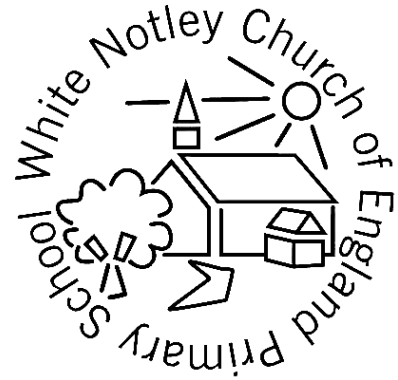


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Dear Parents,

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.**

*John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".*

For every child, we want LIFE: Learning, Inclusion, Faith and Environment.

**L**earning - To develop and promote a life-long love of learning that ensures everyone reaches their potential, making progress whatever their starting point.

**I**nclusion - To value and respect every individual member of the school community and ensure a high level of safeguarding and personal well-being.

**F**aith - To ensure that our Christian values promote friendship, trust, respect, compassion, justice, courage and endurance.

**E**nvironment - To understand we all have a role as global citizens to look after the world we live in.

The children have been learning about our vision in assemblies and they can tell you about LIFE. We have related it to our logo: learning is the sun; inclusion is the path; faith is the church and environment is the tree.

### **Class 2 local history trip to Cressing Temple Barns**

Yesterday there was much excitement for the children in Class 2 when they visited Cressing Temple Barns to learn about local history. The weather was excellent... and so was their behaviour! The children enjoyed the walled garden and discovering how heavy the chain mail is.



### **Church Open Weekend**

Over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October, St Etheldreda Church is having an open weekend where you can go to visit the church and learn about its history. There will be guided tours on both days at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm. The children have all been over to church over the past two weeks to take a photograph on the theme, 'the church through the eyes of a child.' These photographs will be judged by Rev. Jonathan and the winning entry will be on the church's Christmas card. All of the photographs will be displayed at the church throughout the open weekend. I have been impressed with the quality of the children's photographs and loved seeing their perspectives.

### **Donations of board games/card games.**

Do you have any unwanted board or card games? We are looking for donations of board games and card games for our wet break and lunch time boxes in our classrooms. If you have any that you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful. Please send them in with your child.

### **Kagio Primary School, Kenya**

Our partner school is in Kagio, Kenya. We have been working with them for 15 years and we value the friendship and partnership between the two schools. Next week, all the children will be writing letters to the children in Kenya. We are in the process of organising a Zoom meeting with them, to take place shortly!

### **Harvest Festival**

You are warmly invited to attend our harvest festival at St Etheldreda Church at 2pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. As part of our Harvest Festival, we make donations to the Witham and Braintree foodbank. We would like donations to be sent to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the list for the most required items. The foodbank cannot take any goods with damaged packaging or with an expiry date less than 6 months.





### **Applications for Secondary School Places – September 2023**

The new secondary school admission round is open for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-booklets-policies-and-forms/admission-booklets>

**Congratulations to the children who received certificates in celebration assembly this week**



#### **Class One:**

Molly - for her honesty

#### **Class Two:**

As Class 2 children were away on their trip yesterday, their certificates will be given out next week.

#### **Class Three:**

Joe - for persevering and not giving up!

Martha - for excellent effort with descriptive language in your circus writing

Class Four:

Miles - for outstanding courage and skill in all activities at Danbury

George - for always being an excellent role model: organised, supportive, reflective and helpful. You shone at Danbury!

Diary dates for next week:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Rev. Jonathan in to judge 'the church in the eyes of a child' photographs

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October: 9am Class 3 and 4 music and poetry recital. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October: 2pm Harvest Festival Service at St Ethledreda's. All welcome  
PTA zoom meeting

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October: Mad Hatter's Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Christmas Card orders due back to school

I hope you all have a super week.

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