



WHAT'S ON

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DIARY DATES

All clubs are on next week!

TUE 12TH FEB, 9AM

Family Learning Time

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

SCHOOL LUNCH

The menu for next week will be Week 3.

SHOOTING STARS!

HAYDEN for amazing literacy, being super speedy ordering words alphabetically!



BONNIE for super effort in independent writing!

MARGIE for fantastic work during our guided reading session!



LUCA for being very honest this week. HIPIP would be proud!

LILY for excellent effort in Maths & English!



VINNIE for fabulous story ideas!

LINCOLN for trying hard to join his handwriting correctly!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

The highlight of this week was Turtles' class assembly about Inventors. The children have learned an incredible amount about this topic and we all enjoyed their dancing and a rousing rendition of "A Million Dreams". Many thanks to the Turtles team for a wonderful assembly. It was a pleasure to have Dolphins' parents join us for lunch on Wednesday. Next week it is Parrots' turn, on Wednesday 13th February at 12.05pm. This is also the day of our Valentine's Disco, which we know the children are very excited about! Please return your permission slips and money for WISPA if you haven't already done so.

Unfortunately our website is still down. This is due to the failure of our web hosts and I have been in correspondence with the managing company over this inadequate service. I can only thank Mrs Pluck for working tirelessly to put it back together again and Mr. Rodger for his invaluable support.

Remember you can still [have your say on plans for future library services across Essex](#). The deadline for submitting the survey is 20th February. Although many parents kindly completed our recent questionnaire, the results of which are attached to our newsletter, only comments submitted to the official public consultation are guaranteed to be fed into the discussion process. The questionnaire results are a useful resource when composing your comments for the official survey!

Finally, can I remind you of our Family Learning Time session next Tuesday morning. You should have received a sign up form via ParentMail, which also invites you to our first Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26th February. All parents are very welcome. Further dates are listed in our Notices section below.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have been learning about famous explorers. The children have a thirst for knowledge at the moment and have shown lots of interest in the lives of Robert Falcon Scott and Christopher Columbus. They also enjoyed a whole class guided reading lesson using the Bug Club book 'Painting Peril'. This is a Sarah Jane adventure and every child has had it added to their Bug Club collection so they can look at it by themselves at home. As we are updating our classroom book areas, we are having a focus on reading strategies and skills. We are encouraging the children to develop and improve their dictionary skills, including alphabetical order and using a range of strategies to read texts and answer questions.

Home learning: This week we would like the children to write an adventure story, either a Dolphin rescue story (Dolphins Class) or a Shark rescue story (Sharks Class) as we have a dolphin and a shark trapped in a net in our classrooms. The children can add their own illustrations and we hope to make a class book of all the stories. We wonder how the Shark or Dolphin will be rescued? **Mrs Hammond has asked the children to bring in an umbrella for next week's dance lesson on Wednesday.**

Spellings: was, wash, want, swan, wasp, squash

Challenge words: wander, wallet, quarrel, swallow

YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One became superheroes this week! They thought about the characteristics of a superhero and considered what they would look like and what powers they would have if they were to be a superhero themselves. They designed their own hero and wrote a

DEMMI for learning someone else's words last minute and saying them in class assembly!

ISAAC for using chopsticks so well & showing a friend how to use them!



SOPHIE for beautiful cursive handwriting, well done!

OSCAR for really trying during our super sentence sessions!



KITTY for really persevering during our throwing & catching PE lesson this week!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



CHARLIE CO, SAMUEL G, MIA H, JOEY, AMY & LUKE A!

COMMUNITY LINKS

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).

description of what they had drawn. After that they went on to plan a story featuring their character using the "boxing up method". In Maths the children recorded number bonds that make 20 by applying their knowledge of numbers that make 10. Their challenge was to record in a systematic way. They also continued to practise general addition and subtraction within 20. They solved word problems and used number lines, tens frames, Numicon and bead strings when doing this. As part of Safer Internet Day we recapped our SMART and think before you click rules. We read the stories of Digi Duck and Smartie the Penguin and discussed the scenarios that occurred. In DT they learnt about designers and designed their own toy for a pet.

Home learning: Please practise reciting the days of the week with your child. As a challenge, can you write the days of the week?

Spellings: day, way, say, pay, lay, away

Challenge words: sprayed, playing, birthday

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We have had a wonderful week learning all about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed looking at the children's Tapestry challenges and pictures they made at home. We loved listening to the story of 'The Great Race' and learnt about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc). We are getting quicker at changing for PE! We do still have many items of clothing that are not named and this wastes valuable teaching time as we are trying to sort out clothing. Over half term please check your child's PE kit for names and that they have a change of clothes (all named as well please). It was Safer Internet Day on Thursday, we talked to the children about being safe online and taught them a song, ask your child about it. If you would like more information about this please follow this link www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online.

Tapestry Challenge: This week we have talked about Chinese food and some children put some photos on Tapestry of them eating Chinese food. This week we would like you to try some food you have never tried before!

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
- ★ The highly acclaimed "[Two Johns](#)" will present e-safety sessions for parents, staff and children on Monday 8th July. Please save this date in your diaries – the parent session will be from 9 - 10.30am. The 2 Johns works with schools all over the country and the feedback from their recent stint at Writtle Junior School was incredibly positive. Thank you to WISPA for funding this event.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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