



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the swing of things for the first full week. We welcomed Mr Pickthorn on Wednesday to teach Spanish in the Key Stage 2 classes and Mrs Cooper and Miss Dodd joined on Thursday for the first hockey lesson in PE. Thank you to all of the New Hall staff who continue supporting the curriculum at Messing.

This week Mrs Owens was very excited to serve lunch to Wrens and their parents. It was a lovely opportunity for parents to experience a school lunch and see the children independently selecting their food and carrying their own trays. This was the first time we have done this as part of the induction into Reception, however after some lovely feedback from parents we hope to offer it again.

Thank you to the parents who joined the meet the teacher sessions for Owl and Kingfishers classes this week. Teachers put these sessions on so you are able to get a flavour of the year ahead, find out about the timetable and to share essential information. There is always the opportunity to ask questions or speak with the teacher about any specific concerns at the end. Unfortunately there was a low turnout for these. We appreciate it can be challenging to fit in meetings around work, however if you are unable to attend future events, please do let the class teacher know in advance so they can share the essentials with you or get an idea of numbers attending so they can rearrange if necessary. Our lovely teachers are happy to give their time, however it can be disheartening when only a few people attend.

In the coming weeks there will be updates to the website to include updated policies, clubs and the school menu. The teachers have been busy putting together the class curriculum guides to give you an overview of the children's topics and key learning this term. These can be found by selecting your child's class from the drop down menu on the website under classes, also [linked here](#). There are also some 'recommended reads' linked to topics and based on books shared in class.

[Linked here](#) is the yearly overview calendar. It has a range of planned events across the year. As always in schools, dates and events do change and I try to ensure the weekly bulletin and newsletter contain upcoming dates. If you notice anything is not quite right, please do let me know.

In order to streamline our office processes, we are hoping that you can help us as we begin to move away from cash with the increasing use of BACs payments. If you are able to, please make any school payments such as uniform, lunches, trips and clubs via BACs. Use your child's name and the reason as a reference, for example TOMLUNCH. The BACs details are:

Messing Primary School

Lloyds Bank

Sort Code 30-92-16

Account Number 49091060

A final reminder, please do not allow your child to play on the equipment at the end of the school day. Staff are not supervising at this point as our priority is the safety of children leaving the school site.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

Car Park Lighting

As many of you are aware, we have had a lot of work carried out and this includes new bollard lighting in the parent car park. Very sadly, one has already been knocked over and we are unsure of when this happened.

I ask again to please use the car park safely for the benefit of all of the children and school community. If something has happened then we would much rather be informed to ensure we can act promptly to maintain safety. The school is liable for the cost of all repairs and this has an impact on the school's limited budget.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Mon 14th Sept-Music lessons start

Tues 15th Sept- Robins meet the teacher 3:20pm

Tues 29th Sept- Parent Phonics workshop 3.20pm

Fri 2nd Oct- Share and Learn 2.30pm (parents)

Mon 5th- Tues 6th Oct- Parents eve sign up

Thurs 8th Oct- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Messing at 1.45pm (parents invited)

Fri 9th Oct- PTFA AGM 9am

Tues 13th Oct- Flu immunisation for children

Tues 13th/ Thurs 15th Oct- Parent's evening

Fri 23rd Oct- Last day of half term

Harvest Donations

As a school we come together annually to celebrate Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Messing. This is always the first whole school event in our calendar and we invite you to join us on **Thursday 8th October at 1:45pm**. After the service has finished, you will be able to take your child straight home from the church, or if they are staying for Sports or Smiley Club then they will walk back to school with staff.

During the service, we show thanks for the hard work carried out during harvest and also turn our thoughts to those less fortunate than us. If you are able to donate any tinned items, long life foods, or personal care products then please drop these into our collection point in the front office. These are donated to Colchester Foodbank to help support others.

Plea for crockery

All children from Year 1 use china plates and bowls for their lunch. The crockery has been kindly donated by parents and staff over the past 4 years. Generally we have very few breakages, however as we start the new term we do often lose a few due to accidents. If you come across any good quality second hand plates or bowls in charity shops, or you are having a clear out, then please do think of us. Mrs Owens is always welcoming of spares.