



Messages from Mr Rogers

It has been a brilliant start to the year and I am extremely pleased at how well pupils have settled into their new classes.

Year 6 have successfully completed their four day residential trip to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time completing activities such as abseiling, zip wire, challenge course, rifle



shooting, fencing, giant swing, raft building and kayaking (and, of course the obligatory campfire and disco sessions during the evening)!



It was lovely to be able to join them myself, and I was enormously impressed with their behaviour, independence and resilience throughout the trip.

I would like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Everton, Laura, Aimee, Ashley and Matthew for giving up their time to provide this brilliant experience for the pupils. Our Year 5 class will soon be heading off for their own residential at Gilwell Park and I hope they have an equally wonderful time.



Harvest Festival

On Monday, 9th October classes from year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in our Harvest Festival Assembly. This will involve songs and a small input from each class, to celebrate and show gratitude for the food that we have. Whilst we would love to invite visitors, we unfortunately cannot do this due to the lack of space in the hall when all classes are present. However, we are hoping to put some photos and videos of the event on class web pages.

Any donations that we receive will, once again, be sent to Touchpoint/Stansted Food Bank to support those who are in need of these crucial services at this time. Although they are fully stocked with pasta, soup and beans, they are still in need of the following:

- TUNA/TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- UHT MILK
- COOKING SAUCES (NOT PASTA SAUCE)
- INSTANT MASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD
- TABLE SAUCES E.G. KETCHUP, MAYO, BROWN SAUCE
- VEGETARIAN OPTIONS (E.G. TINNED VEG CHILLI)
- NOODLES/POT NOODLES
- SAVOURY SNACKS - BREAD STICKS, RITZ CRACKERS, CRISPS ETC
- WASHING-UP LIQUID
- TOILET PAPER
- NAPPIES SIZE 4 UPWARDS
- DOG FOOD
- DEODORANT/SHAVING FOAM
- JAM
- RICE PUDDING
- STUFFING
- STEAMED PUDDINGS

If you are able to donate any of these items, please send them to school with your child at any point between now and the end of next week. We will collect them from classes to create our harvest display, before delivering them to the food bank during the half term holiday.



We have now completely moved over to Arbor for all payment items, including Trips, Meals, and Wraparound Care.



A chance for our choir to perform at the O2 in January has been made possible by a very generous donation from Michael Bonehill, a great supporter of youth involvement in the arts for over 50 years. Michael's donation has made a massive difference to the total cost of the trip for parents and we are very grateful.

School Gate

Thank you for everyone's support in adhering to the new timings for the start and end of the school day. Despite the additional five minutes being added to the beginning and end of the day, it seems to have had little disruption which is most pleasing. The school day officially begins at 8.50am and we expect all pupils to be ready for registration, and all parents and carers to have left the school site by this time. The gates at the front and the back of school open at 8.40am which should give plenty of time for this to happen. To enable a prompt start to the school day the gates will now be closing at 9.00am. Any pupils who arrive after this time will need to sign in at the school office.



Dates For your Diary

OCTOBER

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th	Residential Visit to Gilwell Park Maple Class
Week Commencing 16th	Parent Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 17th	Bookable School Tours for Reception Pupils for Sept 2024
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Half Term Holiday - Normal 3:20pm finish time on Friday 20th
Monday 30th	Mountfitchet Castle Trip for Birch Class
Tuesday 31st	Closing date for Secondary School Applications

NOVEMBER

Friday 3rd	PTA Autumn Disco
Monday 6th	Opening date for applications for Reception 2024
Tuesday 7th	Bookable School Tours for Reception Pupils for Sept 2024
Tuesday 15th	Bookable School Tours for Reception Pupils for Sept 2024
Tuesday 21st	Lincolnsfield 1940's Experience for Maple Class
Thursday 23rd	Bookable School Tours for Reception Pupils for Sept 2024
Thursday 23rd	Audley End Trip for Apple and Cherry Class
Tuesday 27th	Bookable School Tours for Reception Pupils for Sept 2024

DECEMBER

Wednesday 20th	Last day of Autumn Term - Nursery finishes at 3:15pm Years Cherry to Oak 1:30pm
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Class Emails for Bentfield

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