



Drapers' Maylands  
Primary School

# School Newsletter

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The parent/ carer Consultation last Wednesday was very well attended. Thank you to those who came to speak to their child's teacher and waited patiently because so often the timings are short and so teachers easily get behind.

If you were unable to attend, please see your child's teacher.

You should have received information on expectations for this term and details about what your child will be learning (the Theme) and the Home School Contract which should be signed and returned to school for the files. This ensures that our agreement to work together has been made at the start of the year.

Please help you child achieve their milestones by supporting with daily reading, Mathematics and Home Learning tasks.

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th October  
*6pm Parent/ Carer workshop  
for Year 2*

Wednesday 11th October  
*9am Badger Class Assembly*

Wednesday 18th October  
*Year 2 visit to Colchester Zoo*

Thursday 19th October  
*9am Fox Class Assembly*

23rd-27th October  
*Half Term Holiday*

Wednesday 1st November  
*6pm What is Forest School?  
Information evening for  
parents/ carers*

Thursday 2nd November  
*9am Squirrel Class Assembly*

Thursday 8th November  
*9am Rabbit Class Assembly*

Thursday 16th November  
*9am Dormouse Class  
Assembly*

Friday 17th November  
*2.30pm Children in Need  
Cake Sale*

Thursday 23rd November  
*9am Hedgehog Class  
Assembly*

Friday 24th November  
**INSET- SCHOOL CLOSED  
FOR PUPILS**

### Workshop for Year 1

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our workshop to find out more about the difference between Early Years and Key Stage expectations.

It was a fun session and received positive feedback from all who attended.

### School Tours

School Tours are taking place every Thursday morning for parents or carers of children choosing a school for Reception September 2018.

Please let family and friends know so that they are able to book a place on a tour with the school office.

### Early Years (Reception) Parents

There will be a tour of the school on FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER at 9am and 2.45pm. Please book your place with the office.

Maximum numbers for tours apply to minimise disruption for our learners.

### Harvest Festival Celebration

Did you see our post on Facebook?

A big thank you to Scott Kelsall (father of Erin and Heidi) for once again providing such a wonderful variety of fruit for our celebration. The children always have an opportunity to sample and study the fruit donated to our school.

You may have also noticed the beautiful flowers and unique vegetable wreath made by Evie's mum. Thank you once again for supporting us this year.

Our Harvest Festival was very well attended and thank you for showing your appreciation for the hard work the children and staff put in to creating the performance for you to watch.

A big thank you to reverend Russell Moul for being a guest at our celebration and such a positive supporter from the local community.

## Communication

We are intending to significantly reduce the amount of paper we use. Therefore all future newsletters will be sent via email and posted on the website.

Please make sure that you:

- Check and correct the attached form to make sure that we have essential contact details on our school system.
- Check the website weekly
- See our Facebook and Twitter posts
- Look at class blogs every Friday



## Uniform

We are rightly proud of our smart and easily identifiable uniform. Please make sure that your child is wearing correct uniform at all times. This is a Multi-Academy Trust requirement:

### Dress Code and School Uniform Policy – DCP 009

5. All Pupils must wear the approved school uniform when attending MAT schools. Failure to wear school uniform, either in whole or in part, or to comply with the requirements of this policy is a disciplinary offence and subject to sanctions.
6. All pupils are expected to look smart and take care of their appearance.
7. All parents have a responsibility to ensure that their child complies with the requirements of this policy.

We are able to lend items of uniform from our limited donated stock in an emergency. We do need to have the items returned so that all children may benefit.

We will need to replace the items and therefore will ask for replacement costs if items are not returned.

If you are having difficulty with the cost of the uniform, you may be able to receive financial support. Please ask at the office for details.

Please, please make sure every item of your child's uniform is named so that they can be returned. It is impossible to trace items which are not named.

The Maylands PFA intend to hold a second-hand uniform sale. Please donate any uniform which your child has grown out of so that we can create a good stock of items.

## Hair

Please make sure your child's hair is tied up securely if it is shoulder length or longer. If the front of your child's hair hangs below their eyes, please tie back so that they are able to see and stay safe.

Hair accessories should be small and school colours. No beads at the end of braids, please.

## Parents and Friends Association for Maylands

If you would like to join our dedicated team of parents and carers as we create this important team, please email your details to:

[admin@drapersmaylands.com](mailto:admin@drapersmaylands.com)

All help will be greatly appreciated.

