

Dear Parent

What a fantastic day Year 1 and Year 2 had at Shoeburyness yesterday, despite being rather chilly we couldn't have asked for a better day and once the wind dropped the weather was ideal. The children were very excited and animated when sharing their findings of shells, shrimps, crabs and sea spiders. A very big thank you to Mrs Bushi for organising such a successful trip and for choosing a day when the weather was kind! Mr Thomas, our Chair of Governors also came. He said "I have loved every minute of seeing the children so engaged in the day".

Next week on Thursday we are having a maths day in school when the children will be collaborating not only across year groups, but also with the Junior School.

ST ALBANS DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Results from the judging that took place in July last year have just been announced and



we are delighted to report that we were again successful in three categories of the competition. Once again, for the third year in a row, we won the 'Super Duper Sunflower'. Our sunflower measured 11ft 5" more than double the height of the other entries! We were runners up in two other categories, 'Scrapyard Scarecrow' and 'Wonderful Wildlife'. Mr Evans and Mrs Greening together with last year's Sustainable

Ambassadors received the awards at a special ceremony at St Albans District Council Offices last Friday. The certificates are on show in the entrance hall.

ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL

As there are an increasing number of children with life threatening allergies in school can we please remind parents that we are a nut free school. We also ask people not to bring in anything containing sesame (including hummus). Thank you for your co-operation.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

Previously the school received additional money called Pupil Premium for all children who received free school meals. Now that all children automatically receive universal free school meals you can still register for free school meals in order for us to continue to benefit from Pupil Premium.

We are keen for more families to apply quickly and easily for the benefits they are entitled to which will make a real difference both to their lives and to the attainment of their children in school.

For more information on free school meals and other educational benefits in Hertfordshire, visit: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

For each child who receives Pupil Premium we receive £1320 to support their education in school. Children who are eligible may receive a free item of school uniform or be allocated a free place at one of our school clubs.

You can apply

- online at: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals
- smartphone: Using the LookingLocal app available from app stores.
- Digital TV: The Community Channel – Press the red button
- Wii/Xbox/PS3: www.lookinglocal.gov.uk/hertsdirect
- phone: 0300 123 4084 between 8:00am and 8:00pm Monday to Friday, or between 9:00am and 4:00pm Saturday

Diary Dates

TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER
 Year 1: Talk Like a Pirate Day

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7.30pm
 FOWI Drinks & A.G.M.

THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER
 Maths Day

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9.00am

Class Assembly: Chestnut

TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
3.30pm -6.30pm
 Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER
5.00pm-8.00pm
 Parent Consultations

THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER
9.00am
 Class Assembly: Beech

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
2.30 – 3.30pm
 FOWI Cake & Second-hand
 Uniform Sale

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER
 Deadline for Completion of
 online Flu Immunisation Forms:
 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

WEEK COMMENCING 18th
SEPTEMBER 2017
SCHOOL MENU:
Week 3

Alternatively, the School Office will be happy to apply on your behalf.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY YEAR 1: TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

A reminder that children in Year 1 are invited to come to school dressed as pirates on Tuesday. Costumes do not have to be elaborate, home-made eye patches and scarves will be fine. The Year 1 team have requested that the pirates leave their swords and cutlasses at home!

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust have asked us to remind parents that they should sign up for their child's annual flu vaccination by **29th September 2017**. The vaccinations are for children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 and all parents should have received an email with the link to the consent form.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS : SIGN UP BOARDS -WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

A reminder that the dates for the first formal individual meetings between teachers and parents are planned as follows: **Tuesday 26th September 3.30pm—6.30pm and Thursday 28th September from 5.00pm—8.00pm** This will be an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and talk about how the children have settled into their new classes. Each meeting will last for 10 minutes. Appointment sheets are now in the classrooms so please sign up if you have not done so already.

On the day of your meeting please enter school via the main entrance. The meetings will take place in the School Hall and in Nursery so please make your way there just before your appointment time. A bell / tambourine will ring after each ten-minute appointment to signal the end of each session. We recognise that sometimes the conversation may need longer than ten minute and teachers are always happy to follow up at a different time if this is the case. Please remember to keep to the ten-minute time slot to allow all parents equal access to the teacher. Parents will be invited to confirm and update the contact details we hold for your child. We will also be checking to see that you are receiving weekly emails. We look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL TRENDS

If you have ordered uniform from School Trends, and used the free delivery to school option watch out for your email saying your order is ready to collect from school. Deliveries begin this week. Don't forget to label your uniform to avoid lost items. Need more uniform? Place your order today at schooltrends.co.uk allowing 21 days for delivery to your chosen address.

FOWI NEWS

FOWI WELCOME DRINKS & A.G.M.

Tuesday, 19th September - 7.30pm (Meeting at 8.15)

Join us to celebrate the start of a new year at our Welcome drinks and Friends of Wheatfields Infants AGM.

Come along and get to know other parents over a few drinks, then find out more about the work of FOWI (Parent Teacher Association) at the Annual General Meeting. This year, we are raising money to update the Schools ICT resources and provide each class with some additional funds for resources, which support our children's learning. We would love your input!

FOWI AND GOVERNOR'S RACE NIGHT – Tickets going fast!

Friday 6th October, welcome drink from 7.45pm, first race at 8.15pm. Just a reminder to get your booking forms in quickly as we have had an amazing response and horses are going quick! You will have found a booking form in your child's book bag. The deadline is Wednesday 27th September but return your form before Monday 18th September to be entered into a draw for a free bottle of Prosecco. The draw will take place at the AGM on Tuesday 19th September. For those of you who are involved in a local business, there are a couple of races left which you could sponsor and name e.g. 'The Wheatfields Infants' School Hurdle'. This only costs £50 and, as a thank you for sponsoring the race, each sponsor will receive 1 free ticket to attend on the night. Please get in touch with Emma Larking (e.larking@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested in sponsoring a race for £50.00 or would like further information.

FOWI PANTOMIME

Friends of Wheatfields Infants (FOWI) once again invite you to join us at the Alban Arena to see this year's Panto "Aladdin" on Saturday 16th December at 2pm.

To secure the group rate, we have to confirm tickets before October half term. Tickets will be sold on a 1st come 1st served basis. All ticket requests must be received at the school office no later than WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER. Please mark the envelope "FAO. Emma Larking FOWI – Panto"

Additional FOWI upcoming events for your diary

19th September - FOWI AGM with wine and cheese

29th September – Cake and 2nd hand uniform sale

25th November – Frost Fair

16th December – Panto: Aladdin @ the Alban Arena

**We hope you have an enjoyable and safe weekend,
Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.**

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