

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for this academic year. We thank many staff and children for contributing to this newsletter.



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we have already reached the October half term. It has, as always, been a busy one. I hope you all enjoyed the parent meetings: this year we decided to hold them earlier than usual, to get the year off to a good start. The Nursery and Reception class have been brilliant and settled well. They are very much a part of the school and we are all very proud of them.

Here are a few updates:

- **Houses of Parliament**

I had a very memorable visit on Monday, visiting the Houses of Parliament with our Key Stage 2 School Councillors. We learnt lots about the democratic process and history of the Palace of Westminster. We also had our lunch with Giles Watling, our local MP who answered questions from the children. They were an absolute credit to the school and are going to be an amazing School Council. I am arranging a trip in the summer term for last year's School Council to go to the Houses of Parliament, as they have not yet been.

- **Maths**

We have moved away from Maths Whizz and will now be using a programme called 'Times Table Rock Stars'. From 2020 the government are bringing in a new statutory times-table test for Year 4, so it is important that the children prepare for this. It will be useful for all the children, as once they know their times-tables they can access most areas of the maths curriculum with speed. We are also working on the correct formation of the numbers as sometimes it is hard for the staff to read the children's work. We would welcome your support with this.

- **New Parent Governor**

We welcome to our Governing Body, Mrs. Helen Olney. She is our new Parent Governor and will bring many skills and areas of knowledge.

- **Secondary School Applications – Year 6**

If you have a child in Year 6, then please ensure you have made your application by 31st October. You can do this on-line at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

This is a worrying and growing concern in education. If you have any concerns then you will find out more information on the CSE hotline 01245 452058, which is run by Essex Police. Also, of course, I am always here to talk to you if you have any concerns.

- **Financial Situation**

Our budget continues to be very tight and we are having to find lots of different ways of trying to make and save money. Could I gently remind you that if you haven't yet made the £5 voluntary contribution via School Comms, then we very much appreciate you doing so.

- **Healthy Snack for KS2**

Please could you give your child either fruit or vegetables for their morning snack, as we are struggling to keep the options healthy. Please note they are not allowed to take crisps etc. out of their lunch box. They can also purchase healthy items from our tuck trolley for 30p per item.

- **Memorial Services 11th November at Little Clacton Memorial at 12.30 p.m.**

I shall be attending this Remembrance Day Service, which is of special significance this year, as it is 100 years since the First World War ended. It would be wonderful if lots of our children and families attended the Memorial Service (in uniform) to help pay our respects and join in with the commemorations of our local community.

Lastly, may I wish you all a lovely half-term and hope you have perhaps managed to take advantage of a cheaper holiday, through the bolt-on non-pupil days. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 31st October.**

J.Irwin

Houses of Parliament Trip



On Monday the 15th October the Key Stage 2 members of the School Council went on a special trip to the houses of Parliament. We were very lucky as we got to look around the building and meet Giles Watling, who is our local MP, and ask him lots of questions about what he does. We all had a lovely day and would like to thank the teachers who took us. Ms Irwin, Mrs Hipkin and Mrs Aldorino

Engaines Nursery News

What a super start to Nurseries new year. The children have now settled in really well and are working on learning the routine and golden rules.

We have been covering Phase one phonics and thoroughly enjoyed making music and playing listening games.

After half term we will be starting to learn our Christmas songs. I know that seems really early but some children only attend one session so won't get as much practice.

On that note, as many of your children have turned three, they will be entitled to 15 hours free funding from January. Please make sure you book any extras via Mrs Hyde in the office.

Spaces are limited so please book as soon as possible.

Mrs Williams.



School Website/Jotter

We are now using School Jotter as our main route of communication. If you haven't already done so, please download the app from your app store and select Engaines Primary School.

Ensure you have 'notifications' turned on for the app, as we regularly send messages, news and letters throughout the day.



Engaines

Halloween Menu

WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Main Meal

Creepy Cheeseburgers
(or plain burger)

Witches (potato) Wedges

Cackling Corn on the Cob

Dessert

Goochy Eye Brownies

Jacket Potato available























When we return to school on the 31st October it will be Halloween and we have a themed menu for this day. See poster.

Thursday 1st November - Spaghetti Bolognese

















Friday 2nd November - Fish Fingers & Chips

NEW MENUS FROM MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

WEEK 1 WINTER MENU 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza 	Homemade Sausage roll/Vegetarian Sausage roll 	Roast Gammon or Turkey Yorkshire Pudding Rich Gravy 	Spaghetti Bolognese or Macaroni Cheese 	The best chicken nuggets in town 
Corn on the cob 	Herby diced potatoes 	Vegetable Puff 	Garlic Bread 	Chips 
Pasta 	Beans or sweetcorn 	Roast Potatoes Vegetables 	Fairy Cakes 	Spaghetti Hoops 
Ice cream pots 	Angel delight 	Watermelon 		Chocolate Brownie 
 Also available Daily; Jacket Potato with various fillings and a Salad Bar/ Fresh Bread Fresh fruit and Yoghurt – Milk/Water/Orange/Blackcurrant squash				

This is the new Winter Menu, you will notice a few changes. We have discussed this change with the School Council who in turn spoke to their classes and they like the idea of having a roast dinner every other week.

Paper copies can be found in the office, please feel free to come and take one.

