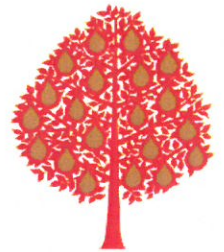




*'Be safe, be kind.
Listen and think a lot.
Be your best!'*



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Whole School Trip

Last week I wrote to you with details of this year's whole school trip. As I said, we will all be visiting Layer Marney Tower on Thursday 8th June.

We have asked the children and staff to be dressed in Tudor costumes and sensible trainers for walking. The children will be learning about and tasting Tudor food, learning about armour, playing Tudor games including Maypole dancing, climbing the tower and having a go at archery, so practical shoes are important.

You can appreciate that organising this trip is rather complex.

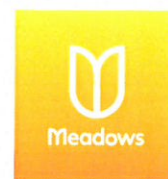
Coaches have already been booked and all the teachers and LSA's will naturally be accompanying the children. However, we will need some volunteers in addition to staff. Those of you who help in school and hold a DBS from Essex County Council will be our first port of call. If we need any other volunteers I will let you know.

Let's hope the sun shines and the children won't need coats.



Meadows Shop for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who has been shopping at the Meadows shopping centre and been collecting and posting the tokens into our box. Next week in the Essex Chronicle there is a Shop for Schools voucher which is worth five tokens! Please collect as many as possible and drop them into school to help push us up the leader board! Your help is much appreciated.



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- 1 May—Bank Holiday
- 4 May—Thursday After-school Club starts 3-3.45pm
- 25 May—Last club night
- 26 May—Ruby Class assembly 9.15am
- 26 May—Last Day Half Term
- 5 June—Non pupil day
- 6 June—Children back to school
- 7 June—Yr2 Mini Olympics
- 8 June—Whole School Trip Layer Marney Towers
- 9 June—KS1 swimming starts
- 9 June—Movie night (details to follow)
- 15 June—1.30pm Infant school sports day
- 16 June—Inflatables day 3—5.30pm
- 22 June—Class photos
- 23 June—9.15am Topaz Class assembly
- 30 June—reserve sports day
- 6 July—Year 2 & Year 3 disco at the junior school (details to follow)
- 13 July—Open Evening and move around day
- 14 July—Last swimming

Splish splash!

After half term, the year 1 and year 2 children will be swimming once again. We will be using The Boswells School swimming pool for six weeks of lessons with qualified instructors.

The children really enjoy this activity

although it does make them rather tired! Swimming is not part of the infant curriculum but I feel it would be very beneficial for the KS1 children to have this opportunity. The Foundation Stage children will get their chance next year.

I hope as many children as possible will take part in this extra activity. Confidence in the water is an essential life skill.



A few reminders.....

Reading Skills

This final term is always extremely busy for both the staff and children. However, there won't be any relaxation in the classroom. The children are all working hard, and will be right up until the end of term.

At school all the staff work tirelessly to teach the children reading skills through phonics, guided reading and grammar lessons and games.

Reading only at school however is not enough for the children to perfect the fluency and reading comprehension skills that they will need in later life.

Please can I ask you to encourage your children to read to an adult or older sibling at home at least 5 times a week (only for 10 minutes each time).

We would appreciate your support with this. Like I said, it is vital that the children read regularly at home to enhance their learning in the classroom. Please can you also remember to record that your child has read in their reading diary. This is extremely helpful information for the teachers.



Millions of vouchers! I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have given the school Sainsbury's vouchers. The only drawback is of course that every single one of them has to be counted! It is a gigantic task! So is there anyone who would help us out by counting the vouchers and putting them into bundles? Mrs Mears will be thrilled with any willing volunteers. This is the last week for the vouchers to be collected at Sainsbury's.

The A-Z Sponsored Competition

Over the Easter holidays we set an A-Z sponsored competition. The children worked extremely hard with these and produced some excellent work. Some of the ideas for the trickier letters were very inventive! The A-Z posters are all currently being displayed in the school hall for the children to look at. It is lovely to hear the children complimenting each others hard work.

It was extremely difficult to select only one winner from each year

group and Mrs Bowen our PE teacher spent a considerable amount of time judging them.

The winners received some art and craft prizes and were:

Foundation Stage—Florence (Ruby Class)

Year 1—Nancy (Sapphire Class)

Year 2—Luke (Pearl Class)

CONGRATULATIONS!

All of the children who took part also received a certificate and

sticker for all their hard work. The hall looks fabulous!

The sponsorship money is still coming in. Please can I just remind anyone who still hasn't sent this in that there is still time to do so.

The Big Question



Our Core Value for this half term is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We will be thinking about our own responsibilities at home and at school. We will also think about the responsibilities of the Prime Minister and The Royal

Family. This week we have been thinking about how we can be a responsible friend by being kind to everyone and letting everyone join in. This week I will be looking for children who are being responsible around school for my Headteacher certificates.

Some of the children have been devising their own Big Questions for the school. This weeks Big Question to discuss in school and at home is **WOULD YOU CHOOSE NO SWEETS OR NO TELEVISION?** A very tricky question!

Great Baddow Charity Races

On Sunday 14th May at 11am there is the Edmund Carr Great Baddow charity races. There is a 2 mile fun run and a 10 mile road race. This charity supports Home-start Chelmsford, Kid's Inspire, League of Friends of Hargrave House and Chelmsford Mildmay Charity Trust. If you would like to enter please go to: www.baddowraces.org.uk