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# April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

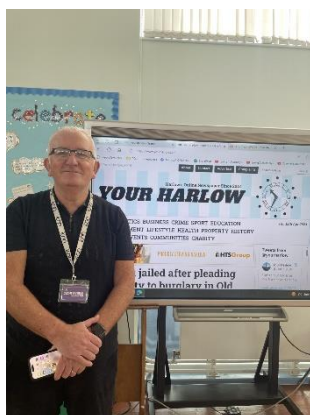
It has been lovely to see the children return from the Easter break fully rested and ready for the new term. It has been lovely talking to children around school about their learning and the exciting topics they will study this term. You will have received the curriculum topic letter for your child's class which was emailed to you last week and is also available on the website.

It was lovely to read children's reports and hear about the wonderful progress children are making across the curriculum. If you would like to comment on your child's report, please drop us an email.

This term is a very busy one for everyone, and especially for certain year groups that will be taking their statutory tests. In Year 6, the children will be taking their SATs in May. In June, Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication Times Table Checks and Year 1 will be completing their Phonics Check. The children have been practising for the tests in a variety of interesting and fun ways. We know they will all be fantastic.

Miss Bloomfield

### Careers Assemblies



This term we will be delivering a range of careers assemblies for different years groups across the school. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to find out about a range of job roles that they may not have heard of and may aspire to become in the future.

We have already had two assemblies: Michael Casey, editor of Your Harlow, talked to Years 3, 4 and 5 about the role of a journalist. Registered mental health nurse, Kelly Anderson talked about mental health and careers in the NHS. The children were

very interested and asked lots of questions.



On Wednesday, Years 1 – 5 will have an assembly delivered by Amy Heffernan who will talk about the role of a zookeeper.

If you are able to support us by talking to children about your career, please talk to the office.

### My Happy Mind

This term we are learning about the ENGAGE module in the myHappyMind programme.

We will learn:

- Why it is important to have goals that we are passionate about.
- How to set our own goals
- That when we feel good, we do good.

To support your child at home:

Log onto the parent App for more information about the ENGAGE module and lots of activities you can do to support your child at home.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

### TT Rockstars Interhouse Challenge

Last week Mrs Rouse set an interhouse TT Rockstars challenge. The prize was an extra playtime for the winning house. It was a very close competition, but the winners were... Dragon House.

The top 3 pupils in the competition were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ivan (Year 6)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tate (Year 6)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Logan (Year 4)



Sports News Sports tournaments started up again straight away after Easter. We started with the town swimming gala that saw pupils compete against 15 other schools. The Year 5 swimming team did their best and performed very well. Well done to Lily May who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5 girls front crawl.



This was followed by the town's Quad Kids event. Over 160 pupils competed in the morning at the Year 3 and 4 event and 160 Year 5 and 6 pupils in the afternoon. The sun came out and allowed for all events to run smoothly. As a team, the Year 4s came 4<sup>th</sup> and the Year 3s came 13<sup>th</sup>. A special well done to Marcus who as an individual athlete came 1<sup>st</sup> out of the Year 4 Boys and Rosie who came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the Year 4 Girls.



### Medical Appointments

For **routine medical appointments** we ask that you make them for outside school hours or in the school holidays. This is to minimise disruption to the school day and to ensure your child does not miss vital learning time.

Of course, for emergencies / hospital appointments we do understand that this will not be possible. If these appointments can only be made in school time and are local, we do expect your child to be in school beforehand and if time allows, return to school afterwards so that again, they do not miss out on important learning time.

### Class Photos

Our school photographer is booked to come into school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May to take class photos. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform including black school shoes. For our Nursery, only children who are moving to school in September will have their photo taken.

### Breakfast Club, After School Club and Nursery families

When dropping off your child or collecting them from nursery, breakfast club or after school club, please ensure that your child/ children are not using resources in the nursery front garden. Sadly, there have been some resources broken by older children standing on them and things being moved to other places which is not helpful. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Summer Term

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – School Disco 4pm-5pm (EYFS, Key Stage 1) 5.30pm-7pm (Key Stage 2)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 1 Class Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Non uniform day

#### **Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children return to school

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year R Class Assembly (9.15am)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day afternoon 1pm – Dads or a significant male over the age of eighteen

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 'Wicked' theatre trip

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Reception class Great Notley Park trip

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 at their new secondary school for the day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day and picnic AM

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – FOPG Summer fete

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Southend trip

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly @ 4pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Rye Meads trip