the bouncy castle company, but if anyone is able to help clear up after the event it would be greatly appreciated. There is a no smoking policy, including vaping and no alcohol should be consumed on school grounds. Anyone found doing any of these things may be asked to leave. Children must be accompanied by an adult over 18 and parents/carers are responsible for their children. The summer bounce is always enjoyed by the children and their families so please support this event. Please book your tickets before 24th June to save money. Thank you, The PFA team.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **RS for achieving the highest attendance with 96.7%**. Very well done everyone!! **4AF** closely followed with **96.5%**.

As you can see from the table below there were **9 classes** whose attendance last week was **below 90.0%** and **only 3 classes** that have shown an **improvement**.

Whole school attendance for this academic year has **fallen again** and is now only **94.4%**. This figure is predominantly due to significant leave being taken during term time.

KS1 ATTENDANCE – Friday 26th May 2017 —Thursday 8th June 2017							
RG	RR	RS	RT	1AA	1EG	1JP	1RJ
87.2% ↓	86.0% ↓	96.7% ↓	91.3% ↓	85.2% ↓	85.4% ↓	94.8% ↑	90.7% ↓
2AP	2JC	2LF					
91.4% ↓	84.3% ↓	92.2% ↓					

KS2 ATTENDANCE – Friday 26th May 2017—Thursday 8th June 2017						
3AP	3HM	3RM	3SH	4AF	4AW	4BG
86.9% ↑	93.6% ↓	90.8% ↓	92.3% ↓	96.5% ↓	92.3% ↓	86.4% ↓
5DL	5KF	5RM	5VP	6CP	6LC	6RM
94.1% ↓	91.1% ↓	92.2% ↑	95.6% ↓	93.6% ↔	88.0% ↓	88.9% ↓

PFA Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th June—Summer Bounce

Weather Safety

As the weather continues to be warm as we move into our summer, we would like to remind parents/carers to ensure their child has some once-a-day sun cream applied in the mornings and children are sent to school with a sun hat. Thank you.

Money, Money, Money

This morning, Miss Coldwells's maths group acted as shop assistants to help Year 1 learn about money. The Year 6 pupils had a variety of items to sell, such as: rulers, wooden shapes, bananas, cuddly toys, number fans and dice. The Year 1 pupils were given a set amount of money to spend, so they could learn about getting change if they gave more money than the price of the object they were buying and a very important lesson about money - eventually it runs out! This was a fantastic lesson for both the Year 6 and Year 1 pupils.



Book Fair

Final day for our book fair is Monday 12th June. Please come along and see the great variety of books on offer.

Lost Property

Lost property will be set out on tables after school in the KS2 playground on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June. Any items that are not collected by Thursday 15th June by 3.45pm will be disposed of, so please make sure you have a look if you are missing any of your child's school items. Thank you.