

GS/AS

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Dear Parents / Carers

## **SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER NO 1**

It was great to see everyone again last week. The theme for this term is "*Smile And Be Happy!*" This is easy to do when you are with such great kids and staff.

I write with a few bits of news.

A reminder that the next coffee morning for parents is this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30 - 11 am. This is run again by Sarah Coe and Kayly Elmer. Adam Dean will give a short presentation "Autism Understood". Please let Helen Byford know if you are coming. A note into school marked for Helen's attention is fine.

A big thank you to all who responded about Academy Status. We had fifty responses and support is virtually unanimous. One person was concerned about employment issues but I think I answered those. There is obviously a lot of work to be done but, as they say, "*nothing good ever comes easy*". We aren't afraid to roll our sleeves up here!

I am asked also to advertise a charity night. Nathan's Extravaganza is a charity dinner and disco on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Marks Tey Hotel, from 6.30 pm - 12 midnight. The night starts with pre-dinner drinks, a two course hot buffet dinner, live auction, raffle and 80's disco. Tickets go on sale in May at an early bird offer of £35 per person or a table of ten for £350. All monies raised goes directly to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, The J's Hospice and the Sick Children's Trust. All these charities have helped and supported the Cain family (who are local to Colchester) with their son Nathan who is a former MFS pupil. If you would like to buy tickets, make a donation or donate a prize, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [suzan.cain67@gmail.com](mailto:suzan.cain67@gmail.com) or by telephone 07761 804224.

Here's to an exciting and successful term as well as a smiling and happy one!

Yours sincerely

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