

Class Ambassadors

The following members will be on hand to support the Friends with events and relay information into classes.

Class	Ambassador
EYFS	Darrienne F
Year 1	Deedee
Year 2	Lauren S
Year 3	Abbie B
Year 4	Sophie H
Year 5	Anna K
Year 6	Tina A

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Our parent/teacher consultations will be taking place from Thursday 12 October 2023. Appointments should be made using our Parentmail system.

HCL will also be hosting a dinner taster session at these events in our main hall. Please pop in and see a selection of school meals that are provided to the children and have a taste. Meals on offer include:

Beef Bolognaise
Chicken Pie
Mild Veggie Curry
Beany Pasta Bake

Mini Cookies
Banana Bread
Fruit Platter

You will be able to see the portion sizes given to children and have the opportunity to ask the staff any questions you may have.

REMINDERS

Individual Photographs

We have our new photographers visiting on 11 October 2023 to take children's individual photographs along with siblings within the school. Proofs will be issued as soon as possible along with ways you can order.

Harvest

Our children will be celebrating Harvest within school on 13 October 2023. Our School Council are leading on this event and sent a parentmail message on 27 September with the following request:

We are aiming to collect the same weight of 5 teachers in the weight of food. We would really appreciate if you can bring in items from the list below ready for our Harvest Festival on Friday 13 October. Please put food in your child's class. Current items most needed are:

Tinned fruit
Tinned veg
Tinned tomatoes
Tinned rice pudding
Long-life fruit juice
Biscuits
Tinned custard
Tinned solid meat
Pasta sauces

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Break-time snacks

Please be reminded that break time snacks should only be pieces of fruit or vegetable sent in for Key Stage Two children. Children are not to eat items from their lunch boxes such as bread sticks, cheese dips etc.

Children in Key Stage One are provided with free fruit from the government scheme so there is no need to provide anything further for these classes.

School Grid dinner orders

Please ensure that you have ordered your child's dinner or are providing sandwiches each week. You can order or make changes up until 8:55 am each morning or even book a full week, half-term.

If the system shows no pre-order at service time, you will be called to provide sandwiches for your child if able. If our catering team are required to provide a lunch this will be the cold option that is available.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Our school is hoping to secure up to £1500 as part of the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. This will go towards our Learning bus project. Tokens can be collected at Church Langley and placing in their box for our school. Please support this cause with family and friends.

Mild Illnesses & Attendance

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We are sharing the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance with parents and carers which has further information available on our website [here](#) and scroll to the sickness tab.

Please ensure you report absences to the school office every day with details of illness. An "unwell" will be followed up by a telephone call requesting more information.

Applying for Secondary Schools

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

See table overleaf

Date	Event
11 October 2023	Individual & sibling school photographs taking place
12 October 2023	School Dinner taster session (15:00-17:00) in the main hall Parent/Teacher consultations (15:30-18:00) - see board in playgrounds for locations of meetings
13 October 2023	Harvest—please see newsletter item for items being collected
16 October 2023	School Dinner taster session (15:00-17:00) in the main hall Parent/Teacher consultations (15:30-18:00) - see board in playgrounds for locations of meetings
23-27 October 2023	Half-term
30 October 2023	Children return to school After-school clubs resume
Advance Notice: 8 November 2023	Open Morning for 2024 EYFS admissions (10:00) —sign up via our web-site page
13 November 2023	EYFS Road Safety session with parents (9-10 am)
23 November 2023	Open afternoon for 2024 EYFS admissions (13:30) —sign up via our web-site page
24 November 2023	Flu Immunisations

