



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the Spring term and I am pleased to say that we have managed to have the first lunch time play on the field for all children and not just those with their wellies in school! This brought lots of fun and laughter for everyone yesterday afternoon. On Wednesday it was International Day of Happiness and all children were given a happy note. This started a wonderful chain reaction in classes as many children wrote notes back in response. It certainly put a smile on my face reading such kind words.

Our House Captains and Lunchtime Ambassadors have been busy and were visited by a member of staff from Thurstable School for playground leader training last week. They worked through their lunch time, developing communication skills and coming up with ideas for team building games. The children put this into practise as they led the Red Nose and Spoon Race. Well done to all of the children involved in this.

Thank you for such a fabulous turn out for 'Share and Learn' last Friday. It is always such a pleasure to open up the school and have parents in classrooms. Children told me that they really enjoyed sharing their learning and looking through their books with you. We also saw a good turn out of parents for Mr Pearce's Maths Talk on Monday. This kicked started our Messing Maths Week. Feedback from this was positive and we plan to run this session again so that we are able to reach more parents.

I hope that you are able to have a really lovely Easter break, with fun, laughter and some relaxing too. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes, Mrs Charlotte Brown

Governors

The third LGB meeting of the year took place on 5th March. We received reports from Ms Brown and from governors on finance, health and safety and regarding the school premises and we reviewed our contracts with outside providers to ensure we are getting the best value for money for services that are required to keep the school running smoothly and efficiently. We also discussed attendance, mental health and wellbeing and GDPR and ratified a number of new policies.

Additionally, and importantly, we set the schools equalities objectives for the next four years, the intention of which is to promote equality by celebrating all types of diversity through increased understanding and awareness.

You may have heard from your children that on Monday 11th governors spent the day in school. This was the first of our new monitoring days, and we thoroughly enjoyed talking to staff about various curriculum areas, listening to pupil views by talking to the children and sharing lunch with them all in the hall. The children were a credit to the school, and to you all - articulate, polite and interested. It was a pleasure to spend the day with them.

As ever, you are able to contact governors through the school office if you have any queries.

We would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter Holidays,

Pip Parmenter



Easter Bikeability



Easter holidays are fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do over the holidays? Why not sign them up to one of Essex Highway's Bikeability Courses.

All different levels are available as well as a beginner course called 'Learn to Ride.'

There are courses being held in Colchester.

Please see below the link for to book Easter holiday courses.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>.



Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping - potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system.

Follow [this link](#) to see a guide that contains tips for helping children with sleep.

Red Nose and Spoon Race

Thank you for all of the donations for children to take part in our lunch time activity. We raised a total of **£99.10** (including the school buying some red noses).

A big well done to the House Captains and Playtime Ambassadors for working together to organise the event.

The winning house with most children taking part was **SAPPHIRES!**



Absence from school/ Collection from school

If your child/ren are absent from school or there are important messages you need to be passed on, please ensure you ring/ email the school office or email your child's class teacher. Whilst on the gate we take many messages from parents, but there can be delays with information being passed on. In addition, if you are dropping your child/ren off later, or collecting them, such as for an appointment, please come into school via the front gate.

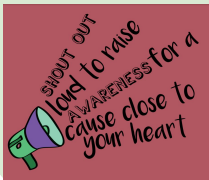
Thank you for your cooperation.

Great British Spring Clean

Back for its ninth year, the Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

We have already had some children in school picking up litter in their local area, such as Messing woods, and this is a great opportunity for children to take action as part of Agents of Change and earn a stamp in their passports.

You can find out more information by [clicking on this link](#).



Spring/ Summer Term Diary Dates



Tues 26th Mar- Spring Recital led by Kingfisher class (to be held at All Saints, parents invited 9:45am)

Weds 27th Mar- Kingfishers Egyptian Museum (parents invited at 2:30pm)

Thurs 28th Mar- PTFA Non-uniform in exchange for a bottle

Mon 15th Apr- Return to school

Tues 16th Apr- Reception school place offers

Thurs 18th Apr- PTFA Film Night

Weds 1st May- KS1 group football event

Fri 3rd May- PTFA sponsored event

Mon 6th May- Bank Holiday

W/B Mon 13th May- KS2 SATs week

Thurs 16th May- KS1 Fun Run

Fri 24th May- Non school uniform (and final day of term)

Mon 3rd Jun- Non pupil day

Thurs 13th Jun- School photographs

Fri 14th Jun- PTFA Remote Control Car event

Mon 17th Jun- Governor monitoring visit day

Tues 18th Jun- KS2 Athletics competition

Fri 21st Jun- Agents of Change conference

Tues 25th Jun- Yr 4/5 Food and Farming event

Football- 18th March

Write up by Tommy and Arlo

A team of us played some games against other schools. We did some friendly matches to practise before the tournament started. Messing won against Fingringhoe School and got some extra points for a win because one school did not turn up. Tommy, Arlo, Alfie and Ethan all scored goals. It was tiring and we had a hard game against St Luke's School. Well done to everybody on their great teamwork.

Ms Metcalf was so proud of how the children represented the school.

Goodbye Ms Murr

Very sadly at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Ms Murr. We have been very fortunate to have her as part of our team for over a year now.

Ms Murr has supported many children at Messing and we will miss her great sense of humour, common sense approach to solving problems and positive mindset.

We wish Ms Murr all the very best and thank her for all of her hard work at Messing!

