



WHAT'S ON

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DIARY DATES

All clubs are on next week!

	Parents Lunch	Class Assembly
		25 June
	30 Jan	14 May
	6 Mar	5 Feb
	13 Feb	19 Mar
	27 Feb	
	6 Feb	5 Mar

SCHOOL LUNCH

The menu for next week will be Week 1.

SHOOTING STARS!

SHYHEIM for great improvement in his independent writing!



CEZAR for working so hard at his spellings!

ALL OF SHARKS for a fantastic class assembly! You have made Miss Wright so proud of you all!



HARLEY for always trying his best!



RIHANNA-JANE for great shape work!

THEO for excellent knowledge of 3D shapes in Maths!



MAX for working hard in Phonics to learn all the phonemes!

ROSIE F-S for practising writing her surname!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Another busy week here! The highlight of the week was Sharks' assembly about the Chinese New Year. The children spoke so well and I will not forget their take on "Baby Shark" in a hurry! My thanks go to the Sharks team for supporting the children so well. We also enjoyed having Foxes' parents join us for lunch. It is Squirrels' turn next Wednesday.



Our website continues to be unavailable and I can only apologise for this, it is very frustrating for us all. It is not our fault and Mrs Pluck is in the position of having to re-create it.

I am disappointed at the number of children who regularly arrive late, after the bell at 8.55am. By opening the doors at 8.45am, we give a generous ten minutes before the official start of the school day for children to come in and start activities. Learning starts straight away and even if your child is a few minutes late it will add up. Lateness after 9.15 can be recorded as a whole session of unauthorised absence.

Early warning! The week beginning 4th March will be a theme week on the subject of authors. During that week we'll invite parents to read with their children from 8.45 - 9.10 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Thursday 7th March is World Book Day and parents are very welcome to join their children in dressing up as a character from a book!!

I met with WISPA this week and planned some exciting events for the coming year. We are always grateful for their fundraising efforts - your money makes such a difference to every child in the school. You will already have received details of the Valentine's Disco on Wednesday 13th February, in addition to which we can announce the following events:

- ★ Wednesday 3rd April – Movie afternoon
- ★ Wednesday 22nd May – Movie afternoon
- ★ Wednesday 10th July – End of term disco

We're also planning a mini-marathon for later in the school year.

Stay warm this weekend!

YEAR 2 NEWS

Well done to Sharks for a fantastic class assembly! It was so nice to see so many parents/grandparents there to support the children. This week, we have started a new maths unit on statistics. We have made tally charts and created and interpreted pictograms. The children have also found out about the pop art movement and created their own pop art portraits in the style of Andy Warhol, using oil pastels with unrealistic colours. As part of our topic work, we learnt about the composer Mozart, wrote facts about him and listened to his music.

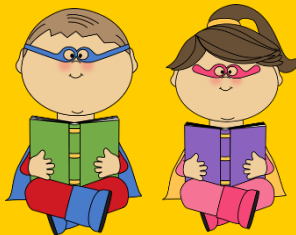
Home learning: This week, we would like the children to think of something they would like to invent. It could be anything, something to make life easier or something that is simply fun. They will need to make a plan suggesting materials and showing what the finished product may look like. We will give the children the opportunity to make a model and bring it into school after half term. **Also, if you have any spare magazines with pictures of people, please bring them in for our Picasso-style collage next week! We need lots of faces so that we can cut out the facial features. Thank you!**

Spellings: all, ball, small, walk, call, always

BENJI for sharing his love of Lego with his friends!
GEORGE for getting ready super quickly for PE!
NAYLA-RAE for wonderful efficiency in the morning & always being first to her activity table!
CHARLIE for lovely confidence standing in front of the class & explaining how his models worked!



READERS OF THE WEEK!



MEG, SAMUEL A, CHLOE, NELLIE, EVELYN & IRIS BIRI!

COMMUNITY LINKS

REGI'S DANCE WORKSHOP
 Sat 26th Jan 11am to noon at Margaretting Primary School hall. (CM4 oHA). Please see the ParentMail sent home today for more details. Cost £3 (cash only) to cover travel.

4 – 19 DROP IN HEALTH SESSIONS are available across Chelmsford, offering support and health advice for your 4-19 year old. See the poster in reception for details (on the window and noticeboard).

Challenge words: also, talked, altogether, although

YEAR 1 NEWS

The Turtles children thoroughly enjoyed outdoor learning this week and expressed how excited they were to take part in next week's learning. Parrots class will have the same outdoor learning opportunity after half term. Grammar was the focus in English and the children learnt about nouns. They did a noun hunt in the classroom, played noun games on the laptop and ipad and thought about proper nouns. They also learnt the rule for plural nouns:

Plural Noun Rules

- ★ To make regular nouns plural, add -s to the end.
- ★ If the singular noun ends in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, or -z, add -es to the end to make it plural.
- ★ In some cases, singular nouns ending in -s or -z, require that you double the -s or -z prior to adding the -es for pluralization.

In Maths the children have been learning to name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In History, the children researched the inventor of the Barbie doll; Ruth Handler. In Science the children explored materials and their properties.

Home learning: Can you read all of the alien (nonsense) words and all of the real words in the sheet sent home? Challenge: can you find the hidden alien word?

Spellings: pure, cure, lure, manure, sure

Challenge words: capture, treasure, figure

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

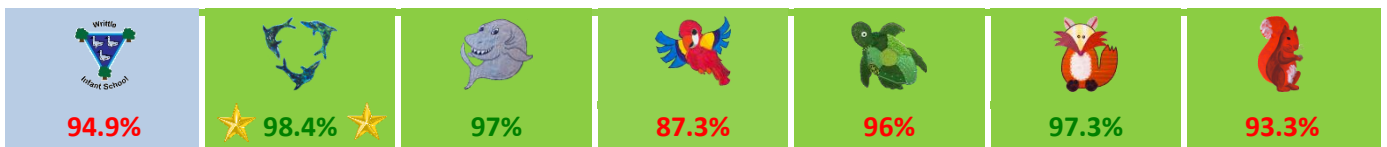
This week we have been focussed on our gross motor skills such as dressing independently, (thank you for all your lovely Tapestry challenge videos) climbing, throwing and balancing. In PE we learned some great throwing and balancing activities using bean bags. Some of us came up with some very creative ways of balancing and moving. In Maths we have been using addition and finding a total amount. We also loved watching the "big boys and girls" in Sharks assembly on Tuesday. Just a reminder about remembering warm clothing as it is very cold at the moment. Please also try to label each item as we have many "mystery" gloves and hats unclaimed at the end of each day.

Tapestry Challenge: As we are learning about addition could you find different items to add together. It could be anything you want such as toys, sweets, books, leaves! We'd love to see your marvellous maths videos on Tapestry!

NOTICES

- ★ A reminder of the dates of our upcoming Coffee Mornings, which are an opportunity to chat informally with staff, governors and other parents. Parents from all year groups are welcome to any of these dates, but teachers will be available as follows:
 - ★ Tuesday 26th February, 9am - EYFS teachers available
 - ★ Tuesday 2nd April, 9am - Year 2 teachers available
 - ★ Tuesday 7th May, 9am - Year 1 teachers available

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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