



# MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship*

## Upcoming Dates

<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parent Forum Evening 5pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Coffee morning – Zones of Regulation (details to follow)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	'Meet the Teacher' Parents Evening 3- 6pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu vaccinations
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual School Photos
<b>16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Maths Week (details to follow)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non Pupil Day
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	New starters Coffee morning
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parent Forum Evening 5pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Coffee Morning OPAL Playgrounds
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance 10am (details to follow)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Performance 10am (details to follow)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term – School finishes 12:30pm

## Headteacher message

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2023-24 academic year and, for our 'experienced' families, a new style of newsletter which will be sent out more frequently as we look to further develop communication between home and school.

It has been so wonderful to welcome all our students old and new over the past week, I cannot begin to explain the 'buzz' that now exists within the school, a real hive of positivity, excitement and hard work.

Now that the timetable has begun for children and we are back to the routine of lessons, movement between lessons for our senior children, horse riding and swimming, I really look forward to seeing the potential of our students over the coming weeks and watch them strive for excellence in all that they do.

As always, should you wish to contact myself, please do so using the school number, my email address: [ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk) or using the messaging feature on Class Dojo.



**Welcome to our new staff -** As is typical for September, we welcome lots of new staff. Our new teachers: Helen Georgiou, Billy Stock, Alex O'Connell, Eloise Stimson, Patricia Meares-Young, Amanda Townley, Stacey Durrant, and Kirsty Jayne Vince. We also welcome temporarily Gemma Rutley and Mia McCann to our teaching teams until Christmas.

We say hello to our new LSAs: Miss Piper-Jayne, Miss Marie, Miss Amy, Miss Lowe, Miss Pearce, Mrs Ferris, Miss Hopwood, Ms Nujeerallee, Mr Billy, Mrs Hatton, Ms Lamb and Mrs Jo.

To our admin team we welcome Jo Mabbott, Angela McGurl and Sarah Rogers and to Speech and Language we welcome Amalia Donnelly.

We are excited about the potential of all our new staff members.

## 10% Braver



Our school theme for the year is pushing yourself that little bit further, being 10% braver (or a little bit braver) for growth. This has been introduced to both staff and students, with all being encouraged to push themselves towards their own personal excellence. This may be academic, social or emotional and can cover a wide spectrum.

Examples include an improved accreditation offer for our Key Stage 4 children, staff asking to learn to drive the minibus, our new prefect system which is being brought in for year 6 children – the opportunities are endless! I look forward to sharing examples of how students and staff have reached their 10% over the year.

## Building Improvements

As discussed at the end of last year, our CCTV network was improved over the Summer to include cameras in all classroom areas as well as enhancing the existing network in corridors and playgrounds. We hope that the CCTV will never have to be used but it is reassuring to have it in place for the safety of students and staff.



**Respite 'The Bungalow'** We were delighted to accept the keys to our new respite house over the Summer. For now, this will be used as our Key Stage 5 Autism Hub during the day whilst the process of opening it as a Respite House is explored. For now, Archie, Tom and David are keeping busy as they practice their life-skills as part of their curriculum offer.

## Parent Forum

I will be holding a parent forum once a half term at 5pm in the hall. This is an opportunity to hear about school and curriculum improvements. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day. The forum will last approximately half an hour. Unfortunately, there will be no staff to supervise children so we would encourage children not coming to this session.

## Snack

School will no longer be providing a morning snack (except for children in the Autism bases) as the costs of this were becoming too high. If children wish to have a snack at breaktime, they will need to bring this in with them. A reminder that we are a nut and soya free school and where possible, we are a Healthy School, and we would encourage snack choices to reflect this.

Free fruit will continue to be provided for our youngest children.

## Attendance

A polite reminder that children are expected in school every day unless very unwell. We are fortunate enough to have a Care Coordinator on site who can keep an eye on children who have a slight cold, are complaining of tummy ache (but who haven't been sick or had diarrhoea) or who may be a little tired. We will be introducing attendance meetings this term to discuss how we can work in partnership to improve attendance for some of our children if we feel it is becoming a problem. Under the new guidance from the Department for Education, 'persistently absent' is classed as any attendance less than 90%, this is 20 school days across the year.

I am no longer able to authorise term time holiday unless under the most exceptional of circumstances. All holiday requests need to be made in writing, using a form which is available from the front office.

## Wraparound care

I am conducting a survey into the need for Wraparound care at Market Field School. I would be grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to complete the survey below, to allow us to measure interest and need.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qiwvxQSfpU2HU-kGvGKiaL-Zf05fZRxEhCDdJImj7K9UMzBaVIBBN0tETzk3SUdWNk1PQTRIOVIRUS4u>

## Parent's Evening

Our 'meet the teacher' Parent's evening is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 3 and 6pm. We will be sending booking links for this out over the next week or so. This is your opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). (Miss Fisher (8F) will be doing her parent's evening on the 4<sup>th</sup> October as she is on a course on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Our Speech and Language Team and Assistant Head for Behaviour will also be available to meet to answer your questions to do with Speech and Language or Behaviour.

We hope to have representative from the Governing Body and also our Wellbeing Team on the day as well but this is to be confirmed.

