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Head of School: **Ruth Whitehead**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Autumn Term 2022 Newsletter 2

What a busy few months we have had. As I write, I am compiling an 'our best bits so far' PowerPoint to share with the children in assembly on Friday and am going to have to edit it down or we will run out of assembly time. It has been so lovely seeing children embrace the opportunities and challenges they have had, whether that be a Danbury experience day, trips to pumpkin farms, pottery painting, forest schools, swimming, the list goes on. It is safe to say we have been very busy! As usual, a few bits to share with you.

#### Staffing

Behind the scenes we have been busy interviewing for new LSAs to supplement our teams. We have welcomed Miss Parrott, Miss Doherty, Miss Grant, Mrs Lancaster, Miss Read, Mrs Toms, Miss Tibble, Miss Wootton, Miss Willsher, Miss Cook and Miss Emmy to the school.

#### Camps

By now, if your child is in Key Stage 2 or above, you should have received a letter to register interest for one of our residential trips. Regrettably, the cost of all our residential has had to increase this year, taking into account rising costs passed onto us from the centres as well as energy, fuel and food. I promise you that we make no profit on our residential and some of them historically have run at a loss.

We are hoping that camps will remain a viable option, but it may be that if the costs are too prohibitive for a large group of parents, we may need to cancel. Whilst we will help where help is most needed, sadly, the school cannot support the number of families who are already asking for help with financing the residential trips this year.

However, I do appreciate that times are hard. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are struggling and let me know how much help you think you will need, and we will investigate to see what we can do to help you.



### **School Uniform**

A polite reminder that the expectation is children will wear school uniform in school. Our school uniform is on our website. On PE days, children should bring a change of clothes into school with them but should come in wearing school uniform. **Please make sure all clothing is labelled with their name.**

If you are struggling in any way with our uniform expectations, please contact either myself or Mr Dwight for a discrete conversation. We currently have huge amounts of second-hand uniform. Please just notify the office or your class teacher if there is anything you require.

### **Inclement weather**

Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves in school now that the weather is starting to turn. Moving forwards, we will be making increasing use of our playgrounds and will be using them at break in all weathers. **Again, please make sure these items are labelled.**

### **Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, through illness, medical appointment or for any other reason, please let the school office know as well as the taxi firm. If the answerphone is on, please leave a message.

### **Sponsored Walk**

Paul Shearer (Dad of Laird in year 12) and Laird completed a sponsored walk up Mount Snowdon in the Summer Holidays. They have now received all donations and raised £552 for the school. We offer Paul and Laird our most sincere thanks and congratulations.

### **Marathon**

Anthony Chatters (Harrison's Dad) ran the London Marathon last month and raised £1,550. We also offer Anthony our most sincere thanks and congratulations.

### **Children in Need**

Children in Need is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We have decided that this will be a non-uniform day to celebrate your children for their uniqueness and individuality. However, we will not be fundraising or asking for any donations. With the cost of living being as high as it is, I do not feel it is morally correct to be asking anymore of you.

### Special Shout Outs

All our children are amazing and are making huge strides in their personal development. There are a few children that I would like to send a special shout out to, for massive and life changing personal development.

Henley in Key Stage 2, who is now able to eat food and is telling staff when she is hungry, Devon in Key Stage 2, who has started to use cutlery and is beginning to wear a coat when it is cold, Harley and Grace in Key Stage 3 for showing so much independence when finding their bus and Phoebe in Key Stage 3 who is able to butter her own toast. Fantastic work!

### Diary dates

9.30-11am	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Coffee Morning "Meet the Head / School Vision" - If you plan on attending, please email Gemma by Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November on <a href="mailto:Gemma@marketfield.essex.sch.uk">Gemma@marketfield.essex.sch.uk</a>
10-11.30ish	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Junior Christmas play - classes Acorn Seedling, Oak Leaf, Apple, Olive, Chestnut
10-11.30ish	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Junior Christmas play - classes Acorn Style, Oak Tree, Holly, Cherry, Pine & Poplar
10-11.30ish	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Senior Christmas play - classes 7W, 7S, 8D, 9M, B, D, 10C, 11L
10-11.30ish	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Senior Christmas play - classes 7T, 8F, 9S, 9T, E, A, S, 10H, 11K
	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Lunch
	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last day of Term
	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Non-pupil day
	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First day back in January 2023

As far as the Christmas play goes, please stick to the dates allocated wherever possible. There will be more information to follow, it is not guaranteed that all year 11's will participate at this time. Nearer the time there will be the opportunity for you to request places.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable few weeks and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas productions.

Sincerely



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Head of School