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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week of sunshine and the children have enjoyed lots of time outdoors. The pupils in EYFS had a great time at Daisy May's Farm yesterday, feeding and getting close to the animals as part of their Farm topic.

There has been a lot of very creative learning going on in school this week. The children in EYFS and KS1 have made a wormery and managed to find several worms to inhabit it. We have also spent time doing some gardening. In Years 3 and 4, the children have been using their DT skills to build a cross-section of a Roman bridge. In Years 5-6, the pupils have been carrying out a science experiment, to investigate filtering water.

It is hard to believe that there is only one week left before the Year 6 pupils sit their SATs. We wish them well as they do their final preparation next week. The Year 2s have also worked particularly hard this week as they prepare for their tests the following week.

We have some sad news to announce. Mrs Cluff, who has worked at the school for nearly 20 years, has decided to take well-deserved retirement. She will be leaving us at May half-term. Mrs Cluff is a dearly treasured and much-loved member of our school community who will be sadly missed, but of course we wish her all the very best as she begins a new chapter of her life. We have calculated that she has helped hundreds of different children over her time here. We will be recognising her time here at our Celebration Assembly on Friday 23rd May at 8.45am.. Please join us if you can to give her the send-off she deserves.

In other news, we are delighted that Miss Aimee Malone has joined us an LSA and MDA this week. We are also very proud of Mrs Fisher, who has worked very hard to complete her HLTA training.

Please do book your child in for a school lunch on Thursday 15th May. The children will have the chance to win a Golden Ticket for a chocolate bar, and everyone will be offered a chocolate brownie and ice-cream for dessert.

Please don't forget to complete our Parent Survey if you have not already done so. Thank you to all the parents who have completed it so far.

We wish you a wonderful extended Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs M Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQH) & Miss J Bailey (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL).

"Hope and a Future"

TERM DATES:

12th –15th May: Year 6 SATs
16th May: Parent survey closes
16th May: Post-SATs treat!
19th May: Year 2 SATs (low-key)
20th May: Year 5-6 WW2 Day
22nd May: Year 3-4 Roman Day
23rd May: Non-uniform day in return for a donation of a bottle
23rd May: 8.45am Celebration Assembly
23rd May: Last day of Summer 1
2nd June: First day of Summer 2
2nd June: Year 4 Multiplication Check week
2nd & 3rd June: Packed lunches for all
3rd June: Class photos
5th June: 2.30pm September Danbury meeting
9th June: INSET Day
10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screener Check this week
13th June: 8am Father's Day breakfast*
16th June: Road Safety workshops Years 5-6
17th June: Scarecrow making day
19th June: Wonderdome (all classes)
20th June: 12pm Sports Day and family picnic
wc 23rd June: Year 6 Secondary transition events this week (details to follow)
23rd June: 9am Piano recital
24th June: Year 3 & 4 to Colchester Castle
24th June: 2.30pm Parents to view RSE materials
25th June: 2.30pm EYFS/1/2 Class Assembly
26th June: EYFS/1/2 Dinosaur Day
30th June: Wimbledon tennis celebration
1st—3rd July: Danbury Residential
1st July: Year 2 mini-games
7th July: RSE talks to Years 5 and 6
8th July: Transition morning—all children to spend time with their new teachers
9th July: LIFE Celebration event
10th July: 1pm 5—6 football matches
15th July: 1.30pm & 5.30pm KS2 production

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Here is one of our EYFS pupils bottle-feeding a lamb at Daisy May's Farm!

Attendance This Week:

EYFS: 57.9%

Year 1: 74.4%

Year 2: 90%

Year 3: 87.5%

Year 4: 97.9%

Year 5: 80%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School: 86%

Here is a message from Mrs Brandon, our music teacher:

Piano lessons update

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the recent piano concert; the children all performed brilliantly and I was so proud of them all.

I currently have a few spaces on my timetable so if your child is in Year 1-5 and would be interested in starting piano lessons after half term or in September, please apply online via the Essex Music Service website:

<https://www.essexmusicservice.org.uk/site/making-music-in-school/learn-it/>

I visit Ford End every Monday morning and children receive ten individual 15, 20 or 30 minute lessons per term and the chance to play in our termly concerts. I would be happy to answer any queries regarding piano lessons via the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's piano tuition,
Mrs Brandon
Essex Music Service

Awards:

Stars Of The Week: Marley, Darcy, Emily

Readers Of The Week: Isabella, Harley, Daisy

Golden Work: Sophia, Habeeb, Elliott, Rory

Headteacher's Cup: Jacob