

# The Kestrel



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Well, it certainly feels as if autumn has arrived; not only are we all back to school but the weather is confirming that this is a time for learning; being a little cooler means children and staff don't look longingly out of the window at glorious sunshine!

I hope everyone managed to have a peaceful and enjoyable summer break and are very excited now that the children are back in school.

I have been very impressed with how confident the first group of Reception children have been coming into school, well done guys!

On behalf of Langenhoe Primary School and Pre-school I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our vibrant and stimulating learning community. This should be a very exciting time for you but if anything occurs that leaves you a little uncertain please contact the class teacher as early as possible. Teachers are in their classes every day after school and would welcome your query before it possibly becomes a bigger problem.

Before school is not a suitable time to talk to teaching staff as they need to be in charge of their classes at this time.

This week we have been talking to the children about GROWTH MINDSET and the language surrounding the theory. This is the belief that at times we all struggle with our learning but with effort, exercising the brain, and the right support we can achieve.

Encourage the use of "I can't do that YET," as a way to focus on challenge.

There will be further opportunities to share more on this and how well growth mindset links to personal goals from our IPC work.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead and wish all our children joy and success in their classes.

Kind regards

**Jacqueline Martin, Head teacher**

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## School Uniform

May I remind parents of a few changes to our school uniform?

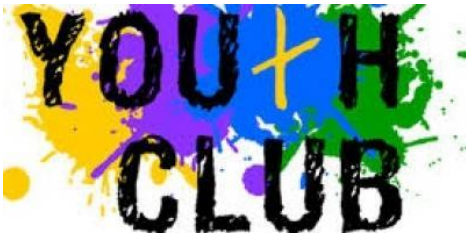
Children must wear black or navy closed toe shoes for girls and black leather shoes for boys, other colours are not acceptable. White polo t-shirts only (blue polo t-shirts are no longer uniform). Long hair must be tied back with sensible sized blue hair accessories only. Appropriate hairstyles for all children. Year 6 children only are allowed ruck sacks otherwise all children require a book bag. Full PE kit must be kept at school. Water bottles must be named. A full list of uniform and suppliers is available from the school lobby.

All uniform must be labelled clearly to prevent our lost property bin overflowing! Many thanks



## Head Lice

I'm afraid its back! Please check your child for head lice and treat immediately.



### Tonight!

Youth Club is back! 6-8pm, Langenhoe Village Hall

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing all our members existing and new this evening.

£2.50 (includes a drink). 50p maximum to bring for tuck money please. Bring money in a named purse or wallet to prevent loss of money. We have some exiting new equipment for everyone to enjoy!



## PRICE INCREASE

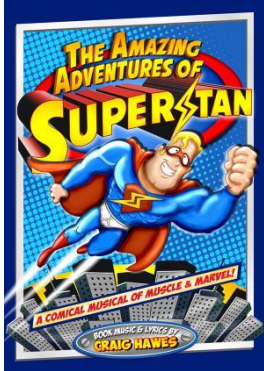
Just to remind you that school dinners will be increased to **£2.30** from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. The new dinner menu will follow shortly.

Please **do not** park in the taxi bay outside school.

This is for taxi children only.



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## For Sale - DVD

We have 7 copies left of the KS2 production DVD still on sale. If you still would like to purchase one please bring £10 cash only to the school office. Many thanks.



## Water bottles

Please send your child with a named water bottle and with water only. Squash is not allowed.



## Snack time

Snack time is at 10.30 every day and children in Year 1 to 6 can bring in 30p per day to purchase a snack from the trolley. This cannot be paid online and enables younger children to handle small change.

All Reception in Class 1 are given a daily snack by the kitchen and do not go to the snack trolley. Therefore we kindly ask parents to pay for their child's snack online at a cost of £9.00 per half term (September until October) or you can pay £18.00 for a term (September until December). This is now available online.



## Child absence

If your child does not attend school you must contact us by 10.00am with the reason for your child's absence. A message can be left on the school answerphone. Office staff must account for all children who are absence due to sickness or medical appointments. If your child has a medical appointment, a copy of the letter is required. If your child is unwell then please send a signed written note or complete a slip available from the school office. Even if you have contacted us by phone we still require it in writing. For all sickness and diarrhoea children must stay off for 48 hours. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

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## School dates for your diary!



10	11	12	13 9:30 - Friends & Family Meeting in staff room – all welcome!!!	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Half Term is Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Non Pupil Day: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Return to school on Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**