



# MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship*

## Upcoming Dates

19 <sup>th</sup> February	Feb half term
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Half Term finish at 12:30
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Bawdsey Residential
20 <sup>th</sup> May – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Center Parcs Residential
27 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non Pupil Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
10 <sup>th</sup> June – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Danbury Residential
8 <sup>th</sup> July – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Boreatton Park Residential
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 last day
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Non Pupil Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	New Starters Only
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of term

## Headteacher message

Spring is in the air, the days are getting longer. The corridor near food tech has smelled of pancakes for the past few days and the frosty playgrounds are no more.

It has been an exceptionally busy half term for the children and has included a trip to the O2 to sing at Young Voices, practice exams and some real exams for our Year 11's, a very soggy zoo trip for Holly Class and a victorious 2-1 win for our footballers against the Market Field College team.

As always we are grateful to all of our amazing families for continuing to work in partnership with us. We are always happy to take a call or arrange a meeting to support where we can.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term, we will see you on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

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**Free School Meal Vouchers** – A reminder that you will no longer receive FSM vouchers, instead if you are eligible, you will be able to book your child onto Holiday Clubs during half term. These clubs are not booked via the school. To book onto a club during **February**, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

## Pupil Absence Reporting

If you are reporting your child absent from school, please ensure as well as reporting to the teacher on DOJO you phone the school office and the taxi firm if your child is using this service.

## Upcoming Residential Trips – Payment Reminder

This year we are holding trips for Year 6 to Bawdsey Manor, Year 7 to Danbury, Year 9 to Center Parcs and Year 11 to Boreatton Park. Please can you all ensure you make the final deadlines for the payments. If you would like to know your balance, due date or require any further information, please contact the school office.



## Spotlight on Autism Bases – Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been enjoying trips to the new Colchester Sports Park at Northern Gateway where they have been using the new bikes.

## Spotlight on – 7C Pizza Express Morning

7c class enjoyed a visit to Pizza Express for a morning making pizzas. Pizza Express opens early on Wednesday mornings to offer a free service to schools and our students loved making their own pizzas to enjoy.



## Market Field Football Club

Market Field Football Club meets weekly on a Saturday morning and all children are welcome.

9:30 – 11:30 on the field behind the school. £3 per child and refreshments are provided. All coaches are FA registered and are part of the wider Market Field family.

## Lost Property

A friendly reminder that we please ask you to label all items your children bring into the school. We have received a lot of lost property this term and if these are labelled, we can get items back to their owners to save parents/carers from having to buy replacements.



## Younge Voices – January 2024

In January we were given an exciting opportunity along with other schools from across the region to take some of our students along to the O2 Arena to take part in an evening performance. Young Voices is an educational program designed to use music to develop skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity, mindfulness, and innovation. Each night, between 5,000-9,000 children perform as a single choir to a sold-out audience of family and friends. The aim is to inspire a love of music and create memories for the children that will last a lifetime.

## Year 11 Last Day

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July will be the last day for our Year 11's. We will be holding an assembly in the morning once finished they will be allowed to leave the school to get ready for their prom that evening. More details on Prom will follow in due course.

This day will be Year 11's last day in school and they are not expected in for the last few days of term if however, you wish for your child to attend they are always welcome but please notify Mrs Whitehead in writing.

## Data Collection Sheets

We have recently sent out the Data Collection Sheets and Medical Information Forms. Can you please ensure these are completed and returned to the office week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We require these to be signed, dated, and returned whether there are changes or not.

## World Book Day

On 6<sup>th</sup> March, James Campbell – Author of the 'funny life' series will be in school running author workshops all day and our lessons will be literacy themed.

Children are welcome to come in fancy dress and there will be a book exchange and an opportunity to buy James' books (further details to follow on DOJO).

## School Dinners

Please ensure all dinners are paid for in advance, as a school we are very lenient however whilst we do not want to stop students receiving meals it is embarrassing for you and time consuming as a school to keep chasing outstanding payments.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals please follow this link <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims> If you need help with this please do not hesitate to contact [sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.rogers@marketfield.essex.sch.uk)

## End of term arrangements - Easter

A reminder that we close for the Easter term at 12:30 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Transport has been ordered for the children who have transport.

A packed lunch will be provided for all children in receipt of Free School Meals, which they will eat before going home. All other children are encouraged to bring in a packed lunch to eat at school at 12 before going home.

**Please note, our kitchen will be closed on this day and we will not be providing meals to children who are not in receipt of Free School meals.**

### DOJO

Please continue to use DOJO for updates on classes and what our students have been accomplishing in the week.

Please also note our Safeguarding newsletter is also available on DOJO.

## Lunch Break Football

After half terms students will be able to play football on the field during lunch break. If your child would like to take part, please ensure they bring football boots with them to school.

### And finally

If you have any suggestions on our coffee morning and how we can make it easier for you to attend please let us know and we will make these changes from Sept onwards