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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".

6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the new year! It has been wonderful to see the children come into school so happy and confident. We extend a warm welcome to the new reception children and their families and also to Sienna and Billy, who have joined the White Notley family.

New Staff

We would like to say welcome back to Mrs Horsley, who has loved her first week here! She is teaching on Monday, Thursday and Friday in Class Four. Mrs Meekings has started also, she is working in Class 2. If you would like to see a list of our staff, please visit our website. <https://www.whitenotley.essex.sch.uk/staff>

Meet the Teacher meetings

Next week, Class 2, 3 and 4 are having *Meet the Teacher* meetings. These are to say hi to you, see the classroom and get information about how the year will run. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. Parents will have a chance to visit Class 1 in a few week's time.

Drop off and pick ups

Please remember our one-way system at drop off and pick up times. Please enter Vicarage Avenue at the top of the road and drive down, exiting at the bottom onto the street. This keeps the road safe for our children and also the residents of White Notley. Thank you for your support in this.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We have children, who have severe nut allergies, so please do not send anything in to school that contains nuts. Remember that chocolate spread can contain nuts, so please make sure that you check the ingredients carefully in order to keep our children safe.

Clubs

The clubs letter has gone home today in the eldest child's home/school diary. Tennis and multi-sports clubs start next week and all other clubs start the week after. Please return your clubs letter by Tuesday. Teacher led clubs cost £10 per term and once the lists have been made, payment will be available on schoolmoney.

Music lessons

Mr Timms will be teaching his music lessons on Tuesdays this year. Music lessons cost £8 for a 15min 1:1 lesson, which is £80 per term. He teaches a variety of instruments: keyboard, piano, guitar, drums and singing. Mrs Davidson comes in on Mondays and teaches keyboard, singing, piano and woodwind instruments. If you would like her to teach your child, please see the office for information on how to book lessons through the Essex Music Hub.

Art work at White Notley Station

Last term, the children did some artwork with a White Notley focus: the village, the church, the river and the school. Some of the artwork has been chosen and is on display on the fence just outside the station. Please go and have a look: it looks amazing!

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection sheets have come home in home/school diaries. Please could you check them for accuracy, ammend where necessary, sign and return to school in the envelope provided (this is a GDPR requirement). If all the data is correct, please sign the sheet and return back to school.

All Age Worship at St Etheldrea's

You are all welcome to attend the All-Age Worship at St Etheldrea's, which is this Sunday, 8th September from 11am-12pm.

Diary Dates

Diary dates for this term have been emailed out and posted to Dojo.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

During Tribe Time next Friday, the 13th September, (2:30pm) we will be having a whole school Teddy Bear's Picnic, where the children will have a biscuit and squash with their teddy. Please send your child to school on Friday with a teddy.

PTA

The PTA constitution has been posted to Dojo for you to read. If you have any comments or objections to it, please email to whitenotleyppta@gmail.com The PTA will have their annual AGM in October. We are always looking for new members to join the friendly team in helping to run fundraising activities for the school throughout the year. The fundraising significantly enhances the extra-curricular provision as well as purchasing much needed resources for the children.

Quiet Garden

Our much-loved quiet garden is in the process of being revamped. We have had a landscaper create a design, which we are working towards. On Sunday 22nd September from 10am-2pm, we are having a working bee to clear and tidy the garden so we can get on with the renovation. If you can come, we'd love to see you. Bring spades and shovels and if possible, sacks to help remove the garden waste. Many thanks in advance!

Diary dates the week beginning 9th September 2024:

Monday 9 th September:	Multi-skills club Class 4 Meet the Teacher and residential meeting 3:30pm and repeated on Zoom at 7:00pm CYO (Christian Youth Outreach) Collective Worship
Tuesday 10 th September:	Class 3 Meet the Teacher meeting 3:30pm Clubs letter due back to school Mr Timms starts music lessons
Wednesday 11 th September:	Welcome back service at church 2:30pm - all welcome
Thursday 12 th September:	Class 2 Meet the Teacher meeting 3:20pm
Friday 13 th September:	Tennis Club 8:00am Tennis lessons Teddy Bear's Picnic 2:30pm

Have a wonderful week,

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Head of School

