

Dates for the diary

September

Wednesday 30th

Year 1 Harvest assembly

October

Thursday 1st

Year 2 Harvest assembly (tbc)

Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit

Thursday 22nd

Individual photos

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half term

November

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

Wednesday 4th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 5th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 11th

Remembrance event

Friday 13th

Children in Need

December

Friday 11th

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

Home Learning

If your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating and they are well enough to then you will find home learning work and links on our school website under the 'Self-Isolate Resources' tab. Follow the links to your child's Year Group information.



It has been wonderful to see our new Reception children in their classes full-time, for many it has been quite a while since they were in their Nursery or Pre School and it is a big step.

Nationally, it is an unsettling time for many of us, with the return to school and the Autumn cough and cold season. In any other normal year we always see an increase in common colds, upset tummies etc at this time of year. Please do contact the school office staff if you are unsure whether your child should be in school if they have symptoms, we are always happy to discuss this with you.

Mrs Clark has prepared a flow chart which shows what is expected under the current government guidance if you are concerned that your child or a member of your family (household) are showing symptoms that may be compatible with COVID-19. The flow chart is attached with this email.

We have received reports of inconsiderate and illegal parking in the streets around the school site, this can lead to dangerous situations for other parents/carers with their young children coming to school each day and we want everybody to feel safe. We know the majority park considerately and those that do not are in the minority. We ask that you report cases of problem parking via the council website. [Report a Parking Problem.](#)

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

Well done Nursery, you have all settled into the Nursery routine very quickly. The children have already begun to make new friendships and are quickly learning our Nursery expectations.

This week we have been very excited as we have been reading '10 Little Pirates'. The children have noticed that each day pirates keep going missing, to help us find them, the children have made 'Missing' posters.

Reminder: Please can I remind all parents to keep social distance and to wear face masks for bringing your child to Nursery or collecting them. Thank you.

Year R - Reception

Well done Reception, we have had a fantastic first full week at school. We have been getting to know each other and making new friends this week.

We have been learning our new class routines and working together to make Class Values. We have also had our first few Maths Meetings which have been fun. We have been practising our pencil control by drawing shapes and patterns.

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Outdoor learning

Children should come to school dressed in comfortable casual old clothes. They will need their wellies and a waterproof/outdoor coat.

Monday 21st

Kingfisher

Tuesday 22nd

Swan

Wednesday 23rd

Peacock

Thursday 24th

Owl

Friday 25th

Woodpecker

ParentMail

We send home almost all our information for Parents/Carers using our ParentMail platform. If you are not yet registered you can contact the school office to update your details. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

Birthday Sweets/Treats

In view of our current national circumstances and to avoid any possible cross-contamination we have taken the difficult decision not to accept and distribute birthday sweets/treats from families.

Pupil Premium Funding

This is extra funding that schools receive where family circumstances make them eligible. If your household income is less than £ and/or you receive means-tested benefits your family may qualify. We know that during the last few months many have been affected financially. There is a quick and easy way to check whether your family is eligible on the Southend Council website. You can find the link [here](#).

REMINDER: NEXT WEEK - Please bring in ONE photo of when your child was a baby so we can talk about how they have grown and changed.

Outdoor learning next week – please wear scruffy, old clothes.

We change our reading books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Year 1

Well done Year 1 another great week in your new classes. This week the children discovered some dinosaur eggs outside and then wrote a simple newspaper report about it, sequencing the events that happened. In Maths the children have started to explore number bonds up to 10 e.g. $5+5 = 5$, $4+1 = 5$, $3+2 = 5$. The children have also had a wonderful time back in the Wildlife Area and have explored dinosaur footprints, digging for fossils and making large dinosaurs.

Year 2

What another busy week in Year 2! This week we have continued to think about our text 'Alice in Wonderland'. We have put ourselves in Alice's shoes and written a diary entry about her adventures. In Maths we have continued to think about the value of numbers and have been comparing them. We have learnt about the greater than $>$ and less than $<$ signs. We have also continued to think about maps and have been recreating a map of the school grounds, thinking about creating a key to go with our maps.

REMINDER Swimming – Please make sure children have the full and correct kit in school as we are not lending any kit out at the moment.

Swimming hats are available at the office to purchase if you need one.

Dinner menu

Monday

Red

Beef lasagne with garlic bread

Purple

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Carrots & mixed beans

Chocolate & beetroot sponge

Tuesday

Red

Chicken tikka masala with rice

Purple

Pasta with a choice of toppings

Lentil Dhal & broccoli

Courgette & orange cake

Wednesday

Red

Gammon with orange & herb glaze served with roasted potatoes & gravy

Purple

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Green cabbage & carrots

Ice cream with fruit

Thursday

Red

Beef burger in a bun

Purple

Pasta with a choice of toppings
Sweetcorn & coleslaw

Apple & oat crumble

Friday

Red

Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips

Purple

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Baked beans & garden peas

Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread is available each day.

Our caterers are hoping that the third menu choice (Green) will be available within the next few weeks.

The Spring/Summer menu will continue up to the Easter break.