



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a busy three weeks we have had back at school! We are delighted that children in Wrens now join us for full days and have settled into the Messing community and routines incredibly well.

During our first few weeks in assembly I have been talking to the children about ways to save energy and they have been excellent at remembering to turn off the lights and also encouraging teachers to be mindful about their use of the interactive screens. We have also been working on recycling, starting with paper. Our paper usage from the first to second week was dramatically reduced as many children chose to reuse which is fantastic! We will be working with students to find other ways that the school can reduce-reuse-recycle and next week marks [Great Big Green Week](#). We are also excited to launch School Council next week in assembly and children across the school will be able to put themselves forward to represent their year.

A reminder that it is the PTFA AGM next Friday and we hope that many of you can join us for this. We will also be hosting a coffee afternoon to raise money for Macmillan on Thursday starting at 2pm.

Best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown

Photo highlights



Snacks

Parents are able to send snacks into school with children, but these should not be items such as crisps, sugary biscuits or chocolate bars. As part of our ongoing PSHE curriculum as well as through science and DT, children learn about healthy eating and lifestyles and your support with this is appreciated.

Parking

A polite reminder that parents **must not** park on the double yellow lines outside of the school, even if you are dropping off late. The area within the yellow lines must be kept clear at all times for safety reasons.

Attendance and Illness

As we begin the new term, a real focus for us is on improving and increasing our school attendance. We are aiming for 96.5% school attendance and need your support in order to achieve this. We anticipate there will be lots of germs and runny noses this term. Children should be in school unless they are unwell with a high temperature/ sickness/ infection. Medicine can be administered in school with paperwork. Please speak to Mrs Godday. **Did you know...** if a child misses 1 day a term this is 6 a year and over their primary school years equates to 42 days.

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2023

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that you need to log onto the website and make an application by **31st October 2022**.

All application information is available on the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Governors' Report - Autumn 2022

The governors would like to welcome you all back after the summer holiday and welcome our new families to the school. We met on 13 September to plan for the year ahead. We have streamlined our meetings to make better use of time. We are very pleased that we can now resume visits to school –governors will be coming in to monitor different areas of the curriculum. We have updated our child protection policy. We also reviewed pupil progress data from the summer term. We have set an attendance target of 96.5% for this year. Our children missed so much school during the Covid lockdowns and we would love to see them in school every day unless they really are not well enough.

We look forward to seeing some of you at events later in the term.

You can contact the governors through the school office if you would like to speak to us about any queries or concerns you may have.

Anne-Marie Renshaw

Key dates

- PTFA AGM- 30th September 2pm
- Macmillan coffee afternoon- 29th September 2pm
- Share and Learn/ Stay and Play- 6th October
- Harvest Festival- 13th October 1.45pm

