

Summer issue 5 - 30/6/2023



Sir Bernard Jenkin's visit!

I invited Sir Bernard to visit our school to celebrate our successes and also to discuss the challenges that many schools are currently experiencing in relation to: school funding and budgets, meeting SEND needs and recruitment and retention. Today he visited and spoke with myself, Miss Bonner and Mrs Street, who was representing our governors. He also spoke to all of our children in assembly and answered their questions. We are so proud of the children and the quality of their questions.

I shared information from other Headteachers in our cluster experiencing similar challenges, too. He has said he can feed back to the Secretary of State for Education and the Local Authority.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year so far:

Class 1	95.7%
Class 2	93.5%
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	94.0%
Class 6	93.6%
Class 7	94.3%
Class 8	94.5%
Whole school	94.5%

KEY DATES

- *Mon 3rd Fri 7th July: Y6 residential to Bawdsey
- *Wednesday 5th July: NEU Industrial action
- *Friday 7th July: NEU Industrial action
- *Monday 10th July: Non-Uniform Day (change of date!)
- *Friday 7th July: Football Activators Tournament (12:15-2:15pm)
- *Friday 14th July: BSA Summer Fete
- *Tues 18th July Y6 production (1:30pm and 6:30pm)
- *Wednesday 19th July: Y6 production at 6:30pm
- *Thursday 20th July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- *Thursday 20th July: Celebration Afternoon!
- *Friday 21st July: Last day of school year

Saying goodbye ...

We are sad to be saying goodbye to two members of our support staff at the end of July. Mrs Hubert is having a change of career and Mrs Horrocks is going to work in another school. We would like to thank them both for all they have done, both as members of staff and as governors and we wish them the very best for the future.



NEW Safer Streets Campaign

Along with dozens of other communities, local residents are lobbying Essex County Council for 20mph limits across the town (Rowhedge already have it!). This will reduce accidents, improve air quality and make walking and wheeling much safer. It's proven to have minimal, if any, impact on travel/bus times <u>https://www.20splenty.org/</u>

Show support, message 07926 463568 and we'll drop a '20s Plenty where people are' window poster through your door. Contact wivenhoe@20splentyforus.org.uk



20's Plenty for Us

Campaigners are also urging people to avoid parking on the pavement whenever possible as this can endanger pedestrians, especially those with mobility needs.

20s Plenty for Wivenhoe is registered with 20's Plenty, a UK non profit supporting the UN's call for default 20mph30km/h urban & village limits.

Fantastic Football!

We have transformed football at lunchtimes to improve the enjoyment and behaviour of those who play. Miss Henshall has created rules and the BSA has purchased three sets of equipment using some of the money from a kind donation made by Mr Horrocks.

Great Transition Day!

It was wonderful seeing all of the children yesterday in their new classes for September and meeting their new teachers. The children from the Infant School seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their experience. We look forward to welcoming our new teachers in September.