



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe that we find ourselves with only one week to go until half term. As always at Messing, we have had a lot going on with events around King Charles' Coronation, KS2 SATs and Summer term clubs well underway. This week and next, we are supporting our Year 2 students with their SATs in maths and English. Like the Yr 6's, our younger children have had an exceptional attitude, with one child telling me "it's so much fun" after completing their first reading paper.

This week we have also been raising awareness around keeping mentally healthy. Mrs Lewis held a special singing assembly on Tuesday and classes have been following up their learning. Keeping mentally healthy is important for us all, not just the children. Please reach out if you need any support or a listening ear. [Heads Together](#) is an excellent resource if you would like more information.

In this newsletter you will find a range of dates for the summer term. These include some trips for classes, as well as school photos and the Summer Fete. You can also find the dates on the school website. The children in Owl class have auditioned and been given their roles for the summer performance, Robin and the Sherwood Hoodie. Rehearsals are already well underway and it promises to be an excellent show, full of laughter.

Next term I will be asking for your suggestions on the School's Development Plan as we reflect on the year and plan ahead. Please have a think and let us know if there are any areas of school life you think that we could be developing further.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

Well Done Year 6

We are very proud of all of our Year 6 pupils for their excellent attitude towards their SATs last week. It is always a very busy week, with two days where the children complete two papers. All of the SATs for Year 6 are now finished, with children completing their assessments in spelling, punctuation and grammar, arithmetic, reasoning and reading.



Twitter

A reminder that we have a school Twitter account. You can follow to see extra snippets of school life and photos.

To follow us please search [@MessingPrimary](#)

Library Sessions

We are very grateful to our two parent volunteers for all of the hard work, time and energy they have been putting into the library. This has enabled us to use the library space more with the children and allows them to change their books every two weeks.

We understand that it can be tricky to remember to return the library books, so once your child has finished reading, please send the book back to school and they can keep it in their tray until it is their turn to change over.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 23rd May- KS2

Tuesday 6th June- EY/KS1

Maths Challenge

We are very much looking forward to some more consistent weather! Have a look below to see if you can work out the answer to the question.

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Online Safety

From increasing screen time at the cost of invaluable sleep or exercise, many aspects of young people's online lives and activities can potentially damage their emotional and mental wellbeing. Even regular reminders of basic guidelines – like taking regular breaks, checking their privacy settings and being careful about what they share – can help young internet users to avoid common online hazards that could lead to them feeling unhappy.

Tips for supporting wellbeing in the digital world can be [found here](#) as well as [kidscape.org](#) which has useful advice.





Plea for items

We ask and as parents, you always deliver. Our gallery wall is looking fantastic thanks to the donated picture frames.

There are a couple of additional resources we are after...

Some of you may have heard, but we are on a mission to transform our lunch time service. We currently have plastic trays which the children eat from. Both their main and pudding are served on the tray in different compartments.

This is very commonplace in most schools. However, we would like to change this to make lunch times feel more special! We are collecting white crockery (plates and bowls). Staff have already collected enough for KS2 so far. If you have any odd white plates or come across any in the charity shops, we have a very happy home for them.

We are also looking for small buckets, trowels, kitchen utensils and digging tools for our recently built mud pit.

Key dates for Summer Term

- PTFA Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle- 26th May
- Non-pupil Day- 5th June
- Two Johns Online Safety for children- 7th June
- Healthy Eating week and Year 1 Phonics Screening- W/B 12th June
- Two Johns Online Safety for parents- 13th June
- New EYFS intake parent talk - 14th June
- Wren's Trip- 15th June
- KS2 Consortium Sports- 20th June
- School Photos- 22nd June
- Yr 6 Crucial Crew- 26th June
- Owl class orienteering- 27th June
- Yr 6 transition for Thurstable and Honeywood- 29th June
- PTFA Frozen pop Friday- 30th June
- Summer Performance- 4th/6th July
- Sports Day & Summer Fete- 7th July
- Leavers assembly- 20th July



Spotlight on Sport

We are very proud of Thomas in Year 5. Thomas's passion is go-karting and depending on the championship, he can be found driving at 43 mph around a range of tracks.

Thomas has some races coming up at GYG in Wales, Whilton Mill in Northampton and PF International in Grantham. He has had many great achievements and won trophies.

These include:

- ★ 3rd Place (twice) in the Rye House Lightning Cup
- ★ 2nd Place (twice) in Red Lodge Outdoor Karting
- ★ 2nd Place in the British Indoor Karting Championship (BIKC)

Keep up your hard work and commitment Thomas!



Cricket at New Hall School

Write up by Tommy in Kingfishers

On Thursday 18 of May 2023

We went to New Hall School to play cricket with other schools as part of our sports consortium. The children showed great sportsmanship while using the cricket skills we have learnt this term.

It was lots of fun to play cricket with other children and enjoy the sunshine.

Colchester Police Station

Colchester Police Station open day is approaching and this is a free event for all to attend. There will be a range of police vehicles from cars to motorbikes, to boats to a tractor. Police dogs will be there, and there are lots of different activities for children to do and things to see and learn about, from doing CPR to seeing firearms. It promises to be a great day.

Saturday 3rd June. 11am-4pm

More information on the poster [linked here](#)