



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2016-2017 academic year. It's so nice to see everyone back at school looking happy and relaxed after the summer break. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday, making the most of the sunny weather that we had.

Medication in School

Please make sure that if your child took their asthma inhaler home at the end of last term, you have returned it to reception and completed a new medication form.



If your child needs to take prescription medication during the school day, this must be brought in (in its original container bearing the name of the person for whom it has been prescribed) by an adult and a 'Medication in School' form completed. We will be unable to administer any medicines or tablets unless this procedure is followed. Most of our parents are excellent at following this practice, but there have been times when children have arrived at school with bottles of medicine or tablets in their school bags.

New Children: If your child has just started with us and you have not already done so, please inform us of any medical problems that may affect your child in school, and also ensure that if your child is asthmatic, we have a pump for him/her if necessary. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER

We hope that those of you who came along to our informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions found them to be useful. We also hope that everyone will find the latest handbook as useful and will remember to refer to it throughout the school year.



Punctual Poetry



Be in on Time by Quarter to Nine!

Why not get here early? Gates open at 8:30!

Learning for our children starts at 8:45am, all children from Reception to Year 6 should be in class and ready to start their lesson at this time. Children arriving past 8:45 am will be expected to catch up on their lost learning at break with Julie McAllister our Family Support Worker.

Remember

- 5 minutes late everyday = 3 days lost learning per year!
- 15 minutes late everyday = 2 weeks lost learning per year!



We would like to say a big warm Tany's Dell welcome to our new members of staff who have joined our team this year; Miss Natynczyk in Year 1, Mr Worton-Geer in Year 5, Mrs Sanders (LSA in Amber Class) and Mrs Darcy our student Teacher in Year 2.

Wedded Bliss!

Big Congratulations to Scarlet Class teacher - Miss Shields who is now Mrs Wright, and Nursery Nurse - Miss Mitchell who is now Mrs Whiting.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Celebrations, led by Revd. Lyn Hurry, will be taking place on **Thursday 29 September** at school. The children will have the opportunity to bring in food donations on this day to donate to our local Foodbank. A letter with details of this event has been emailed out to parents.

Attendance - Rewards

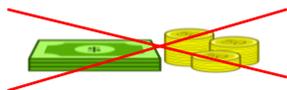


This year every child that completes a full half term's attendance will be entered into the Tany's Dell Prize Draw! The children entered into the draw will get the chance to win lots of fabulous prizes. This is a new reward scheme that will take place every half term, to help keep the children motivated and reaching for the stars!

Remember you've got to be in to win!

Free Meals for Infants - EVERY DAY!

REMINDER: ALL children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals; this is provided by the government to ensure that all children have the opportunity to have school lunches at no cost to parents. No paperwork is necessary; your child simply needs to book his or her lunch with the teacher as usual in the mornings.



Parent Pay

Don't forget that we are now a cashless school, meaning from now on all payments that parents need to make will be made via our online payment system called Parent Pay. All activation letters were sent home with the children before the summer break, for parents/carers to activate their online accounts. If you require any help with this setup or need another copy of your details then please email Mrs Martin at parents@tanysdell.essex.sch.uk.

We would like to say thank you to all of those who have already set up their accounts, the transition has been amazing and we have had lots of good feedback from parents as well.



Afternoon Tea

Our next Afternoon Tea is being held on **Thursday 17th November from 2.15 - 3.15 pm in the dining room**. There's no charge, and all parents and carers are very welcome to join us for a relaxed and sociable hour before collecting the children from school.



PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. The kit should also include a pair of trainers for outdoor PE and the daily mile.



LABELLING OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As regular readers will know, we continue to remind everyone that *all personal belongings should be clearly named*. This is especially important with items of school uniform as staff cannot identify which identical piece of clothing belongs to a particular child. If any item of lost property is clearly labelled, it will stand a far better chance of being reunited with its rightful owner and save parents the money and hassle of having to buy replacements. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Dates for your diary

Our calendar of events will be emailed to parents very soon, however, please find below some of our term dates for you to put in your diary.

Non Pupil Day	30 September
Marine Class Assembly	6 October
Individual & Family Photos	13 October
Pyjama Party	21 October
Half Term	24-28 October
Non Pupil Day	31 October
Christmas Break	Last Day of Term 20 December 1.30pm Finish
Non Pupil Day	21 December