



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Mr Bowsher's Headteacher Comment:

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous summer.

It has been brilliant to see all the children back in school smiling and happy this week. We have had a really calm atmosphere in school and the behaviour of the children has been excellent as normal.

As you know we had extensive work taking place at school over the summer to repair the flood damage from last year. The corridors, hall, staff areas and three classrooms all have new floors. The parquet flooring in the hall and classrooms looks particularly good. The work was done ahead of schedule and everything is back where it should be.

Staff were back in school from Friday 29 August having our training day. We spent the morning reflecting on the many successes of last year as well as looking ahead to the new academic year. We were also putting the classrooms back together.

Over the summer I know that lots of children were busy with the Essex library challenge. Developing a love of reading is one of the aims of our curriculum and it has been a pleasure to give out so many headteacher awards to the children who have brought in their medals and certificates this week. Just a reminder that children are expected to read at least 4 times per week and this needs to be signed in reading records. We will be giving out certificates to those classes that have achieved this from next week. The figures will appear in next week's News and Views. I'm expecting them to be excellent.

The summer photography challenge closes today. There have been about 200 entries at the time of writing and I will make sure that all those that were emailed or put on X are added to the Padlets. It is going to be very challenging choosing the winners next week.

Our new Reception children have been starting this week and we have two thirds of them with us. They have settled in beautifully and it already feels like they have been part of the school for a while. I think I can remember all their names so far.

We have also had two new members of staff join us. Miss Miller has joined as an HLTA and will be covering classes throughout the school. Miss Lanegan has also joined as the LSA in 5P. Welcome all.

All children have returned looking very smart this week with the correct uniform. Please remember that hair scrunchies and bows are not allowed. All earrings need to be removed from Monday as they are not permitted.

Attendance and punctuality this week have been excellent. Let's keep it up! I will talk more about this in the next couple of weeks, but keeping it this good is a priority this year.

It has been a fab first week, have a great weekend and remember to read and sign those reading records.



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Diary Dates

Monday 8 September
Thursday 11 September
Tuesday 23 September
Thursday 25 September
Friday 3 October
Tuesday 14 October
Wednesday 15 October
Thursday 16 October
Friday 17 October
Monday 3 November
Tuesday 11 November
Tuesday 25 November
Friday 19 December

3T swimming starts
3LM swimming starts
Reception Tapestry meeting 09.00
Year 1 phonics workshop 14.30
Reception Don Rae dance workshop
Individual school photographs
Parent consultations 15.30 – 18.00
Parent consultations 16.30 – 19.00
Break up for half term
Return to school
Flu jabs
Flu jabs
Break up



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Yug in 6R for demonstrating responsibility and having a positive attitude to Year 6.



Stars of the Week

| RA | RE | 1B | 1G | 2C | 2P | 3LM |
|------------|-----------|--------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------------------|
| Maya-Reign | All of RE | Olivia | Lexi | David | Vinny-Lee | Leo |
| 3T | 4CH | 4J | 5L | 5P | 6H | 6R |
| Nasema | Freddie | Lillie-Maria | Oliver | Harley | Valerie | Felicity & Tymofii |



Weekly and Yearly Attendance

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 1 September

| Class | RA | RE | 1B | 1G | 2C | 2P | 3LM | Whole school |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Attendance | 100% | 100% | 98.0% | 98.3% | 97.2% | 99.3% | 95.6% | |
| Class | 3T | 4CH | 4J | 5L | 5P | 6H | 6R | 98.4% |
| Attendance | 100% | 96.5% | 97.5% | 99.3% | 97.6% | 93.1% | 99.0% | |

| 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| RA & RE & 3T | 5L & 2P | 6H |



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