



13th September 2018  
Mr Matthew Poyton  
Head of School

# Lawford Mead Primary School Newsletter No. 2

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## Dear Parents

We are looking forward to seeing you at our **'MEET THE TEACHER'** presentations for Year 1 to 6 parents next week;

**Tuesday September 18th – Year 3 & 4**

**Wednesday September 19th – Year 5 & 6**

**Thursday September 20th – Year 1 & 2**

At 8.45am we will welcome parents into the Studio entrance at the front of the school for registration and refreshments. At 9.00am teachers will take parents to classrooms for a 20 minute presentation on the curriculum and supporting children's learning at home. Pupils will be in an assembly during the presentations.

There is no form to fill out or slip to return, just turn up on the day! Presentation information will be available on our website later in case you are unable to attend. To keep numbers manageable we ask that only one adult per family attends. We would also appreciate it, where possible, parents can avoid bringing younger siblings as we are unable to provide a crèche in this case. We look forward to seeing you.

Our online payment system, **SIMS AGORA**, has been updated over the summer holidays and some parents may have been having problems logging in. Please let the school office know if you are having problems so that they can reset your account.

We have 2 spaces available for **GUITAR LESSONS** with our visiting teacher from Essex Music Services. Children receive a 15 minute 1:1 lesson for 10 weeks at a cost of £75 per term. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Our Parents Association warmly invite you to their next social event - a **'COFFEE & CAKE' AFTERNOON** on Wednesday 26th September at 2.00 pm. Please come along to meet the team.

We have organised our annual **RACE FOR LIFE** event at Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre on the afternoon of Thursday 27th September to raise money for Cancer Research. We will be taking the children from Y1 to Y6 to the stadium and you are warmly invited to come along and give your support. A letter giving more information will follow shortly.

Please sponsor us by donating to Cancer Research UK <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lawford-mead-primary>



**FLU IMMUNISATIONS** for children from Reception through to Year 6 will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd October. We will shortly be sending out the medical form giving details about this and completed forms need to be returned whether or not you require your child to have the immunisation.

Year 5 are off to **LAYER MARNEY TOWER** tomorrow to enhance their topic about the Tudors and Year 6

also have a trip arranged for Thursday 4th October to **COLNE VALLEY RAILWAY** for a Victorian



experience. Letters giving more details were sent out earlier this week and spare copies are available from the school office.

**YEAR 6 TO 7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS** opened yesterday for parents of Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2019. **The closing date is 31st October 2018.** Applications should be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all the secondary school admission policies. Below is a list of Open Evenings for your information:

Boswells	3rd October	5.30 – 7.30pm
Chelmer	18th September	6.30 – 9.00pm
Hylands	27th September	5.00–8.00pm
Anglo European	27th September	4.30–8.30pm
Great Baddow	2nd October	6.00–9.00pm
Moulsham	20th September	5.30–8.30pm
St John Payne	4th October	5.30–7.30pm

Year 6 children will be performing a **SPECIAL ASSEMBLY** to parents & family on Wednesday 17th October and you are warmly invited to come along for a 10.15 am start.

We are offering a **FREE PARENTING PROGRAMME** starting on Friday 5th October, 9.30-11.30 am in our Family Centre. The programme is designed to strengthen your parenting skills and gives ideas on how to support your child's social and learning skills. A crèche is available for younger children. Please call the school on 01245 354134 to book a place.





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## Dates for your diary:

Fri 14 September	Y5 Trip to Layer Marney Tower for Tudor experience
Tue 18 September	Y3/4 Meet the Teacher morning, 8.45 am
Wed 19 September	Y5/6 Meet the Teacher morning, 8.45 am
Thu 20 September	Y1/2 Meet the Teacher morning, 8.45 am
Thu 20 September	Y5/6 Cross Country Event (24 children)
Fri 21 September	Swimming lessons commence for Chestnut & Cedar
Thu 27 September	Race for Life at Chelmsford Sports & Athletic Centre, 1.00-3.00 pm
Tue 2 October	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 3 October	School Photographs
Thu 4 October	Y6 Trip to Colne Valley Railway
Fri 5 October	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church for Y1/2 (9:15) and Y4 (10:30)
Thu 11 October	Chelmsford County High School Enrichment Day (8 children) Y3/4 Cross Country Event (24 children)
Thu 18 October	Y6 Parent Assembly (10:15)
Fri 19 October	Target Sharing Day
w/b 22 October	Half term week
Mon 29 October	Pupils return to school
Wed 31 October	Closing date for Secondary School applications <a href="http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions">www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</a> .

***Please check our calendar on the school website [www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk](http://www.lawfordmead.essex.sch.uk) for latest updates to events. On the Calendar page there's now a button below the calendar that says 'Subscribe to our calendar'. If you click on it from a mobile device your calendar app should launch and it'll let you sync with the schools calendar.***