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# School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## EYFS

Well done to our new EFYS children for a great first couple of weeks at school.

We look forward to you all coming in full time next week!

Just a reminder that collection will be at 3:05 from the classroom doors on the playground, please ask us if you are unsure.

Have a lovely weekend ready for more fun on Monday!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a very successful first full week back at school. It has been lovely to see so many families attending our Meet the Teacher meetings for Years 1 and 2, and we look forward to seeing parents of children in other year groups at their meetings next week.

We are focusing on poetry in English lessons across school currently: please do ask your child which particular poet they are studying, and which poems they especially enjoy. National Poetry Day is being celebrated on September 28<sup>th</sup> with a Poetry Festival in school, and each class is busy practising in readiness. If you'd like further information, or would like to come and share any of your favourite poems with us, please talk to your child's class teacher, or contact Mrs. Morgan-Soane. We'd love to see you!

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: 98.81%

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 99.05%	CONGRATULATIONS Oak YrR 100%	Elm Yr1 98.21%	Beech Yr1 98.57%	Birch Yr2 98.52%	Hazel Class Yr2 99.35%
Absences	1		5	4	4	2
Lateness	1		1	1	1	

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 – 97.9%, Grey = 91 – 94.9%, Blue = 85 – 90.9%, Red = <84.9%

### \*\*\*KS2\*\*\* Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: 98.22%

	Maple Yr3 99.33%	Rowan Yr3 97%	CONGRATULATIONS Holly Yr4 100%	Willow Yr4 97.67%	Hawthorn Yr5 98.50%	Sycamore Yr5 99.33%	Chestnut Yr6 97.67%	Aspen Yr6 96.45%
Absences	2	9		7	4	2	7	11
Lateness		1		2		6		

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## Diary Date Reminders:-

**Mon 18th Sept - 1.30pm**

Yr6 swimming lessons

**Mon 18th Sept - 3.15pm**

Year 6 Year Group Meeting

**Tue 19th Sept - 3.15pm**

Year 3 Year Group Meeting

**Wed 20th Sept - 3.15pm**

EYFS Year Group Meeting

**Thur 21st Sept - 3.15pm**

Year 5 Year Group Meeting

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 9.15am**

Yr6 Poetry performance - Parents

Welcome

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 3.15pm**

Year 4 Year Group Meeting

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - 1.30pm**

Yr6 swimming lessons

**Mon 25th Sept**

Flu immunisation forms to be returned by Today!

**Thur 28th Sept**

Individual and Sibling Group Photographs

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

Yr6 swimming lessons

**Mon 9th Oct**

Yr6 swimming lessons

**Thur 12th Oct**

Whole School Flu Immunisation Day

**Mon 16th Oct**

Yr6 swimming lessons

**Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October**

Half Term

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Non Pupil Day



To this week's Head Teacher  
Award Winners:

Mia - Elm  
Jed - Beech  
Gabriel - Birch  
Jamie - Hazel  
Tyler - Maple  
Curtis - Rowan  
Hansika - Holly  
Charlie - Willow  
Jacob - Hawthorn  
Sheyi - Sycamore  
Ola - Aspen  
Emma - Chestnut

This week's

**Golden  
Dustpan**

**Award Goes To...**

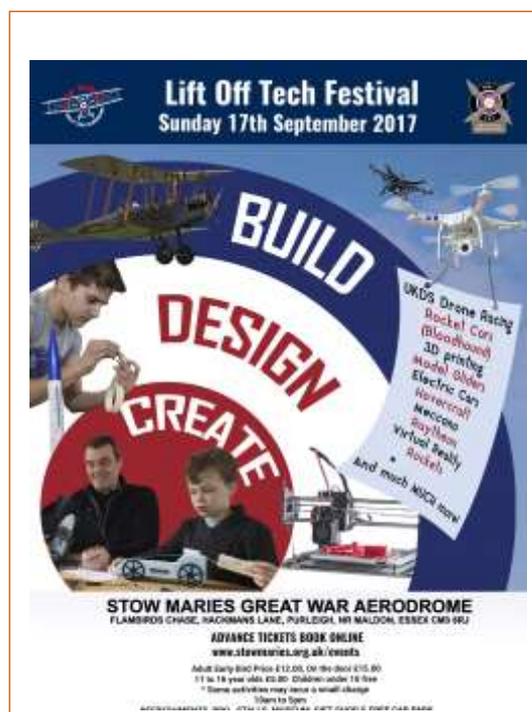


**Maple Class**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
September  
is  
School  
Photograph  
Day!**



**Individual and  
sibling group  
photographs  
will be taken.**



This Week's  
Presentation Awards  
go to...

Oliver - Aspen  
Patrick - Holly  
Isla - Hazel



**DEAR  
PARENTS**

**Correspondence Sent Out This Week**

Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Gilbert Open Evening/Mornings for Yr7 intake – Year 6
- Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term

## Year 3 Pupils - Important Reminder - End of Universal Free School Meals

Your child's entitlement to Universal Free School Meals ended when they left year two (KS1) and joined year 3 (KS2).

Any meals taken from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September will now be charged for at £1.85 (a meal) and must be paid for in advance via the schools online payment system, SIMs Agora.

**Please ensure that all lunches are paid for in advance of consumption. We do not run a credit facility.**

If you need a hand getting set up on Agora, or feel that you may be entitled to Income Based Free School Meals, pop along to the school office - our administration staff will be happy to help.

## FAO Current Year 6 \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\* Secondary School Admissions Now Open

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12 September 2017, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2018.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2017.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2018-19 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. The link to the booklet below...

[http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary\\_Admissions\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

## Just For Info:- Reception Admissions September 2018

Although, the primary (Reception) admission round for September 2018 does not open until 13 November 2017 (that is the date from which applications can be made for Reception 2018-19), the relevant booklets have been published and are on the webpage below:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Primary-and-Secondary-Education-in-Essex.aspx>

## Smiley Troop After School Care

Smiley Troop is a pre-bookable childcare service available to parents of children that attend Queen Boudica Primary School. Most spaces are taken up by 'regular' contracted bookings but one off 'ad hoc' sessions are often available.

There are now two session types to choose from. You will NOT be able to swap between the two but must commit to that which best suits your needs at the time of booking.

### **Smiley Half Session – 3.05pm to 4.45pm - £4 a session**

Children will have access to all of the usual activities and resources during this session and will be provided with a small snack at around 3.45pm to keep them topped up until teatime at home.

### **Smiley Full Session – 3.05pm to 6.30pm - £8 a session**

As well as the above, children attending up until the new, later time of 6.30pm will be provided with a light tea at around 5pm. Tea will consist of a drink, a light meal such as beans on toast, half jacket potato, pasta or a sandwich and a dessert such as yogurt or fruit.

Children have many activities to choose from whilst at Smiley Troop including a weekly themed craft activity and a selection of toys and games. Computers are also available for children to use as well as a quiet table for homework.

**ALL sessions MUST be pre-booked by telephoning the school office on 01206 844654 at least one day before the required session.**



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