


# WHAT'S ON

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

DIARY DATES 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> September	
MONDAY	3.15 – 4.10pm: Mini Tennis club with Jane Gowers
TUESDAY	9 - 10am: <b>Coffee Morning for Foundation Stage parents</b> 3.15 – 4.15pm: Rugby club with Kieran from Rugbytots
WEDNESDAY	8 – 8.45am: Dodgeball with Sean from Winger Sports 3.15 - 4pm: Young Artists club with Mrs Espinosa-Davis & Miss Weller 3.15 - 4pm: Gardening club with Mrs Fisk 3.15 - 4pm: Puzzle club with Mrs Herring 3.15 - 4pm: Fun Fitness club with Mrs Herring
THURSDAY	3.15 – 4.15pm: Basketball club with Jack from Elite Basketball
FRIDAY	8 – 8.45am: Running club with Mrs Wilson & Mrs Prentice 3.15 – 4pm: Dance club with Emily Hammond 3.15 – 4.15pm: Football club with Lauris from FirstKick Football

## BEST ATTENDANCE



School attendance this week	99.5% WOW!
Target	97.5%

## LETTERS HOME

- 100% Attendance Certificates Survey
- School clubs reminder to Years 1 & 2
- Level 1 Bikeability course to Year 2
- Year 2 organisation & curriculum handout
- Year 1 organisation & curriculum handout
- Year group newsletters
- Primary Times magazine
- Academy Arts flyer

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Welcome back! It is lovely to see the children back and rested after their break. They have all settled in well and our new Foxes and Squirrels are beginning their school journey with us. All staff and governors met on Monday for safeguarding training and to consider the priorities for the coming academic year. I will send out a parents' version of our new School Improvement Plan in due course.

We have hit the ground running with training for staff on the new Maths Mastery programme, kindly funded by WISPA. As you may be aware, we re-vamped the playground over the holiday, with the removal of the wooden play equipment which was coming to the end of its life. Our next project will be buying new equipment for the surface.

Every Friday we hold a celebration assembly and children are actively encouraged to bring in certificates, medals etc. from their achievements outside of school. The children delight in telling me things that they have taken part in and I would like to share those with the rest of the school.

Just a reminder that any entries for the Children's' Flowerpot competition on Saturday 9th September need to be taken to the Christian Centre in Writtle from 8-10 am tomorrow morning. Children were given packets of seeds before the summer break.

We will be seeking a new Parent Governor and will issue a letter shortly. If you are interested and would like to chat about the commitment please contact me or our Chair of Governors, Ralph Bray, via the school office.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the classroom please contact the office. We have previously had a very successful

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grandparents reading scheme, so if any grandparents would like to be involved, again please contact the school office. All volunteers must complete a DBS check.

I've been asked by the church wardens at All Saints to tell you about the 'Harvest Hurrah' happening on Saturday 23rd September at the Christian Centre. This will be an inter-generational workshop, with a theme of Fair Trade, offering a range of activities for young and old. The Harvest Festival service at the church will be the following day, starting at 10am. It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Reverend Jo Jones is currently unwell and we will be sending cards from the children to wish her a speedy recovery.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall. Please join us to support a cause that I know affects us all. If anyone would like to donate any raffle prizes for this event, please speak to Mrs Pluck in the office.



Finally, as we begin the school run for the new academic year, can I please remind all parents to park their cars with respect for local residents and parents and children who are walking to school. We have already had a few complaints about cars parked on pavements or blocking driveways or pedestrian crossing points. Please ensure that you park with care, as I will report any parking offences.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards  
Helen Castell

### SAFEGUARDING

We are obliged to make you aware of the school's duty to safeguard the children in our care. If the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm we will make a referral to Social Care. The school does not investigate any disclosures, it is a referring agency. New procedures on safeguarding from the government make it clear that all staff should operate with an "it could happen here" approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Children and Families Operations Hub on 0345 6037627.

### SCHOOL CLUBS

School clubs start next week, for Years 1 and 2 only. Please ensure that you have signed up for the staff clubs or contacted our sports professionals to enrol your children in their clubs.

Details of all clubs are available on our website at [www.writtleinfantschool.com/clubs](http://www.writtleinfantschool.com/clubs).

A reminder that the Duckling Nursery has extended the opening hours of their after school club. Contact Mrs Homer on 07771 645270 to book. Club times and prices are as follows:

BREAKFAST CLUB		
Mon to Fri	7.30am until school begins	£3
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB		
Mon to Thurs	3.15 – 4.30pm	£6
	4.30 – 5.30pm	£6
	3.15 – 5.30pm	£12

### WISPA UPDATE

We look forward to another year of successful fundraising to support the extra-curricular activities that benefit all our children. This year's WISPA Committee is as follows:

<b>Chair</b>	Gemma Dobson & Kelly Sitara
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Sophie Mayman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carly Barrett
<b>Secretary</b>	Rhiannon Connolly

Thank you so much to the committee for volunteering their time, we are enormously grateful. Please contact WISPA if you would like to offer any help or fundraising ideas this year. You can leave a message for WISPA in the office or contact them via [www.facebook.com/WISPAwrittle](http://www.facebook.com/WISPAwrittle).

### COMMUNITY LINKS

Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome in Maldon is having a Lift Off Tech Festival on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, with drone racing, rocket cars, electric cars, hovercraft and much more! Find out more at [www.stowmaries.org.uk/news/events](http://www.stowmaries.org.uk/news/events).

ACL Essex offers adult learning courses with qualifications including Access to Higher Education, GCSEs in English, Maths and Biology (English and Maths GCSEs are FREE if you do not already have a 9-4 (A\*-C) grade in the subject), Accountancy, Hairdressing, Beauty, Reflexology, Leadership & Management, CILEx Law and much more. There is still time to enrol on a qualification course for this September. Visit [www.aclessex.com](http://www.aclessex.com) or call 0345 603 7635.

Alexia Treadway has started a Mums' Wellbeing Group at the Christian Centre on Mondays from 9 – 11am. Mums are offered "tea and empathy" while their babies and children play in the hall. Free to attend – contact Alexia via the Writtle Mums' Wellbeing Group on Facebook.



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