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Head of School: **Ruth Whitehead**

20th July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Summer Term Newsletter 2023

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. Naturally, we are now reflecting on the many successes and triumphs our children have achieved this year; academic, sporting, social and life-skills. Our children have had many successes this year and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you

From the bottom of my heart! I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support you have offered the school staff, throughout the year but particularly over the past few weeks. It has been a difficult time for all, made easier by the support and best wishes shown by you all. You trust us with your children every day and they mean the absolute world to us. I know that all staff will continue to care for your children with the utmost professionalism in September.

Year 11

It is that time of year where we must say farewell to our inspirational year 11 pupils. They have been a credit to the school and have risen to the challenge of leading and setting a good example to the other students in the school. Over the past term they have worked hard in their final exams and are all on track to do well in August when results are published.

They celebrated in style at their Prom last night where they well and truly let their hair down, partying hard and making some final memories at school. Some of them are moving on to our College site, others are going further afield. We wish them all well in their future studies.

Activity Days

In the absence of our school residentials, we have had some lovely activity days this term with trips to Wyvernwood, various Beaches, Suffolk Ski Centre, Danbury Outdoors, Adventure Island, Clacton and Walton bowling as well as the pottery the Key Stage 2 children did in school.

I know some groups were luckier with the weather than others but hopefully all groups had a wonderful time and well and truly let their hair down after a busy year.



Residentials will return in the next academic year for selected year groups, with more information to follow in September.

Junior Production

On 13th July, the Primary school staged their summer production, Summer in Space. It was a fabulous production which balanced humour and music. Particular congratulations go to our year 6 children for taking starring roles as well as Mrs Carr for pulling it all together. It truly made my year.

Sports Days

After a funny few years where Sports Day was cancelled for Covid and then because of extremes of heat last year, we were finally able to hold our Sports Days. These were brilliantly organised by Mr Govia and all children had the opportunity to participate.

We've made a few tweaks for 2024, with more information to follow in the next academic year. Some children will be experiencing Sports Day at the Garrison Athletics track where they will have full use of all facilities the venue has to offer.

Dates for next year

A reminder that September 4th and September 5th are non-pupil days with the school closed for all students. September 6th is induction day for all new students with the start of term being Thursday September 7th for all other students. Academic Calendar 2023-2024 attached.

Change to end of term arrangements

From September, we will be changing our end of term arrangements for the start of the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays. Term will end at lunchtime on these days and taxis will be picking children up at lunch. More details will follow in September.

Wraparound care consultation

We will be sending a consultation out to all parents in early September about wraparound care, including breakfast and after school clubs to try to gauge the interest for these.

Attendance

From September, I am no longer able to authorise term time holidays under guidance produced by the Department for Education. Holiday requests still need to be made but these will only be able to be marked as unauthorised absence. We will have a form on the website for requesting time off for a term time holiday.

We are caught between seeing the value of a quieter, term time holiday for our children and having to do what the Department for Education instructs us to do, so please don't take it personally when we have to say it will be an unauthorised absence.

Uniform

As always, a polite reminder that all students are expected to be wearing school uniform, including sensible footwear. Our uniform guidelines can be found on the school website if you are unclear.

PE Kit

As part of our drive to improve curriculum standards in sport, we are reintroducing our PE kit from September. This is dark blue/black sports shorts and a white t-shirt. These do not have to be branded but do need to be plain with no slogans.

All children will be expected to have a PE kit from September and we ask that you contact us if this is going to cause financial problems.

Change of payment and closing accounts

Pay 360 Education Payments system (formally known as SIMS Pay) will be retired on 1st August 2023. Due to this, we will be moving to a new online payment system via SchoolComms, further details will follow shortly via Class Dojo.

We kindly ask that any outstanding balances are cleared on Pay360 no later than Monday 24th July.

****Any credit balances left on Pay360 will automatically transfer to SchoolComms ready for September.**

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals or just not sure, please apply via the following link. <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Congratulations

Miss Kemp is getting married over the Summer and is returning as Mrs Parris. We wish Mrs and Mr Parris a lifetime of happiness together.

Goodbyes

It is that time of year where we need to say goodbye to staff who are leaving us. We say goodbye to Mr Fowler and Miss Stanmore from our LSA teams and wish them well in their future studies.

We say goodbye to Miss Soul, Miss Murphy, Mrs Chable, Miss Sullivan and Miss Fitzpatrick from our teaching teams and Miss Hancock from our Speech & Language Team and wish them well in their new settings.

We say goodbye to Mrs Howarth who is retiring from our teaching team after an incredibly long and successful teaching career spanning 42 years. We wish you a well earned rest!

Mrs Mounteney leaves her role as HR Admin Assistant and we wish her the very best of luck in her new setting.

Details of all our new staff will follow in our September newsletter.

Emergency contacts over the summer holiday

To try to ensure our staff return as rested as possible in September, we have introduced a 'duty on call' rota for the Senior Leadership Team. If you have a problem that requires the urgent attention of school staff over the holiday, we ask that you email these people as class teachers will not be checking Dojo routinely. The person you email will get back to you as soon as possible that day but it may not be immediate.

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| 24 th - 28 th July | Ruth Whitehead ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |
| 31 st - 4 th August | Sarah Smith sarah.smith@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |
| 7 th -11 th August | Peter Dwight peter.dwight@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |
| 14 th -18 th August | Sarah Gallaher sarah.gallaher@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |
| 21 st -25 th August | Kim Bere kim.bere@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |
| 28 th -2 nd September | Ruth Whitehead ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk |

If you or a member of the public has a concern about a child, please contact the Essex Safeguarding Hub on 0345 603 7627. If a young person is in immediate danger call the police on 999.

Have a magical summer filled with rest and laughter, we look forward to seeing you in September!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Whitehead and the Market Field School Team

Market Field School - Academic Year 2023-2024

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions (marked in blue)

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| School Days | School Holidays | Bank Holidays | Weekend | Non-pupil days | New Starters only |

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| Autumn Term: | Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i> | 73 days |
| Spring Term: | Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i> | 56 days |
| Summer Term: | Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i> | 66 days |
| | | <u>195 days</u> |

Please note:

The non-pupil days are:- 4th & 5th September 2023, 20th October 2023, 28th March 2024, 3rd June 2024

In addition 6th September is only for Students new to Market Field School in September 2023