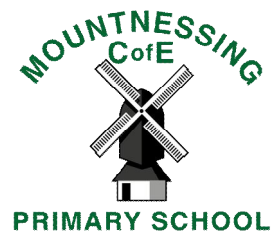


# Mountnessing C of E Primary School

Unlocking every child's potential

11.10.13



Dear Parents and carers,

Another busy week! I can't believe how quickly this half term is disappearing. Thank you for attending our Harvest Festival yesterday. Despite the late start, the service ran well with the children performing brilliantly (as usual). You have all donated lot of food, some of which was taken to the church yesterday and the rest will be taken to the food bank next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Mrs H Obank

## Celebrations

### Star of the Week

**Acorns:** Darcey Jeeves

**Chestnuts:** Elodie Syndercombe and Keira Brewster

**Willow:** Ruben Syndercombe

**Oaks:** Ross Neale

## News

### New School Website

We are very excited and proud to launch the new school website for Mountnessing C of E Primary School. Following six months of work in partnership with Gavin Bates at the School Print Company, we feel the new site offers a much improved experience for all users. Our main aims when developing the new site was to improve the accessibility of information for our local community and stakeholders and that existing parents and families who are new to the school will enjoy looking at our website and find it useful.

We feel we have achieved this but I would like to invite you all to contact me with any feedback/thoughts on the new website. Please visit [www.mountnessing.essex.sch.uk](http://www.mountnessing.essex.sch.uk) to view the pages and visit the sections for children and parents.

### Sports Plus Scheme

As a school we have used some of our sports premium money and signed up to a sports plus scheme. This will enable us to provide 1 lunch time club, 1 after school club and 2 lessons a week with a professional sports coaching provider. This provision will be offered for free to children. The clubs will change each term and be open to different year groups. The teaching sessions will rotate to each class over the year so ALL children benefit. They will start with a focus on gymnastics.

This will start after the half term holiday, more information and details will be sent over the next 2 weeks.

## Information

### Stranger Danger

There have been some reports of men in a white van in and around Essex approaching children before and after school. Please ensure that children are aware of these dangers and you talk to them at home about stranger danger. We are in the process of arranging a police officer to attend a school assembly to talk to the children as well.

### TLC's

The termly learning conferences are on Tuesday and many of you have already signed up for a slot with your child's teacher. There are still some available if you haven't signed up yet. Please remember that there is free school dinner tasting between 3.15 - 5.15pm in the hall. The governors and I will also be available for a chat in the hall during this time.

The children will all be in the hall from 2pm - come and collect your child from the hall to take them to your TLC with the teacher. The other children need to be collected from the top playground at the normal times.

### Reverend Jean

Mrs Roberts (Grace and Tilly's mum) is going to start collecting money for Reverend Jean. If you would like to contribute towards a retirement and thank you present, then please pass your donation to her, or through the school office.

She will be missed in school, but will hopefully come back to see us when she can.

## Dates for the Diary

Termly Learning Conference - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET DAY - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Half term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November