



WHAT'S ON

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DIARY DATES





All clubs are on next week except Children's Yoga!

	Parents Lunch	Class Assembly
		25 June
		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 2.

SHOOTING STARS!

- AARON** for his beautiful handwriting using a joined script! 
- MIA** for wonderful writing about George Stephenson using different sentence types!
- NATHAN** for a speedy statistics work in Maths! 
- THOMAS** for remembering lots of facts about the Wright brothers!
- TEAGAN** for super Phonics work! 
- BERTIE** for lovely writing!
- CONOR** for trying hard to join his writing correctly! 
- FABIAN** for taking turns & sharing!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

What a wintry week! My thanks go to Mr Turner for keeping the site safe with the early morning gritting. We enjoyed having the parents from Squirrels class join us for lunch on Wednesday. Next Wednesday it is the turn of Dolphins parents, at 12.05pm. We are also looking forward to Turtles class assembly on Tuesday.



We hope our website will be restored next week – Mrs Pluck is working tirelessly to repair it following a failure at our hosting company. In the meantime please [contact the office](#) if you require any information about school events or homework.

On several occasions after school we have seen children standing on the wall next to our school gate. Please supervise your child and do not allow them to climb this wall as serious injury could occur if they fall from that height.

We are considering ending our subscription to Bug Club as there are very low numbers of parents logging in and it is a substantial financial commitment. Please make every effort to use this resource, including the "Bug" questions!

Mr Taylor and I also met with representatives from Essex County Council regarding the proposal to close our village library. Year 2 visited the library this week and other year groups will be going later in the term. [To have your say on plans for future library services across Essex, please complete this survey by 20th February.](#)

An advance date for your diary - Monday 8th July, when the highly acclaimed "[Two Johns](#)" will present e-safety sessions for parents, staff and children. The parent session will be from 9 - 10.30am. Please make every attempt to attend – it is vital for parents to understand internet safety issues, even for this age group. Thank you to WISPA for funding this event.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We started the week by finding out about the composer Andrew Lloyd Webber. The children were very interested to find out about his life and enjoyed comparing the similarities and differences with Mozart. Ask them to tell you what they found out! On Tuesday we visited Writtle library, where the children learnt how to borrow and find books. They were all given information about how to join the library. Please try to support them if you can. As part of our Topic work, we have been researching The Wright Brothers and the children conducted their own fair test using paper planes.

Home learning: This week, we would like the children to measure different things at home using rulers and tape measures in preparation for our next maths unit.

Spellings are based on the 'or' sound spelt /ar/ after w: war, warm, ward, warn, swarm, dwarf

Challenge words: award, reward, wardrobe, towards

YEAR 1 NEWS

What a busy week we have had learning about place value! The children worked practically to partition numbers into tens and ones and then used this information to help them

LUCIE for making new friends & playing beautifully!
LOUIE for fantastic writing this week!

OLIVE for absolutely wonderful writing!
IRIS for solving really difficult addition problems independently!



READERS OF THE WEEK!

BRAYDEN, VINNIE C, GEORGE M, JACK, NAYLA-RAE & JESSICA PEP!

COMMUNITY LINKS

ESSEX FAMILY FORUM is made up of parents, carers & families of children and young people aged 0-25 with disabilities and/or additional needs. Please [take a look at their website](#) to find out more about the Family Champion Model and their events.

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).

complete part whole models. They went on to record information in a table, noting how many tens and ones certain numbers have. Later in the week the language of: smaller, smallest, fewer, fewest, less, least, more, most, greater and greatest was consolidated. The children were challenged to order sets of objects and numerals from smallest to greatest. To finish the week they practised adding by counting on from the greatest number. In English/History the children completed a writing assessment where they were asked to demonstrate how much they have learnt about inventors so far, by writing a non-narrative fact file. In grammar sessions we focused on proper nouns and practised using capital letters for people, places, days of the week and 'I'. Louis Braille was our inventor of the week!

Home learning: On the sheet sent home, can you spot which "ue" words are real and which are nonsense? (Don't forget that "ue" can make two different sounds /oo/yoo/ depending on which word it is in!) As a challenge, colour real words one colour and nonsense words another.

Spellings: her, fern, kerb, herb, number, dinner

Challenge words: after, other, concert

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

It has been a freezing yet fun week in Foundation Stage! Lots of us enjoyed investigating the various ice shapes and frosty patterns in the garden and discovered how quickly ice melts in our warm little hands. We also made the snow a focus of our super sentences this week, looking at the ow and ee digraphs. In Maths we have been practising our addition skills using lots of different resources including Lego! As it is so cold, please remember to name all your hats, scarves and gloves as we still have a collection of "mystery winter warmers."

Tapestry home learning: Next week we will be learning about Chinese New Year. Could you find out what the animal or creature was the year you were born? You could even add a fun fact or draw a picture for us to share.

- NOTICES**
- ★ Can we remind you that there is no Children's Yoga next Thursday morning.
 - ★ If anyone has any old school shoes or trainers to donate, we would be grateful for them to use as spares in school. Thank you.
 - ★ Our next Family Learning Time session is on Tuesday 12th February from 9am.
 - ★ 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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