#### THAXTED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### WEDUC

All parents should have seen the letters about the new WEDUC communication system and thank you to those parents who were able to attend the introduction sessions.

Key changes are;

- 1. Parentmail will cease to be used from 28th March 2024
- 2. Telephone absence recording & Study bugs will cease to be used from 28th March 2024
- 3. All lunches will need to be booked in advance on the WEDUC app. Booking is open now.
- 4. Messaging via ClassDojo will cease to be used from 28th March 2024.
- 5. Breakfast & After school clubs will cease to be bookable via Parent mail from 28th March and can be booked in advance now on WEDUC app.
- 6. All letters will be electronic and via the app, permission can be given via electronic signatures.

All monies outstanding on Parentmail will be transferred over in the Easter holidays.

Please contact the school office if you have any issues with the new app.

### Price of school dinners has gone up.

The cost of school dinners has not gone up for over 6 years and in order to keep on top of increasing supply costs the Governors have approved a 10p increase in the individual dinner costs.

This still makes school dinners a cheaper and healthy lunch.

All dinners are home cooked and only 2 items a week are processed.

#### UPCOMING DATES:

Show & Share -Tuesday 16th Aptil 3.20pm—4pm &

Wednesday 17th April 8.20am— 8.50am

Class Photos—Thursday 18th April

Clubs start 22nd April (letter out 15th April)

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 6th May (School Closed)

Down Syndrome Day—Thursday 9th May Non-Uniform day (more details to follow)

International week—Mon 20th -24th May

SPORTS DAY - Tuesday 21st May (Weather permitting)

Careers Day for Yr5 at HRS school

Tuesday 11th June

#### Headteachers Coffee

#### <u>Morning</u>

16th April—SATs testing (KS1, Yr4, Yr6 test) 9am and 2.30pm

30th April—Supporting your child behaviour Herts & Essex MHST 2pm

### PARKING

Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking, the school has had some complaints about parents parking in front of drive ways and access roads at drop off and pick up time.

We will have to ask the local parking enforcement officer to attend more regularly if parents cannot park appropriately.



### TO OUR ANONYMOUS BENEFACTOR

The new playground surface and line markings have already made an impact on reducing the number of harmful injuries at

playtimes.

The line markings are a big hit with the children and the daily mile at 14 laps is a huge task!







International week—Mon 20th -24th May

For our International Week this year, we would love to embrace and celebrate all of the different countries and family heritage that we have, and which are represented at Thaxted Primary School. We would love to invite parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles who are able to share their language and culture with groups of children for an afternoon on Friday 24th May.

Activities might include: tasting traditional foods, looking at photographs and objects, listening to stories and songs, trying on traditional clothing, dancing, playing drums and learning phrases from these countries. These are just some suggestions – you may well have your own ideas.

If you would like to become involved in sharing your own culture or knowledge of another country through family heritage for an afternoon, then we would love to hear from you.

It would be great also, to hear from parents with Irish, Welsh and Scottish connections, so that the UK is represented too!

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Mrs Porter** 



Year 5 Careers Fair Tuesday 11th June 2024

The Careers Fair at HRS secondary school is aimed at Year 5 children to give them some ideas before they get swept up in thoughts of SATs and secondary schools. The idea is to showcase a mixture of careers, both the unusual and the more familiar. It is hoped that it will stimulate the children to think about what they enjoy and what they are good at and how these qualities can link to future careers . 6 local primary schools send their Yr5 children to experience and hear about the range of careers showcased.

Every school has been asked to recruit two exhibitors from their own pool of parents. These do not have to be drawn just from Year 5 but can be from across the school.

Are there any Thaxted Parents willing to share their career with a range of Year 5 school children?

Support can be offered, it really is a worthwhile event. Don't worry if you think you aren't a public speaker!

Please let the main office or Mrs Crompton or Mrs Taylor know if you are available on this date and willing to share your time for the morning.



## EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Parent s please don't forget our annual Easter egg decorating competition

We hope to see <u>your childs</u> creation on the first day back.

The theme this year is to represent something they have learned this year so far. If they are stuck for an idea, it could be a scene from a book they have read.

You can decorate a real egg with anything, it can be on its own or in place in a diorama, like these examples.



Judging will happen on the first day back with prizes per year group.





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# FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

1st April - 12th April

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!





thurrock.gov.uk

# IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'lowincome' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

# WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

# WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

# HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate