

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been absolutely delighted to welcome Miss Lennard to our school team this week! She has had a wonderful first few days and has thoroughly enjoyed spending time getting to know the children in their classrooms. A big thank you to everyone who has said hello so far—Miss Lennard has loved meeting so many parents and carers on the school gate each morning. Please do give her a wave or stop for a chat if you see her out and about!

As you will have seen from our ClassDojo message, we are anticipating some very excited (and potentially tired!) households this weekend. To support our families, we will be offering a softer start to the morning on Monday.

If your children are staying up late to watch the England football match and need a little extra sleep, please take advantage of this. Here is what you need to know:

- Extended Register: The morning register will remain open until **10:00 AM**.
- Normal Routine Option: If your family isn't watching the football, or you prefer to keep to your usual routine, please bring your children in at the normal time. Our doors will open as usual and all staff will be here ready to welcome them.

However you choose to spend your Sunday evening, we hope you have a fantastic weekend. Come on, England! 🇬🇧

Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Ayaan for Challenge

Year 1 - The whole class for Collaboration and excellent behaviour on their trip yesterday

Year 2 - Jessica and Kiki for Collaboration

Year 3 - Jesse for Challenge

Year 4 - Rubie-Rae for Challenge and Courage

Year 5 - Lorcan and Lottie for Collaboration

Year 6 - Christiana for Critical Thinking



UNIFORM UPDATE

Just to let you know, the new softer 50-50 knitwear has arrived at Danielle's Uniform shop and is now available for you to purchase!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

You will be aware that we are moving away from paper letters. You will have received your child's club form for Autumn Term. You will also soon receive a Data Collection and Consent Form. Can you please ensure that both forms are completed before the end of term. This will ensure that we have all the information we need in readiness for September. All medication will be returned on the last day and we must receive this back on 2nd September (please check expiry dates before bringing it back). Just to let you know, all Asthma Care Plans will need to be renewed for the new school year - copies are available in the School Office.



YEAR 1 HAD A FUN TIME ON THE BEACH THIS WEEK!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 95.5%

Year 1 - 97.0%

Year 2 - 99.1%

Year 3 - 94.3%

Year 4 - 98.4%

Year 5 - 93.3%

Year 6 - 97.1%

Total - 96.2%

WELL DONE NIGHTINGALES!



IMPORTANT DATES:

7th July: Forest School for EYFS & Year 1

8th July: Samba drumming workshops for all classes

8th July: Year 6 tournament

9th July: ECFRS Summer Safety assemblies

10th July 9am: Year 2 Class assembly

10th July: Reports emailed to parents

13th July: Parents welcome after school to discuss their child's report (no appointment necessary)

14th July: 9am Year 3 class assembly

14th July: 5.30pm 2Johns online safety session

15th July: Children spend time with their new teacher

15th July: 2.30pm Music concert in hall to parents who have instrumental lessons

16th July: 5pm Year 6 production NEW DATE

16th July: Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge assembly

20th July: 9.15am Leavers service for parents in hall

20th July: Sports day races/picnic/bouncy castle

20th July: Last day of term

1st Sept: INSET Day

2nd Sept: Children return to school

HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week's Headteacher's Cup goes to Tommy in Year 5. Tommy has shown great kindness in supporting children in EYFS.



MEET THE STAFF MEMBER: MISS LENNARD

Hello, I'm Miss Lennard and I am very excited to be joining you all next year! I love working as part of a team and helping children to develop confidence and a love of learning. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy being outdoors, being creative and spending time with my horse. This year, I'm looking forward to meeting you all and seeing you challenge yourselves, support one another and celebrate your achievements together.

