



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school over the past few weeks for both share and learn and parents evening. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to join your child/ ren in their class, hear about some of the topics they have been learning about and see the displays full of their work. I appreciate that it is always a bit of a squeeze in our wonderfully small classrooms, but thank you for bearing with us.

There are going to be a few key updates coming on the school website including the updated and reviewed Behaviour and Relationships Policy. We use the principles of Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) to underpin the way we respond to children’s behaviour and understand that all behaviour is a form of communication.

In addition, I have added the [term dates](#) for the next academic year. Please do ensure that you check the dates carefully before booking any holidays. As you will already be aware, the guidance around term time holidays has changed and there have been families at Messing who have faced penalty fines.

The lunch menu will be changing after the Easter holiday to the Spring menu. You can find the new menus on the [school website here](#). Thank you to one of the parents for suggesting build your own wraps which we will be trialling as the second option as we move away from jacket potatoes. Ms Gooday has added the dates to the menus and we will start back on Tuesday 22nd April on Week 1.

Finally, a plea for any keyboards that you may have at home that are not used. We have an increasing number of children having 1:1 music tuition at school and it would be fantastic to support them in practising at home.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Red Nose and Spoon Races

Thank you for the support in raising money for Comic Relief. Many of the children have enjoyed taking part in our ‘Nose and Spoon Races’. For all children engaging with raising money, they will earn a stamp in their Agents of Change passport.

There is still time to make a donation towards this fantastic charity. As a school, if each child donated £1 and we raised £88, look at the impact we can have together. How empowering to know that £88 has the potential to provide 352 meals for those in need.



FRIDAY 21 MARCH



352

Meals at a local community centre in the UK

Or



17

Pieces of essential clothing for a child

Or



8

Toiletry kits for a young homeless person

Or



4

Legal assistance packages for a refugee family

Easter Bikeability

There are a range of Bikeability courses being run over the Easter Holidays for children across Essex, as well as a Dr Bike session for minor maintenance. You can find out more and booking information here - <https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



New Hall School Open Day

New Hall School is excited to invite families to their upcoming Open Day on Saturday 3 May 2025. As our partner school, New Hall welcomes Messing pupils for regular swimming lessons, as well as sport, performing arts and retreat opportunities on their site. There are scholarship opportunities for Year 7 entry exclusive to our pupils. The Open Day will be a fantastic opportunity to explore the vibrant community and outstanding facilities. All are welcome.

Up to two scholarships are offered for pupils from Messing Primary, who achieve within the scholarship range in the Year 7 entrance assessments for New Hall. Scholarships may be awarded in the following categories: Academic, Music, Sport, Catholic. The Scholarships are worth up to 50% remission of fees and apply for five years. Scholarships may be combined with a bursary for those who are otherwise unable to afford the fees.



New Hall School



Join us for our Open Day

Saturday 3 May 2025, 9.45am-2.00pm (last tours start at 12.45pm)

Watching and Browsing Online- Internet Matters

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all, but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

Staffing

As many of you will be aware, we currently have 2 supply teachers covering at Messing. Mrs Brooks has been teaching in Reception for 3 days a week and in Kingfisher class for 2 days. Mrs Brooks will be moving on from Messing at the end of next week, but we are incredibly grateful to her for all of the support and care she has given so diligently to all of the children at Messing.

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Kate Williams to our Messing staff team after Easter. Mrs Williams will be working 3 days a week in Wrens as the job share with Mrs Lewis. We had an overwhelming number of applicants for the role and Mrs Williams has extensive experience in Early Years. She is excited to join our team and particularly loves teaching Drawing Club, Phonics and being outside. She will be in school in the final week to get to know the children.

Mrs Williams- Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Mrs Lewis- Wednesday Thursday

In Kingfisher class, Ms Osborne will be teaching 5 days as cover while Mrs Southgate remains away from school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Brooks and Ms Osborne for their continued support of all of the children at Messing. We have been fortunate to have such dedicated supply teachers.

Diary Dates

Thurs 27th March - Netball tournament at Thurstable School (letters have already gone out to children)

Fri 28th March - Final swimming lesson for Kingfisher class

Fri 4th Apr- Free Write Friday

Mon 7th- Mon 21st April - Easter break

Tues 22nd April - Earth Day

Weds 23rd April - St. George's Day

Mon 5th May - Bank Holiday

Mon 12th May - KS2 SATS week

