



# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

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### DIARY DATES

All [clubs](#) are on next week!

**WED 19<sup>TH</sup> SEP, 8PM**

WISPA AGM, Chequers pub.  
All welcome!

**FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> SEP, 9AM**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**THU 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 10AM**

Y1 & Y2 Harvest Festival,  
All Saints Church, Writtle

[Dates and events are also published on our website.](#)

### SCHOOL MEALS

Next week's menu will be  
[Week 3 – click for details.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

**WARREN & MEG** for their magnificent Maths - partitioning 2-digit numbers and representing them in different ways!



**VINNIE** for concentrating during Maths & being on the ball counting in tens and ones!



**LEON** for working really hard on his reading!

**TEAGAN** for being super helpful & always trying her best!



**GEORGE** for super effort in Phonics!

**LINCOLN** for being sensible & hard working!



**FABIAN** for careful listening during carpet time!

Well done to Foxes for coping so well with their early years induction!



Well done to all the Squirrels for settling in so well to their new school!



### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Welcome back! Our first full week has been busy and the children have settled back really well. I am so impressed with our new Foxes and Squirrels who have come in with lots of enthusiasm and I'm looking forward to talking to their parents today at our EYFS coffee morning. Every Friday we normally hold a celebration assembly, when the children are actively encouraged to bring in certificates, medals etc. from their achievements outside of school. Due to the coffee morning the celebration assembly could not take place today, but it will resume next week.

One key outcome from our recent First Aid training was the decision to raise money for a defibrillator, to be shared with the Junior School and Ducklings. We are currently getting prices and will have a non-uniform day across the three schools to raise funds.

We are delighted that the charity '[The Big Sing](#)' are leading choir workshops for Years One and Two this term. Over the next 12 weeks, the children will learn a number of songs for a performance with the adult Big Sing choir, which will take place on Wednesday 19th December at Hylands School (please note the change of date). The Big Sing do not charge for the singing workshops, but concert tickets will cost approximately £6. A DVD of the event will also be available. If you do not wish your child to be filmed at the concert, which we respect, unfortunately they will not be able to take part, as the person filming cannot exclude one or two children without leaving out others who are standing alongside them. Further details of the concert will be sent home in due course.

### HOME LEARNING

The new [Home Learning](#) section of our website has now been launched. Every week we will publish home learning/spellings for each year group and link to them from our newsletter. Please take a look at [www.writtleinfantschool.com/homework](http://www.writtleinfantschool.com/homework).



### YEAR TWO NEWS

We are delighted with how our new classes have settled down and worked together in Year Two. This week we have introduced our cross-curricular theme "Once Upon A Time" and the children have enjoyed comparing different versions of the fairy tale Cinderella. In Maths we have been exploring the place value of 2-digit numbers. Next week we hope to add some new photographs to our website to show you what the children have been doing.

Y2 SPELLINGS: **one, once, prince, princess, lived, time**

CHALLENGE WORDS: **after, beautiful, fairy, palace**

### YEARS ONE & TWO: HOME LEARNING

New books have been allocated to your children on [Bug Club](#). Login details are in your child's reading records. For home learning this week, please [login to Bug Club](#) and start to read your allocated book. Please let us know if you have any problems logging in.

### YEAR ONE NEWS

We are really pleased with how the children have settled into Year One. They have been practising writing their full names and have revisited the phase three phonemes. Also this

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**PARISH COUNCIL/POLICING**

Writtle Parish Council funded security patrols during the summer and would like feedback from people who live in the village on whether this has made a difference to anti-social behaviour. Please [email the school](#) and we will pass on your comments. We have had advice that if the police receive a number of calls about the same issue then they are duty bound to follow it up.



**4-19 HEALTH DROP IN SESSIONS**

– gain support and advice for your 4-19 year old around a number of topics/ issues including day and night wetting, hearing and vision tests, weight and dietary issues, general physical and emotional health problems, sleep/behavioural concerns and parenting concerns.

Available at 2 locations:  
**Chelmsford West Delivery Site**, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ (next to Kings Road Primary School), 3pm- 4pm every other Monday: 17th Sept, 1st Oct, 15th Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec

**The School House (opposite Moulsham Jnr School)**, Princes Road, CM2 9DG, 3.15pm- 4.15pm every other Wednesday: 26th Sept, 10th Oct, 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec

week they have enjoyed singing the alphabet song and practised saying the letter sounds and letter names. Sorting and counting has been the focus of our maths sessions.

We would be really grateful if you could donate any of the following for our Year One garden: children’s coat hangers; cushions; large bits of fabric e.g. sheets; large cardboard reels; polly pocket dolls; toy cars; soft foam balls/ koosh balls; garden wind twisters. Thank you!



Y1 SPELLINGS: **me, we, he, be, she** CHALLENGE WORDS: **the, to**

**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

The children are settling in really well. They have learnt a lot of our rules and routines but we still have many to go! We are impressed with how many they have remembered and we will continue to practise these in the weeks to come. We have also been very pleased with how the children have come into school in this morning on their own! Well done children! We have been getting to know each child by chatting to them and observing them in their play. We will begin to look through the treasure boxes next week!

For home learning this week, if your child cannot take off and put on their coat, jumper or cardigan, please practise this at home. Lots of children are also struggling to turn an item of clothing the right way around when it is inside out, we’ve been showing them how to do it at school.

**WISPA UPDATE**

Thank you so much to WISPA for their fund-raising efforts last year. Each year group has recently been given £1000 from WISPA funds to improve their outside area. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Chequers pub at 8pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, where the new committee will be appointed and we will discuss fundraising efforts for the year ahead. All parents are very welcome, especially those whose children have just joined the school – it’s a great way to meet other parents.

**NOTICES**

- ★ After clubs on Wednesday, some parents parked on pavements when picking up their children. Please **park with consideration** for children and parents with buggies who need to walk safely on the path without having to go in the road.
- ★ If your child loses something at school and it is named, it will normally be returned to their classroom. All other **lost property** is placed in a wooden box in reception. Small items such as car keys, glasses etc. are placed on our office windowsill, so you can see them when you walk past. Please check both places if you are missing something.
- ★ One of our parents has recommended **head lice repellent shampoo** in a green bottle from Aldi. Of course other brands are also available!
- ★ **Calling all knitters!** If any keen knitters are willing to follow a knitting pattern to make us some characters for story telling, please [let the office know](#). Thank you!

**ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK** (Target 97%)



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