



Autumn Update

Dear Parents,

Your children have continued their hard work and beautiful behavior this half term. What a fantastic beginning to the academic year. I am sending this (rather jam-packed!) newsletter to update you all on some recent news, important information and developments.

Mr Bottjer (Headteacher)

Head Boy and Head Girl Named!

Congratulations to Danielle and Rio who have been named as head girl and head boy for academic year 2023/24. What a great honour. We look forward to you helping to represent our school!



Parking/Blocking drives

It has been, once again, brought to my attention that parents are blocking driveways of residents who live opposite the school. Can we please ensure that we do not do this? Even if it makes your child five minutes late while you search for a space/wait for one to become available, it is better than making our neighbours late for work/unable to leave their houses. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Dinners Price Rise—A Reminder

A reminder that from next half term, paid school dinners will be priced at £2.50 a meal. The reason behind this was detailed in our recent letter to Ks2 parents and is linked to increased cost of producing school dinners linked to the rising cost of living in the UK.

Year 6 parents - Secondary school applications—A Reminder

A reminder that since the 12th September, Secondary School applications have been open throughout Essex. They will close on the 31st October.



Upcoming Dates:

3rd October: Feast day of St Therese celebration in school. Whole school mass.

5th October: Special Italian themed school dinner + Ice cream factory! (see separate letter)

10th October: Film Night (New date)

13th October: Year 6 class assembly.

17th-18th October: Parents evening. Details TBC in letter soon.

23rd-27th October: Autumn half term.

30th October: Inset (non pupil day)

1st-3rd November: Year 6 PGL trip.

8th November: Prospective parents invited to view EYFS

10th November: Year 2 class assembly.

15th November: Prospective parents invited to view EYFS

24th November: Year 4 class assembly.

6th December: Robin Hood Pantomime at school!

12th December: Ks1 Nativity.

14th December: Christmas lunch

20th December: Last day of Autumn term. (Half day)

4th January: First day of Spring term. (All children back in)

26th January: Year 3 class assembly.

6th February: Year 4 school trip

14th February: Spring term film night fundraiser.

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The Christus Trust Mass

Staff from St Teresa's and our sister schools from across the trust recently celebrated a mass to mark the start of the academic year at Brentwood Cathedral. A group of our children formed part of an inter-school choir. They represented us beautifully and made us all very proud!

Ear-rings

I have noticed an increase, particularly in key stage two, of children wearing ear-rings. Ear-rings are not permitted as per our school uniform policy as well as due to health and safety concerns. We have not risk assessed for children to wear these and therefore we cannot permit them to be worn.

If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, which requires them to keep the ear-rings in for a number of weeks, we ask that you do this at the start of the summer holidays to allow enough time for them to be healed before a new school year begins.

Mrs Heard is shaving her head for St Luke's!

Mrs Heard from the kitchen is shaving her hair off for charity! She is helping to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. If you wish to help her click this [link](#) to be taken to her just giving page. Alternatively scan the QR code attached to be taken to the website. Well done Mrs Heard! What a fantastic cause!



Key Stage Two Tuck

Parents of key stage two children are asked to consider if you would consider packing a snack for your child in the mornings. We continue to stock fresh fruit and vegetables that we give to children upon request, however we prioritise key stage one who have to have this option as a part of our universal free school meal offer.

Recently we have struggled to have enough fruit and veg to give to key stage one due to the number of key stage two children, without tuck, who are feeling peckish around break time.

If you are able to do this, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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