

Essex County Council

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so pleased to say that the first full week has gone really well. Thank you for all your support in bringing the children and picking them up at the different times and full marks for remembering the PE days! Next week the children will have two 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and it will be their last week in their current classes. It has been good to be able to assess the children and set targets before they move into their new year groups.

The Christian value which we are exploring this half term is Thankfulness and I told the children how thankful I have been this week to see everybody. We also held in our thoughts the people who have lost their homes in the fires in California and people who are ill at home.

#### Class Newsletters

After the successful introduction of using Dojo during lockdown for communicating with parents, the teachers will now send all of their reminders and notices in this way. There will no longer be a weekly newsletter from your class teacher(s) so do look out for alerts from Dojo. If you would prefer the reminders in paper form, please let us know.

#### Coughs and Colds

During the Autumn, children naturally get coughs, colds, and temperatures but at the moment we are all understandably concerned that any illness could be Coronavirus related. Very sensibly, many parents have kept children at home for coughs but if your child has a mild cold with a runny nose, they are ok to come to school.

Just to remind you, the coronavirus symptoms are:

- a high temperature (even if it goes down quickly)
- a new, continuous cough - Please note – continuous. As parents you can spot the difference.
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**You must isolate and test if have any of the above.**

If you are worried please phone 111, they can provide bespoke advice, and if necessary, they will send you for a test.

For a really good guide please see: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51643556>

#### TikTok

Please be aware, if your child(ren) uses the TikTok app, that there has been a very disturbing video shared which does not warn the children of its content. TikTok has tried to remove but it has also been copied and reshared. Leventhorpe school first sent out this information as children there had seen it. Please be extra vigilant and talk to your child about the content they are watching.

#### School Dates

Please note the added dates below especially the Inset days on the Friday and Monday before and after half term.

#### Achievement from Home and School

**Home:** Fay has achieved her 'Learn to Swim' level 5 and Danielle and Oliver both completed the summer reading challenge and were very pleased with their medals.

**School:** The following children have all achieved their **Bronze Athletics** award; Fay, Ivy, Ryan, Lucy, Danielle, Oliver, Harry, Alfie, Mitchell, Isabelle D, Amalie, Joshua, Catherine, Isabella O, Sienna, Kayla, Abigail, Ruby T, Sonny, Archie and Poppie. Fay, Ivy, Lucy, Danielle, Oliver, Alfie, Joshua, Catherine, Ruby T, Archie and Poppie were presented with their **Silver Athletics** award and Oliver, Alfie D and Poppie were very proud of their **Gold Athletics** award.

#### Birthdays

This week we sang the birthday song to Jena who will be 11 years old next week.

#### Learning Hero

My person of the week is Fay, for working independently and writing a TERRIFIC sentence in her first week back at school.

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**Diary Dates**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Teacher Session 1: 1:30-1:45

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** Meet the Teacher Session 2: 1:30-1:45

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Essex Music lessons begin

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Inset day

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term holiday

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Inset day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Individual photos

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu immunisations

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain