11th September 2015

Headteacher’s Comment
Welcome back! The summer holiday is now over and only now the sun starts to shine. It’s always the way! The autumn term has started extremely well and all the children have settled in very quickly. We have new faces in Reception, and more will be joining over the next two weeks, plus we also had new starters in every year group (apart from Year 6).

Building work and other improvements have been made to the school over the break and this marks the start of our expansion. The Reception build was finished on time, and plans have already been submitted for the next stages. I will keep you updated in regards to this as and when I know more information.

Only thing left to say is; we look forward to yet another successful year and it’s business as normal 😊

Uniform
We are looking very smart and I am pleased the children are continuing to take pride in their appearance. I did hear that our supplier (Tesco – F&F) had some nationwide issues in supplying school uniform over the summer, which we are investigating. Just a reminder on a few things:

Headbands, hairbands and hairclips – red or white and plain in appearance (no bows or flowers etc)
Earrings – Studs only (small)
Nail varnish – not to be worn

Dates for Your Diary
A full yearly breakdown of dates will be published next week but in the meantime can the Year 6 parents put a meeting in their diary please. Thursday 24th September, 5pm start. Expectations and Mersea will be two items discussed, plus it will give you a chance to ask any questions you may have. It will last about an hour and we hope to see a parent from every child there.

Reading at Home
We will be publishing the table you are used to seeing in the News and Views, showing the percentage of children who have read at home during the week, from next week. The expectation is all children read, or are read to, at least 3 times a week and this is then documented in their reading record. A table is displayed in every classroom showing this information, which I checked on a daily basis. I will write more about the importance of reading at home soon but needless to say, it is absolutely vital.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing 7th September 2015

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Weekly
1st – Reception classes
2nd – Year 2
3rd – Year 6

Outside School Achievements
If your child has achieved something you would like to share with the school please send in, by note or email (office@larchwood.essex.sch.uk), the details of this. It will then appear in the News and Views!

Stars of the Week
Reception (Miss Juby) – David
Reception (Mrs Baker) – Betsy
Year 1 – Liam
Year 2 – Chloe B
Year 3 – Tyler
Year 4 – Zack
Year 5 – Shannon
Year 6 – George