WEEK 2 WINTER MENU 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Pasta or Tomato Pasta 	All Day Breakfast Sausage/Vegetarian Sausage, bacon, egg, beans 	Chicken Wraps Or Vegetable Puff 	Butchers Sausage/Vegetarian Sausage in a Hot Dog roll 	Omega 3 Fish Fingers 
Garlic Bread 	Mini potato waffles 	Rice 	Corn on the Cob 	Vegetable Nuggets 
Shortbread Biscuit 	Fruit Smoothies 	Caramel Cake 	Arctic Roll 	Crispy Chips Garden Peas Beans 
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Finance Update

Clubs - After meeting with the Parent Forum, Mrs Irwin agreed to stop charging for football, netball and choir. Most credit balances have now been transferred but if you have a credit balance please contact the office.

Pre-Booking Clubs - Please ensure you are pre-booking clubs, This enables us to have the right number of staff on duty to look after the children. Failure to do so could incur an administration fee of £1.50.

Dinners - If your dinner balance is larger than £10.00, you **MUST** provide your child with a packed lunch until the balance is paid in full. We will **NOT** provide a hot meal. We will contact you and ask you to bring in a packed lunch if one isn't provided.

Mersea - Next years Mersea trip will be on 16th September. The cost of the trip is £295.00. This is paid in instalments. Non-refundable deposit of £50.00 by 7th December, then £85.00 by 8th February, £80.00 by 5th April and the balance of £80.00 by 7th June.

Free School Meals—if you think you may be eligible , please contact Essex County Council via their website.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx>

Girls Football

The girls have had an excellent start to the season. They attended a football tournament at The Colne School, Brighlingsea on 5th October 2018.

The girls travelled by mini bus for a 3.30pm kick off against lots of local schools including; Cann Hall, Brighlingsea, Elmstead Market and Great Bentley. We won all of our matches, scored over 20 goals and only let in two. This excellent play made us the **Tournament Winners**.

Our team players are;

Joy Hughes

Chloe Green

Kenna Randell

Grace Key

Natasha Senchell

Charlotte Hyde

Alice Beckham



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Costumes should be light-coloured and flame resistant with reflective strips so that children are more easily seen at night. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!).



Remind children to keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)



Remind children to walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks - not in the street.



Provide yourself or the children with a flashlight to see better and to be better seen.



Have children plan their route and share it with you and the family.



Remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.



Make sure children know they should accept treats at the door and must not get into cars or enter the homes or apartments of strangers.



Trick or Treaters should travel in groups of four or five. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.



Explain to children that calls should be made along one side of the street first and then the other, and that it's best to cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks.



Set agreed-to boundaries with your children. Explain the importance of staying within them and arriving home on time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19th October 2018 - Non-pupil Day
22nd October 2018 - Half Term
29th & 30th October 2018 - Non-pupil Days

31st October 2018 - Fire Safety Assembly

7th November 2018 - SEN Coffee Morning/Sleep & Behaviour 9am
8th November 2018 - Mersea Meeting for Year 5's @ 3.30pm, Year 6 @ 4.00pm
9th November 2018 - Firework Display 7.30pm
20th November 2018 - Open Day for New Parents @ 2pm
27th November 2018 - Open Day for New Parents @ 9.30am

5th December 2018 - Open Day for New Parents @ 9.30am
5th December 2018 - SEN Coffee Morning

10th December 2018 - KS1 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal @ 1.30pm
10th December 2018 - LKS2 (years 3&4) Carol Service @ St James Church

11th December 2018 - KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm

12th December 2018 - Flu Immunisations
12th December 2018 - Whole school Xmas Dinner
12th December 2018 - Whole school Victorian Christmas Market 3.30pm

13th December 2018 - KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm

14th December 2018 - Xmas Jumper Day
14th December 2018 - UKS2 Xmas Performance Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am
14th December 2018 - Xmas Disco 3.30-4.30/4.45-6.00

17th December 2018 - UKS2 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm

18th December 2018 - UKS2 Christmas Performance @ 2.00pm

19th December 2018 - Panto - Beauty and the Beast by West End in Schools

20th December 2018 - Xmas Holidays

1st February 2019 - Quiz Night
14th February 2019 - Valentines Disco

15th March 2019 - Red Nose Day
27th March 2019 - Mothers Day Lunch

3rd April 2019 - Mothers Day Lunch

12th June 2019 - Fathers Day Lunch
19th June 2019 - Fathers Day Lunch

Class Attendance Autumn Term



Congratulations to Miss Waltham's class for achieving the top slot for attendance!!!

Class	Number of pupils with 100% attendance for this term	Number of pupils with 100% attendance for the current year	Class Attendance for the year
Miss Blunden	21	21	95.39%
Mrs Elmer	14	14	94.82%
Mrs Nunn	15	15	96.00%
Mr Lehain	17	17	97.25%
Mrs Ford	11	11	95.16%
Ms Warnes	18	18	97.92%
Miss Waltham	20	20	98.67%
Mr Rossett	15	15	96.65%
Mr O'Brien	16	16	97.31%
Mrs Wainwright	15	15	96.46%

Engaines Fabulous Firework Extravaganza

Friday 9th November @ 7.30pm

Gates open @ 6.30pm

Ticket Prices

Adult £7.0 Child £5.00 Family Ticket £22.00

(limited availability)

BBQ, Tombola, Glow Sticks

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance from the office - card payments accepted.