

# Mountnessing C of E Primary School

Unlocking every child's potential

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Dear Parents and carers,

As we finish this school year we have to say good bye to year 6 as they move on to secondary school. I wish them all lots of luck in their new schools, please keep in touch with all your achievements! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for being supportive during my first year as head teacher at Mountnessing School. I have enjoyed this year very much and have been very proud of all the children and their hard work. Enjoy your summer holiday; we will see you all on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Mrs H Obank

## Celebrations

### Stars of the Week

Class 1: Joe Morphew

Class 2: Amelia Kramer

Class 3: Freddy Gumble

Class 4: All of class 3 and 4 for their hard work in the Buggy performance

**Australasia** won the house prize for the summer term. They earned the most house points all year and enjoyed a film treat on Thursday afternoon.

### Special Achievements

#### Class 1:

**Kaleb, Keira, Darcie, Sarah and Elodie** have learnt and know more than 70% of the first 100 sight words.

#### Class 2:

**Henry Payne** has worked hard on his spelling this year. In his spelling tests over the whole year he has scored 319/320. Well done Henry - super work!

This term **Charley, Eva, Erika, Adam F, Henry P, Ruby and Archie S** have all scored 100% on their spelling tests.

#### Class 3:

Mrs Foster would like to mention that the **whole class** have been super supportive over this past half term and have been great ambassadors for the school.

#### Class 4

**Emily Bowlt** gained a distinction in her grade 3 piano exam. **Mark Beadon** achieved his white stripy belt in karate.

**Ross Neale** gained managers player of the season and **Mikee Tarling** received players player of the season at Kelvedon Hatch FC.

**Mia Moss** won 1<sup>st</sup> place for her solo dance routine at her club.

## Favourite Photographs



## Information

### Class names

The class teachers have requested that we change the class names to suit being a forest school.

Class 1 will now become Acorns.

Class 2 will become Chestnuts

Class 3 will become Willow

Class 4 will become Oaks.

### Coffee Morning



We will be hosting the McMillan world's biggest coffee morning in school on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The money that school raises will be donated to the Macmillan cancer charity. We are hosting this event for Charlotte Wheatley our school cook, whose son has been battling cancer over the past few months. Fingers crossed he is on the mend, and they get some good news over the holiday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

I would like to say thank you to her for continuing to be an excellent school chef despite having such worries, I would also like to say thank you to Helen Hills and Sue Jones who have stepped in to cover when it was needed.

Information about the coffee morning will be sent to parents nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries.

### School Holiday

Information has gone out to parents to advise you that from September we can no longer authorise any holiday requests. This change has been made by the DfE. If you need to apply for leave of absence it needs to be for exceptional circumstances and a form can be found in the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

### PPA cover

Next year teacher's PPA time (Planning, preparation and assessment) is changing slightly:

- In KS2 it will be covered by language provision from Anglo European School and a music teacher, Paula Maddox. Class 3 have Spanish tuition, and class 4 have French.
- In KS1 They will have music covered by school staff and an external teacher for Sports activities, Kevin Baker. We will use some of our new sports premium money funding by the government to pay for Kevin's tuition.

## News

### Attendance

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 97%

Class 3: 97%

Class 4: 96%

The following children have had 100% attendance all year: Adam and Jack Feakins, Amelia Kramer, Henry Bull and Freddy Bull.

### Thank you

There are lots of people that I need to say thank you to for their help and support this year.

- Paul Hurley and Ezel Niyazi for their kind donation of £200 towards our new hall lights.
- Tyrone Taylor (Kiaan and Kai's dad) for the offer of a free electrician to put up our new stage lights.
- All parents who donated after our performances, we raised £150 on the 2 nights.
- Mrs Kerby and Mrs Stacey for driving the minibus to various events.
- All the forest schools helpers that have supported the children and teachers in the woodland.
- Sheila Pizzala and Mrs Bowlt for running gardening club in their own time.
- Mrs Harries and Mrs Kelly for listening to readers on a weekly basis.
- Mrs Barton and Mrs Bowlt for helping the KS2 children learn their times tables.

### Mary Hart

Mary our school crossing patrol officer is leaving us today as she is retiring. She has worked very hard in keeping the children safe as they cross the road before and after school. Thank you for all your hard work Mary.

Unfortunately, Mary is not being replaced. Essex does not feel that our numbers warrant placing another lollipop lady in her place. I have already written to the council explaining how strongly I feel it is needed, especially as the road is 40mph and many of you park in the pub. If you feel that a school crossing patrol officer is needed, please write a letter explaining so, perhaps we can change their minds.

### FOM's

There are some great ideas for the summer holidays on the Friends of Mountnessing Facebook page please, 'like' the page and have a look. Liking is not the same as being facebook friend so you don't need to worry about your privacy.

The FOM's also have some big adventure wristband tickets left so if anyone wants some over the summer they can email and they will do their best to sort them out.

## Dates for the Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Non pupil days

4<sup>th</sup> September - School open as normal

27<sup>th</sup> September - Coffee morning