



# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

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### DIARY DATES

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

#### TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> NOV

KS1 Flanders Field theatre workshop

#### FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 11AM

History Detectives session with grandparents

#### TUE 13<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 1.30 – 2.45PM

Y1 Crocus Planting

#### FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Children in Need Day – please wear pyjamas to school!

#### MON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 10 – 11.45AM

Y2 Crocus Planting

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

### SCHOOL MEALS

Next week's menu will be [Week 2 – click for details.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

**ANDREAS & CHARLIE Co** for their wonderful focus & attitude to learning!



**GEORGE** for behaving excellently during the Big Sing & really joining in with the words & actions!



**LILY** for some excellent ideas when writing a letter home from the point of view of a WWI soldier!

**BERTIE** for trying so hard at Teddy Lympics!



**MIA** for amazing Kung Fu punctuation!

**ETHAN** for working hard during handwriting sessions!



**JACK** for great part/whole work in Maths!

**LOUIE** for learning his sounds & moving onto Phase 3! Wow!



### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I hope you had a wonderful half term break. We've had a busy first week back, the highlight of which was our fabulous Halloween Disco! The vast majority of the school came along and had a brilliant time, with entertainment provided by DJ Jazz Pritchard. Thank you to WISPA for organising the event and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. An amazing £400 was raised for the school!



We held the first of our open days this week for parents of children who will start school next September. As I'm sure you are aware, the primary school admissions process opens on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any children who are due to start school next year, or Year 2 children going into Year 3, it is very important that you [complete your online application](#) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Essex County Council will not be sending out any letters or reminders about the application process, so please be aware of your responsibility to submit your application by the deadline.

On Wednesday, eight children took part in the Teddy Lympics, a local sports competition run by Chelmsford School Sports Partnership. The children were fantastic and we are very proud to have come fourth overall, against schools a lot bigger than ours!

Next week the whole school will be thinking about the theme of "100 years ago", as we approach the centenary of the end of World War One. On Tuesday, Years One and Two will take part in a creative learning workshop with Konflux Theatre, called "In Flanders Field". My thanks go to WISPA for funding this event. On Friday morning a number of grandparents are coming into school to offer their observations about the past and tell stories from their childhood. We will also explore our theme through various art activities and a box of historical artefacts generously lent to us by Chelmsford Museum. Do come and visit our reception area next week for a particularly special display of remembrance. Poppies are on sale from the school office at a suggested donation of £1. There are a number of commemorative events in Chelmsford on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November, including a light parade and a concert in the Cathedral. Years One and Two will mark Armistice Day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November with a walk to the village war memorial at 11am to observe a silence for the fallen.



We have been invited to plant crocuses on the village green, which will bloom in the Spring. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to be involved in helping the community and parents are very welcome to participate. Year One classes will be planting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30 – 2.45pm and Year Two on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 10 – 11.45am. Please [let the office know](#) if you would like to help the children plant the bulbs.

**Finally, please, please [vote for our hub project to receive funding from the Aviva Community Fund!](#)** Looking at previous winners, it seems we need at least 1,000 votes to be considered further. Thank you for your support.

**THEO** for listening well during dough gym & for trying hard to write his name!

**IRIS** for great dancing at the Halloween Disco!

**IRIS & CODY** for absolutely blowing Mrs Herring away with their amazing Phonics!!



**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**FREE DRAMA CLASS** for 5-16 year olds on Saturday 10th November at Sandon Village Hall. To book, email [info@essexdrama.co.uk](mailto:info@essexdrama.co.uk).

**HYLANDS HOUSE FROST FAIR** runs from Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December. A great day out for both parents and children with entertainment, Father Christmas, shopping marquees, fine foods and a food area for lunch. '2 for 1' entry tickets will be sent home in book bags as soon as we receive them.

**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: 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: 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec.

**YEAR TWO NEWS**

This week we have launched our new topic "100 years ago." The children are very excited and looking forward to learning about life a century ago. They imagined themselves as soldiers in World War One, writing letters from the trenches to their families in England. We were impressed with their interest and thoughtfulness. Both classes were chosen to demonstrate dance to prospective teachers. They commented on their talents and skills!

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

**YEAR ONE NEWS**

Year One have settled in well after the half term break. We started a new history themed topic thinking about life 100 years ago. There has also been a focus this week on understanding what a sentence is and how to use punctuation. The children absolutely loved learning "Kung Fu Punctuation." Ask your child to show you their punctuation moves!

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**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

We've had so much fun this week! We loved the disco and talking about dressing up for Halloween. Some of us enjoyed the slimy pumpkin in Foxes class and some of us didn't! This week we looked at the letters m, d and g. We have begun to read simple words containing these phonemes. In PE we did 'Cosmic Yoga', this week it was Halloween themed. Please remember that we do PE on Wednesdays and the children need to come dressed in the appropriate clothing. We have added some more books on 'Bug Club'. Don't forget to complete the bug questions!

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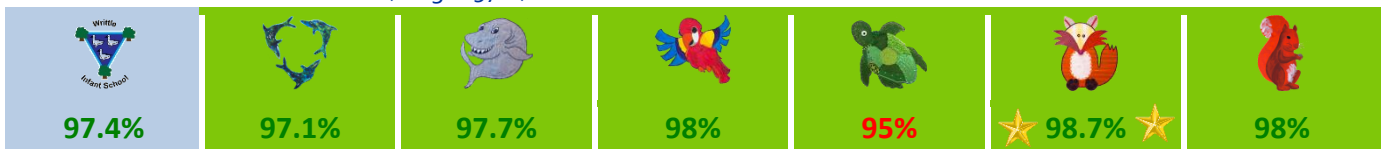
**WISPA UPDATE**

Thank you for your overwhelming support of the Halloween Disco; we had over 150 children attending, raising £4,00 for the school, which is fantastic! Our next event is the Christmas Fayre which will take place at 3pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow soon.

**NOTICES**

- ★ The cold weather has arrived and **children must have coats in school at all times.**
- ★ We now have the **defibrillator cabinet** and are awaiting registration with the ambulance service before it is installed outside the school. Once installed, the cabinet can only be opened by the public in an emergency, by dialling 999.
- ★ The **venue for the Big Sing concert on Monday 17th December has been changed to Christchurch, New London Road.** We will let you know if and when more tickets become available.
- ★ **Children in Need Day is 16th November** and children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for a suggested donation of £1. We'll remind you again next week!

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



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