

July 2019

Dear parents/carers,

We have enjoyed a very busy summer term with many exciting trips. The youngest children went to the beach as part of their studies, Willow class went to Colchester Castle, along with several visits to Thurston Community College for sporting events and DT and Science activities, plus the oldest children had a Crucial Crew afternoon learning about staying safe. We have some fantastic sportsman's in Willow Class achieving 5th place in the local competition out of 13 schools, which is great for such a small school. The older children took part in an athletics competition too and they smashed it as well. Year 5 & 6 are completing completed Bikeability this summer and you may see them out on the roads practicing their skills.

Years 5 and 6 went on their residential trip to African Adventure near Sizewell, living in a hut and learning all about life in Africa. Their stay involved low ropes, the climbing wall, filtering dirty water, laying on water pipes to the village, following some African customs and enjoying a camp fire. The spiders were less welcome!

The usual academic testing in the summer demonstrated some amazing progress in school and we are very proud of the children's achievements. Well done everyone!

We say farewell to Miss Roberds, Mr Pemberton and Mrs Austin this summer and thank them for their contributions. If you wish to join us on Friday at 9am to say goodbye to Miss Roberds, or Monday 9am to say farewell to Mr P and Mrs Austin you will be very welcome. This Friday we will also be congratulating children with 100% attendance this year, plus The Suffolk Library Service will be coming along too.

Remember children can buy their disco ticket through the school office for £3 or Nikki from FOCSA will be on the playground this Friday. The disco will be supervised by staff, Governors and FOCSA Committee members this year.

The Year 6 Leavers assembly will be at **2.15pm** on Wednesday 24th July in the village hall.

Thank you to my amazing staffing team. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who give up their time every week to work with the children, especially Barbra Rawlings and Joan Ball. Thank you to our fabulous Governors, and a massive thank you to our Chair(s) of Governors Dr Norman Kelly and James Scott for all their hard work. We say goodbye to Dick Bayes this summer, who has been a superstar and will be sorely missed. Farewell and thank you to Viola King and Kristina Green who have given wonderful support to the school as parent Governors.

Thank you to the rest of the Governing Body – we are very appreciative of their time and support. Opportunities are available if you are interested in becoming a governor of the school. Do get in touch.

We also have vacancies for a mid- day supervisor and Breakfast Club Supervisor, part time. Please enquire through the school office if you are interested.

Clubs

Breakfast Club will be available from the 5th September but we do have some temporary limitations due to staff commitments. There is no Breakfast Club on the 9th or 11th. We will be reviewing and updating availability thereafter.

After School Care will be available form the 4th. **Please book this term** if you require the club in the first week back.

Other clubs will basically stay the same, although we will have a new Engineering Club starting in the autumn.

Uniform

I would like to see all children wearing the correct uniform in the autumn please. No coloured hoodies - school jumpers only. School shoes to be worn, with black, white or grey socks. PE kit is a white tee shirt and black shorts.

I hope you have a super summer everyone, stay safe. Good luck to all our leavers and enjoy your new schools.

Mrs Harkin

PS Can children please bring in carrier bags to take home their books and work next week?

PPS - PD Days 2/3rd Sept- children back on the 4th Sept.