

**Message from Mr. Martinson**

Welcome back to the first full week. It's been a great week and the atmosphere in the classrooms and around the school is very positive. We had a whole school assembly on Monday about New Beginnings and the children visualised themselves being successful. This led to the amazing 'can do' attitudes of the Olympic and Paralympic teams.

We've had visits and meetings with our new Reception parents and enjoyed an open morning to showcase our increasingly popular Nursery provision.

Events and performances

You will see a list of events for this term attached to this newsletter. Please take note of these. You will notice that we are changing the performances. We will now focus the performances so that Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 do a Christmas performance, Year 3 and 4 will perform at the end of Spring, leaving the grand finale to year 5 and 6 in the Summer term. This gives more time for learning for the older children and gives more focussed and polished performances with more children having speaking parts than before.

Breakfast Club

You may have seen on the last Newsletter that we are starting Breakfast Club from 7:30am. This must be pre-booked with the office so that we can assign adequate staff to it. I'm hoping that the new time will help parents who work and a good start for the children who join us.

Clubs

The Deanes School are providing a number of clubs to run during the Autumn term. There are two after school clubs for children in KS2 (years 3-6). A fitness club on Mondays and Athletics Challenge on Thursdays. As places are limited, could you please let the office know if you would like your child to attend. Children will need to be collected promptly at 4:15 from the Southwick Building front door when the clubs have ended. A change of clothes and water bottle should be brought for these clubs.

We are also running lunchtime clubs for all children from Monday to Thursday. Children will not need to wear PE

kits for these and they will run on a first come, first serve basis.

A football club will be running in the near future, details to be provided soon.

Earrings & Jewellery

As a school we must adhere to guidance from the Essex County Council Corporate Health & Safety Team.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during P.E. lessons and swimming lessons.

We are also unable to tape over earrings.

Staff are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves.

If children remove their earring themselves while in school, staff cannot be held responsible for any losses.

Pupils should avoid wearing earrings on days when P.E. lessons are planned or when they are participating in sporting events, including swimming lessons.

Any children who come to school on a PE day and are unable to remove them will not be able to take part in PE.

Can I also advise parents/carers that other than one pair of small plain silver or gold coloured stud earrings and a watch no further items of jewellery should be worn to school.

Secondary School Admissions

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 10th September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2022.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. Applications can be made online via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>



Our award winner for the last week of the Summer Term:
Bronze - Mia Lewis-Allen



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

1/2DF	Jayden Howe
1/2K	Eris Coates
3R	Levi Chatterton
3T	Ann-Marie Awere
4P	Connor Barringer
5B	Toby Amey
5C	Catherine Gamble
6FR	Lara Garrett
6PR	Tyler Barringer



We have decided to give Accelerated Reader a bit of a revamp.

We are changing the certificates and rewards slightly:

- 50% - bronze certificate
- 100% - silver certificate & bookmark
- 150% - gold certificate
- 200% - AR Fluffy
- 250% - AR key ring

Millionaires will get a £10 voucher and will then go into a draw at the end of the year to win a kindle.

By half term all the children should be on at least 50% of their targets and by the end of term on 100%.

Those children who are at 50% or more at half term and those that are at 100% or more at the end of term will receive an extra playtime.

Reading is a very important life skill. Please encourage your children to read as much as possible.



FAREWELL TO THE HARES

FRIDAY 24TH SEPT - SUNDAY 26TH SEPT
CRICKET PAVILION, GARON PARK, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA SS2 4FA

Join us as we bid a fond farewell to our Hares and Leverets before they hop off to their new homes. A unique opportunity to see all 30 Hares and the 57 Leverets together as well as attractions, activities, entertainment and lots to eat and drink.

Bring your friends and family for a great day out.

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