



# WICKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Mr Rhys-Morgan

I am sorry to report that Mr Rhys-Morgan is leaving the school at the end of this term. Mr Rhys-Morgan has been with us for nearly 10 years and has taken our music and school performances to a very high standard as well as being a great teacher. Tim will be concentrating on his music outside of school and we wish him well in his semi-retirement.

## Scarlet Fever

Two children from our school have been diagnosed with scarlet fever. In line with protocols from Public Health we have given out letters to all the children with further advice. The letter is also on the school website. Scarlet fever is usually a mild infection easily treated with antibiotics. However, where children have or have recently had chicken pox they can be at risk of developing a more serious infection. Please read the advice sent home today and if necessary contact your GP.

## Cross Country Finals

Congratulations to the children who qualified for the Cross Country Finals yesterday. Sadly no-one has qualified for the Count Finals, but against some tough competition everyone did the school and themselves proud. Results are on the website.

## Girls Football Competition

A report will go in next week's newsletter.

## Year 4 Production

Tickets have been allocated this week, including extras that were sent out today. We are now full for the evening performance, however there are still some seats available for the afternoon. Please let the office know if you would like tickets for the 1.45pm performance.

## Parking

We have once again, received a call today from Applewood Surgery telling us that parents have been parking in doctors and staff parking spaces! On top of this parents are rude to the staff and even expect doctors to leave patients to move their car to allow parents to leave. It should not come as surprise for me to tell you that surgery staff are extremely annoyed about this. I would ask again for parents to show more consideration.

## Scooters and Bikes

Please do not let your children ride scooters, or bikes, in either the lower school or upper school playgrounds. We have had several near misses as children fail to respect this. I do not want to ban scooters from school but will have to if parents do not take more responsibility for their children when entering and leaving the premises.

Please remember that children may not bring their bikes into school unless they are wearing a helmet.

## Whole School Photo

We had the photographers in this week taking a whole school photo with all the children in staff. This involved installing raised platforms and organising the children into height order. It took about an hour to sort and I would like to thank the children and staff for their patience whilst the picture was set up. Copies, of course, will be made available to you alongside the children's class photos which were also done on the same day.

## Apology

**Albert O'Connor (SE)** represented the school at the Boys Football Competition last week. Apologies for not being mentioned in last week's newsletter.



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## **Social Media**

A thought – if you have a concern about something in school, rather than complaining on social media, perhaps it might be better to come in and talk to us about it? You never know, the problem may even be solved quicker that way.

## **SEND Survey**

Essex County Council is launching an engagement with the parents and carers of children and young people who require additional support on the future of special educational needs in Essex. They are sharing information about the work that has been undertaken to date, the continued challenges that are faced and seeking parental views on the county vision and future strategy. The survey will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and the engagement document and survey can be accessed via <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/send-strategy-and-innovation/send-public-engagement> . All responses should be via the survey. To request a paper copy of this survey or an easy read version please email [senstrategy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:senstrategy@essex.gov.uk) .

Please note that unfortunately, it is not possible to respond to individual comments and questions regarding the survey.

## **Easter Eggs**

We are running a competition where we ask children to bring an Easter egg to school by next Friday. Each child who does so will get a raffle ticket. The winning ticket gets to take home 3 of the eggs. All the other eggs donated to the school will go to the Wickford food bank to give those families a treat. If you would like your child to take part please drop the Easter egg into your respective office during the week. The winner of the eggs will receive their three eggs on Friday. Please remember: No NUT products please.

## **Spring Festival – (Lower school only)**

This year's spring festival will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.15am and 2.15pm. Parents and families are welcome at either but please only attend one of the performances due to the capacity of our hall. Children will be participating in an Easter Bonnet parade so please get crafting at home. Children need to bring their bonnet into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (but not before please).



