



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2018

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DIARY DATES

All **clubs** are running in the week after half term, except staff clubs on Wednesday, due to the Halloween Disco.

WED 31ST OCT, 9AM

Headlice information session for parents

WED 31ST OCT, 3 – 4.30PM

Halloween Disco

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

SCHOOL MEALS

After half term the menu will be [Week 2 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

JOE & ELSIE for marvellous Maths & a fantastic attitude to learning - challenging themselves to add & subtract 2 digit numbers!



MOLLY for always presenting her work beautifully!



SAMUEL G for trying really hard to pay attention to the punctuation when reading!

RALPH for working really hard on number bonds that make 10!



LILY for super effort with her handwriting!

THEO for a detailed recount of the Cinderella ball!



OLIVER for trying hard to sound out words in his independent writing!

SOPHIE for great listening skills & fabulous yoga moves in PE!



ERIN for persevering when trying to hang her legs from the monkey bars!

HARRY for wanting to practise his tricky words on the carpet



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Another half term has passed us by and my thanks as ever go to the children, staff and parents for a successful half term. The children have settled very quickly into their new classes and year groups. After half term we start our meetings for prospective parents for 2019-2020 and I have been meeting with the School Council this week to plan their presentation. They have also come up with some fundraising ideas for our Hub.

Thank you for attending Parents Evenings this week and for your kind comments. The highlight of the week was attending the Year One and Two party to celebrate their theme of Traditional Tales. One of our key action plans is an even more creative curriculum and the children's learning has been so evident in writing invitations, designing costumes and learning new dances to name just a few examples.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Family Learning Time and a few parents at Parent Forum. Over 30 parents signed up for Parent Forum but it was disappointing that only 5 parents attended, so I would really appreciate your views as to how we could increase attendance. We have tried meeting in the evenings and afternoons. Another idea is to hold a more informal coffee morning at drop off. Minutes of Tuesday's meeting are enclosed with this newsletter and [published on our website.](#) One query raised was when Home Learning should be handed in. The answer is that we do not set a specific day, as we know that families have various commitments at evenings and weekends. Your child can hand in their home learning at any time during the following week.

Many thanks to the vast majority of our school community who have given permission for us to check heads if we suspect that your child may have caught headlice. If you have not given permission and we suspect your child may have headlice we will ask you to come to the school and check yourself.

Finally thank you so much for your generous donations for our Defib Dress Down Day. The amount raised by the 3 schools was an incredible £580. £500 will fund a secure cabinet for the defib, which can only be opened by calling the emergency services, as well as staff training. The remaining £80 will go to SADS UK.

On our return after the half term break we have our Halloween disco on Wednesday 31st October hosted by Jazz Pritchard, who was a huge hit at the Year Two Leavers' party. There are no staff clubs that day, so if your child is not going to the disco please ensure that they are picked up at 3.10 as all staff are involved in the disco.

YEAR TWO NEWS

Year 2 have had another amazing week. The highlight has to be a celebration party with our friends in Year 1 on Tuesday afternoon. The children enjoyed writing instructions for making jelly and liked eating it even more! Sharks have had a wonderful time at their first outdoor learning session and wait for more to come. The children were very interested to learn that we will be finding out about life 100 years ago after half term. This will coincide with the centenary of the end of World War 1.



[Home learning and spellings for this week](#) are published on our website.

& encouraging others to do the same!
RUBY for beautiful letter formation & wonderful writing!

COMMUNITY LINKS



HOCUS POCUS is the brand new, free exhibition at Chelmsford Museum (Oaklands Park, Moulsham St, Chelmsford, CM2 9AQ) running throughout half term, 22 to 26 October 2018. The event will open daily between 10am to 5pm.

4-19 HEALTH DROP IN SESSIONS at 2 locations:
Chelmsford West Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ (next to Kings Road Primary School), 3pm- 4pm every other Monday: 15th Oct, 5th Nov, 19th Nov, 3rd Dec, 17th Dec. Alternatively at **The School House (opposite Moulsham Jnr School)**, Princes Road, CM2 9DG, 3.15pm- 4.15pm every other Wednesday: 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec.

YEAR ONE NEWS

The Cinderella ball was a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showcased the Cinderella dance that they had learnt in P.E. Decorations were hung in hall which had been designed and made by the children and lots of delicious food that they had also designed and made themselves was eaten! What a lovely end to the fairy tale topic!



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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We really enjoyed parent’s evening and chatting to you about how your child has settled. Thank you to those of you who have returned your reports, we really have enjoyed reading them. Please remember to log on to Bug Club and share the books with your child. Please also remember to write in your child’s reading record. Please write the book title and how they got on. You can also record how they got on with their words and sounds.

We hope you have a fabulous and restful half term. Please look out for the following things for us. If you or any of your family/friends have these things please let us know: tyres, wind chimes, planks of wood, bean bags, cushions, rugs and indoor plants.

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WISPA UPDATE

Thank you for all the Christmas card and gifts orders we have received, there has been a great response. The orders will be sent off during half term and we’ll let you know when we receive them. As you know, the next event is our Halloween Disco, which runs from 3.10 to 4.30pm on Wednesday 31st October. We are sure the children will have a brilliant time, so if you haven’t already booked your ticket please do so by Tuesday 30th October!

NOTICES

- ★ [O2 & NSPCC have a very useful website about keeping children safe online](#). If you have any concerns, or would like advice about keeping your child safe online, you can **call their helpline on 0808 800 5002, Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm**.
- ★ A reminder that parents of Year 2 children need to make a formal application for a Year 3 place in September 2019. Applications can be made online from Monday 12th November and the deadline is Tuesday 15th January. Further information is available on the [Essex School Admissions website](#). **Please note, this change has been instigated by the local authority and not by our schools.**

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK (Target 97%)



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