



## COURAGE CARE COMPASSION

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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been wonderful to see how well our new reception class children have settled in this week. Seeing them happy to be here is a reflection of you as their parents and the approach taken by the staff working in this part of the school. All of the children have been working hard this week. Many have been undertaking assessments to provide teachers with the information they need to adjust their teaching to match areas children are less confident in. I would like to thank all the staff working in the school for the fantastic start they have made to this new year. Things are not 'normal' but they are doing everything they can to support your children emotionally and with their learning. I wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

### NUT Free

A reminder to ALL parents that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children/staff that could become extremely ill if they were to come into contact with any nut product.

Please check all foods are nut free before preparing your child's lunch/snack.

### Year 6 Parents

All parents of Year 6 pupils. The application process is now open for children starting secondary school in September 2021.

The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

You will not receive a reminder via post you will need to follow this link to make the application:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

### PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY...

**26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Non-Pupil Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn Term 2

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Autumn Term

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Christmas Holidays

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021** - First Day of Spring Term

**(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE TO THE START OF SPRING TERM)**

### Water Bottles

We have seen an increase in children requesting cups as they do not have a drink in school.

It is imperative that ALL children have a named, full water bottle in school EVERY day.

### School Office Opening Hours

As we are unable to invite parents into school in the mornings, we are noticing an increase in phone calls.

This of course is no problem, please ensure to call between

**8.30am – 3.30pm**

### Reporting Absence

Due to the current climate we are having to record attendance in a different way. When reporting absence to the school (either by email or answer machine message) please can you advise if the illness is a general sickness bug or cold etc. If your child is showing any one or the following symptoms, please could you advise us of this on your message.

1. Raised temperature
2. A new continuous cough
3. Loss of taste and smell

## ParentPay

Thank you to those that have signed up to ParentPay. Please can we remind ALL parents that this needs to be done as soon as possible to allow for any payments that need to be made to the school.

This year, especially we are unable to accept cash payments via the office.

## **GDPR – Update contacts/medical information**

In September it is standard practice for us to send home all your contact details and medical information for parents to update.

We are limiting the amount of paperwork that is passed from school to parents. Therefore, please can you advise a member of the office team if there are ANY changes to your contact information, or if there has been a change to your child's medical history over the covid/summer break.

It is important that the school have numerous ways to contact parents, incase of an emergency in school.

## Free School Meals

Have your circumstances recently changed? It may mean your child is entitled to Free School Meals. If you claim one of the following and believe you are entitled, please follow the link below and make the application. You will only be able to apply for children in the following year groups 3, 4, 5 & 6. For those in lower year groups please advise Mrs Bousfield of which benefit you are claiming, and we can automatically claim on your behalf

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

To apply please use the following link: <https://forms.essex.gov.uk/default.aspx/RenderForm>

If we can be of any assistance making the claim please do not hesitate to contact the Office Team.

## Data Protection

Fingringhoe Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please visit [www.fingringhoeprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.fingringhoeprimaryschool.co.uk) or call 01206 729266 if you are unable to access the internet.