



LITTLEGARTH

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Dear Parents

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What a glorious start to the summer term and a very warm welcome back to you all after the Easter break. We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for the start of another busy term. As always, a special welcome to the new families joining us.

Residential Trips and School Visits

Our Year 6 and Year 5 children will be leaving for their residential trips to Ironbridge (Year 6) and PGL (Year 5). Year 6 leave on Tuesday, followed by our Year 5 on the Wednesday. The residential trips are a highlight for the children so let's hope the weather stays kind for them all.

School becomes very quiet with 80 children missing but our Year 4 children also look forward to being the oldest in the school for a few days and relish the opportunity to take on extra responsibility.

I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone involved a safe and happy trip.

Other School Trips

Year 1 visit Pizza Express on Wednesday 16th May as part of their 'other countries' project. Year 2 go to Shrubs Farm on the 17th and our Year 4 children visit East Mersea for a multi-activity day on the 18th. Also on the 18th May, the Nursery children are having a Pirate Day.

Further information on these trips will be sent to parents shortly.

Panoramic and Class Photographs

On Thursday 10th May Bentley Photographic will be in school taking the Class Photographs as well as our bi-annual Whole School Panoramic Photograph.

Grandparents' Day 10th May

Our ever popular Grandparents Day takes place on Friday 10th May. This event is so well supported and we are delighted that so many grandparents and 'special friends'

are able to join us. Making arrangements for over 200 guests takes a great deal of careful planning so please could you let us know names and numbers by **Friday 4th May** at the very latest. This gives us time to team up prefects with younger pupils to help guide the grandparents and special friends around the school as safely as possible and to make sure the necessary catering arrangements are in place.

Cake Sale

One of our pupils will be holding a cake sale on the afternoon of Grandparents' Day. Lizzie Bramall has been extremely unwell and in recent weeks she has been undergoing specialist treatment each day in London. She would like to raise as much money as possible for those who have been helping her at Great Ormond Street Hospital and also for various other groups that have done so much to support her. More information will follow but please try to remember to support Lizzie's Cake Stall when you visit the school on 10th May.

Official Opening of the New Classroom Building and Summer Fete

The official opening of the new classroom building will take place just ahead of the Littlegarth FLS Summer Fete on Friday 25th May which is the last day of half term. All parents are invited to join us for drinks on the back lawn from 2.45 pm before the ribbon is cut by two of the original Littlegarth pupils, Mr Robert Erith and Revd Christopher Woods.

The ceremony will take place at 3.00 pm and then our Year 6 children will take parents and invited guests for a tour.

We hope you will all be able to join us for both of these very special events.

Radio 2 Story 500 words writing competition

Well done to Thomas Bentley, Isobel Christey, Oliver Pashby and Harry Tucker who all got through to the next round of the BBC Radio 2, 500 words competition.

This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to congratulate everyone who entered.

Uniform

Because of the warmer weather please ensure your child has a school summer hat. These can be obtained from the School Shop either in person or by emailing them on shop@littlegarth.essex.sch.uk

Please also ensure that your child is dressed in regulation summer uniform this term. If you are unsure what this is the School Shop will be able to help you.

Calendar

We hope you all noticed the deliberate mistake in this term's calendar! The last day of term is on Friday 6th July, not Friday 7th as stated. My apologies.

Open Morning

Despite our Open Morning today being a little early in the term, we had a pleasing number of families through our doors again and what a wonderful day to visit! As always, our Year 6 children are an absolute credit and we love having the confidence in them to showcase our school in a way no prospectus could portray. My thanks go to all the children.

Just a little reminder that the May Day Bank Holiday falls on Monday 7th May when the school will be closed. In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter H Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter H Jones