



## New Homework Policy Takes Off!

Our new homework approach officially launched this week with the parent workshop on Tuesday evening and the new Learning Journals being sent home with the children on Wednesday. If you were unable to make the workshop but would like to find out how to make the most of supporting your child at home, please visit the homework area on our website within 'Teaching and Learning'.

Over Easter, can the children please cover their new books with sticky back plastic or wrapping paper with the option draw patterns or designs on the front of them. No brands or logos please!

Homework over Easter is as follows: Y6 Booster packs (already given out). Y3-Y5 cover their homework books with paper or patterns. Consider taking part in the local community competition (see details below and on the reverse of this newsletter)

## Houses Event

Our children joined up with the Infants to collaborate in their newly formed Houses this morning. Children took part in two different activities which model different skills and values. Thank you to all the staff for the immense planning which went into making this possible but also to the children for making the event a success with such a 'can do' attitude. We will undertake more of these mornings over the next term.

## House Captains

The children have elected their new house captains after an excellent Hustings afternoon yesterday. Congratulations to the following:

**Dragon House** Captains: Lauren Millen and Alfie Ferris

Vice Captains: Nabeel Asghar and Lauren Phillips

**Phoenix House** Captains: Sophie Scott and Finley Gooch

Vice Captains: Tommy Robarts and Ellie Barnes

**Griffin House** Captains: Arrabella Darnell-Green and Aidan Steers

Vice Captains: Alex Barnes and Lily Mounteer

**Pegasus House** Captains: Freya Lorkin and Joshua Niven

Vice Captains: Max Sisson and Chloe Riley

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 13th April



Due to popular demand, we have re-booked the Online Stranger Danger Day for Thursday 11th June. This will now include an input to children (Y4-Y6), staff and parents (7pm-9pm). More details will follow on how to book your place.

## Sporting Achievements Cross Country

Six Y6 boys represented the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership at the Essex school games yesterday in Cross Country. They all performed very well, results will be announced after Easter.

## Athletics

Our Indoor Athletics team finished 9th out of the whole of Essex schools at Garrons Park, Southend last week. Reuben White, in particular, threw the furthest javelin. Well done to all of you on your achievements

*We are looking forward to welcoming Headteacher, Mr Eric Osei, from our partner school in Ghana; DaCosta Academy. He joins us 5th-8th May.*

Springfield Parish Council are launching their annual Children's competition which based around design skills. See the reverse of this newsletter for more details

**Midday Assistant Vacancy!** Please enquire at our School office for more details

## Supporting our Curriculum

We believe in offering our children a rich and diverse set of curriculum opportunities through visits, plays and workshops; our parents have a strong history of financially supporting these events. It has, therefore, been disappointing to note that 70% of pupils did not donate anything towards our Book Week and only two thirds of Y5 supported the recent Victorian Day as an example. Donations are voluntary but without them, we cannot sustain financial support for these rich and varied events.

*Y5 Mersea balance due by 31st March  
Y6 Isle of Wight balance due by 24th April*

Congratulations to Jessica Tuff, Hannah Richards and Beth Wright who will be representing Essex at the regional Hockey championships in April.

## Other Key dates

<b>Thurs 23rd Apr</b>	Class 11 Assembly
<b>Thurs 30th Apr</b>	Class 12 Assembly
<b>Thurs 7th May</b>	Closed due to Polling Day
<b>Thurs 21st May</b>	Class 10 Assembly
<b>Fri 22nd May</b>	Non-Pupil Day 4
<b>Thurs 11th June</b>	E-Safety Parent/Pupil workshop
<b>Fri 3rd July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Fri 10th July</b>	'Houses' Family Feast 1pm
<b>Tues 21st July</b>	End of Term
<b>Thurs 3rd Sept</b>	1st day of Autumn Term

## Non-Pupil Days 2015/2016

23/10/15	18/12/15	04/01/16
12/02/16	27/05/16	