## **Year 2 SATs**

As you are probably aware, SATs are fast approaching! The children have now started their SATs prep and are trying hard with their revision in class. If you would like to support your child with their revision at home, here are some links to free websites that will enable you to download past SATs papers:

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers>

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm, I will be running a SATs parent workshop, where we will be able to discuss any questions that you may have. Please look out for this date on upcoming newsletters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all of your continued support with your child's learning and development. Miss Withers.

## **11+ Club**

The 11+ club will be running from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April in 6F from 12.30 every week. Children who attend will get the opportunity to look at sample questions and practise key skills. This is an open invitation for children, but I must stress, it is for children who are seriously considering entering for the 11+ in September. Children who usually attend, are expected to reach greater depth in reading, writing and maths by the end of Year 5. *Mr Appleby*

## **Voice messages**

If a message has been left on your mobile/home telephone please listen to it first before phoning the school offices. This helps us know who has called you and the office can pass the caller over to the correct member of staff.

## **Street Dance Assembly – Lower School**

Our Street Dance Club will be performing at an assembly on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.10am. Parents of children who attend the club are invited to come and watch the performance. Please send your child into school at 8.45am promptly on this day so they can take part in a rehearsal prior to the assembly. Please send your child into school wearing their street dance clothes and a bag with their school uniform in.



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## Clubs

**Dance Club with Mrs Cole** – Parents are welcome to come in and watch the last session next week (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April). Please arrive as per normal at 8.00am.

**Art Club (Upper School only)** – Spaces are available at this club. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

**Chelsea (Upper school)** - Spaces are available at this club. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

## Letters/Events

**Lower School Spring Festival** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.15am and 2.15pm in the Lower School hall.

**Year 4 Production** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1.45pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm in Upper School hall.

**4F Water Treatment Centre** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We still need parent helpers for this visit. If you're able to help please contact the office.

**Netball Festival** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Bromfords. Amended letters have been sent out.

**Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Lower School Hall

**Year 6 Residential** – Next payment is due Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (£65.00)

**Year 4 visiting Bromfords** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Swimming Gala Finals** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 – 5.00pm at William de Ferrers School. All children who swam in the Wickford round have qualified for the finals.

## Parent Lunches

Please arrive by 12.10pm for upper school and 11.50am for lower school. **Children as well as parents must order a school dinner.** We cannot accept any late orders as the parent lunches have to be ordered in advance. Please note that you can pay for your parent meal via the 'Schoolmoney' website, and purchased as a 'shop item'.

**4W** – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April (We cannot take any more orders)

**5E** - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Payments and orders to be in by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April)

**5F** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Parent Lunch letter to be sent out later)

**5W** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Parent Lunch letter to be sent out later)

## Head Teacher's Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award went to **James Power (Grasshoppers)** for helping his friends.

## Achievements

*Congratulations to the following children:*

**Ethan Jackson (Ladybirds)** showed excellent sportsmanship and unselfishness in a rugby game last weekend. He scored three tries helping his team to win and also off loaded passes so his team mates were able to score.

**Christopher Dawson (Caterpillars)** has passed his Stage 2 Swimming.

**Zoe Biggs (Ladybirds)** has received her 15m badge for swimming.

**Ella Coble (5W)** attended a Tai Kwon Do grading session at the weekend and, after 3 hours in front of a panel of judges, she was awarded her red belt.

**Luke Williams (Ladybirds)** has completed his 50m swimming badge.

**Jude Wells (3E)** moved up to Bronze Sash in Kung Fu.

**Shivani Jougla (4F)** has passed Grade 6 swimming and is now Purple Hat (Grade 7).

Sorry – but dealing with complaints about parking and children on scooters becomes tiring when I have to keep repeating the same thing. I hate to moan in the newsletter, particularly as I know the people who need to be adjusting their habits are usually the ones who don't read it.

The clocks change to summer time this weekend. We lose an hours sleep but gain light evenings. Seems a fair swop to me. Have a good weekend.

Mr T. Flitman  
Headteacher



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