



**Newsletter 1**  
**Autumn Term 2014**  
**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic Summer break with your family. The children have already had a busy couple of days back in school, meeting their new classes, finding out about their new routines and catching up with their friends.

Lots has happened in school during the holidays, we have appointed our new Site Manager, Mr Tearle, who has been instrumental in organising a thorough deep clean and tidy up of the whole school. The Reception class fence and gates have been repaired and painted. The PFA have funded the new parent information board which is situated near the front gate.

A warm welcome to our other new members of staff - Mrs Downes (Reception teacher) , Miss Allen (LSA in Reception) and Mrs Shelter (Class 4 teacher). Congratulations also to Miss Russell who is now Mrs Brownsell!

The Year 5 and 6 children have been training today on how to manage the school tuck shop. This is run as a business by the children with support from Mrs Clark. Each day they set up and sell healthy snacks/drinks at break time, promote and organise products, count the money for banking, and order stock as necessary. Each item of food or drink costs 40p.

You will be receiving the clubs letter today. Please return the slip (and money if applicable) ASAP as places are limited and they are often oversubscribed.

**If your child is in Years 3,4,5 or 6** please do take the time to read the accompanying letter regarding funding for the school, if you are entitled to Free School Meals. The school could potentially miss out on funding of £1300 per pupil which could have implications on supporting your child's learning in school. The website to apply is; [www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards](http://www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards) or [08456 032200](tel:08456032200)

**If your child is in Class 1 or Class 2** the school can apply for the additional funding, if you are happy to provide your National Insurance number to us on the accompanying reply slip. This will clearly be dealt with in a strictly confidential manner.

Full details of term dates, non-pupil days and upcoming events for the Autumn term will be included in our next newsletter.

Stars of the Week will resume next Friday, when we have had a complete week in school.

## Reminders

### Earrings

Due to health and safety implications, please ensure that earrings are removed for school. If children have newly pierced ears they will be unable to participate in PE. According to new guidance from Essex we are no longer able to accept using tape on the ears as a safe alternative.

### School Dinners

As of September 2014, all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 are now entitled to a free hot school meal each day. Dinner money for children in KS2 should be sent into school every Monday in a sealed envelope. All cheques should be made payable to Cressing Primary School.

### Parking

Parking at Cressing can be a challenge, but could you please ensure that when you park in the lay-by, you do not park in the staff car park, on yellow lines or block any entrances /exits. Remember, it is often easier to park at the back of the school and use the back gate next to the playing field to access the school.

### Fax Number

If you receive a call from **01376 583804** this is the school fax number. Please return the call using the normal office number **01376 583397**.

### Illness and Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school due to ill health, please make sure you phone the office by 9am, otherwise they will be marked as unauthorised in the register. Out of school hours it is fine to leave a message on the school answer phone. Please do ensure that you update us on a daily basis if the illness is ongoing.

If your child is ill with a sickness or tummy bug, they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/tummy problem.

In school we are only able to administer medications that have been prescribed by a doctor. These need to be taken to the office in their original packaging and the relevant paperwork completed.

### Appointments

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment in school time please provide a copy of the hospital letter/appointment card where possible, otherwise we will require a letter to cover the absence in the register.

**Next week, we will be on Week 2 of the Autumn Menu. School dinners cost £2 per day (KS2). All meals must be paid for in advance please.**

Mr Caplen

  
(Executive Head Teacher)

Miss Rainford

(Head of School)

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