



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2019

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DIARY DATES

All clubs are on in the week after half term!

TUE 26TH FEB, 9AM

Parents' Coffee Morning

WED 27TH FEB, 12.05PM

Sharks' Parents Lunch

MON 4TH – FRI 8TH MAR

Authors Week (Parents reading with children on Mon, Wed & Thu mornings)

TUE 5TH MAR, 9.10AM

Dolphins' Class Assembly

WED 6TH MAR, 12.05PM

Turtles' Parents Lunch

THU 7TH MAR

World Book Day

SCHOOL LUNCH

The menu for the week after half term will be Week 1.

SHOOTING STARS!

ELSA for a positive & enthusiastic approach to all aspects of school!



MATTHEW for enthusiasm & effort in all areas of learning!

SHAHINA for taking loads of care over her art work this week!



SAMUEL A for excellent "Singing in the Rain" dancing with his umbrella!

GEORGE for showing great confidence in his writing!



CHLOE for super effort in Maths!

ETHAN for trying hard to learn the Phase 3 & 5 phonemes!



LACEY MAE for using a numberline to subtract!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Half term has come around already - where does the time go? Thank you to the parents who joined us for Family Learning Time on Tuesday and to Parrots parents for coming to lunch on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing Sharks parents on Wednesday 27th February. We know that Ashlyns would welcome your feedback on the lunches – please email any comments to parents@writtle-inf.essex.sch.uk.

The children enjoyed another brilliant disco from Jazz Pritchard on Wednesday – thanks to WISPA for staging this event, we raised a fantastic £400. We did find that 10% of children signed up on the day of the disco, which makes the event organisation more hectic for both WISPA and our staff. Please try to help us run these events efficiently by signing up promptly.

As you will be aware, Mrs. Townsend has been on maternity leave following the birth of her twin girls. Regretfully she has decided not to return to school, given the practicalities of looking after three very young children. We will miss her and hope she will pop in to see us again. There are no changes to staffing, as this was already covered during her leave.

A key priority for the school this year is to develop a love of reading and WISPA have funded the lovely new book corners in our classrooms. In the week beginning 4th March, we will invite parents to read with their children from 8.45 - 9.10am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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!! We also have author Dennis Thompson visiting the school on that day, please pre-order his books if you'd like to!

I wanted to flag up the outstanding work Mrs Winsley is doing with Forest Schools. Every child in the school will benefit from sessions with her during the school year, currently it is Year One. I can see the Forest Schools area from my office window and it is evident that the children love the activities and it has a hugely positive effect on their self-confidence. Thank you to Mrs Winsley for her time and creativity!

YEAR 2 NEWS

It was so nice to see so many of you at Family Learning Time last Tuesday. We have had another very busy week in Year 2; Dolphins have begun preparing their class assembly 'An Adventure in Book Land'. The children are looking forward to taking you on a journey into the wonderful world of books. Sharks have been taking part in lots of Art this week, creating portraits in the style of Paul Klee and Vincent Van Gogh. We have finished our maths unit on length and height and are looking forward to moving onto a new area of maths after half term. Both classes have also looked at the author Julia Donaldson and have been exploring her stories, looking at her front covers and deciding what makes her books so interesting to read. We hope you have a lovely restful half term!

Home learning: As a follow up to the home learning sent out a few weeks ago, we would like the children to create their invention. They have already created a plan of their invention. So, over the half term break, we would like them to create a model of their creation, explaining how it would work. This could then be showed to the class as a Dragons' Den type presentation.

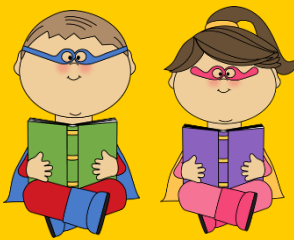
Spellings: word, work, worm, world, worth, worst

Challenge words: worship, worldwide, workshop, worthy

BETHANY for reading with fluency, well done!
HUGO for doing lots more cutting, drawing & colouring in!
CODY for beautiful & careful writing all week!
CASPER for amazing Maths this week!



READERS OF THE WEEK!



RAVEN, IRIS, ELEANOR, TYSON, ERIN N & BOBBIE!

COMMUNITY LINKS

THE WRITTLE VILLAGE WEBSITE, www.writtlevillage.com, will be closing at the end of February due to the retirement of its staff. However, Writtle Parish Council are updating their website at www.writtlepc.com and this will include many of the features previously on writtlevillage.com, as an information source for the Parish.

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).

YEAR 1 NEWS

It was lovely to see so many of you at Family Learning Time. We hope you enjoyed using Bug Club with your children and found the question prompts useful. Please try and use these at home when reading with your child. We still have spares. If any of you who couldn't attend would like copies please just ask. Try and log in to Bug Club regularly from home as the children really enjoy using this resource. Additionally, the questions generated by the bugs in each book really do help the children to show that they have a secure understanding of what they have read. They also focus on the key skills of prediction, inference, retrieval, vocabulary and sequencing. In Maths the children practised solving addition and subtraction problems which involved crossing the ten. They also explored fact families and making comparisons between number sentences using the greater than, less than and equal to signs. Guru Nanak and his importance to the Sikh religion was the focus of R.E. The children listened to stories and then drew pictures of Guru Nanak.

Home learning: Please practise reciting the months of the year with your child. As a challenge, can you write the months of the year? Please also [log into Bug Club](#).

Spellings: out, shout, loud, cloud, count, noun

Challenge words: our, hour, around

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

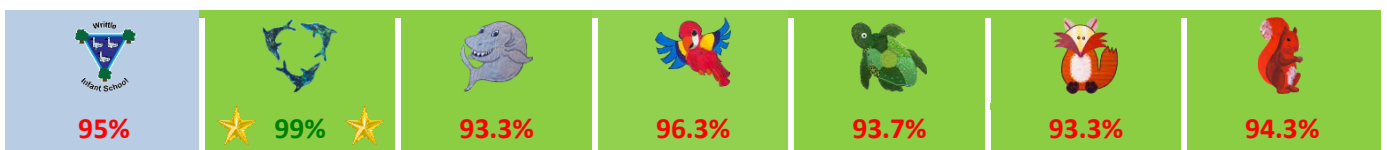
We were all feeling the love this week after enjoying our lovely Valentine's theme. We listened the story of Bishop Valentine and made our very own cards and wrote messages to our loved ones. In Maths we revised recognising numbers and forming 0-20 correctly and started looking at 3D shapes. We loved sharing our Helicopter Stories with you during Family Learning on Tuesday and lots of us enjoyed doing some very energetic dancing at the school disco on Wednesday! After a very successful start to the Spring term, we are now very much looking forward to a much deserved rest next week!

Tapestry Challenge: Please continue to read & enjoy books (both reading and listening to stories) and practice your words and sounds. We want you to have a wonderful half term and would love to see anything exciting you get up to on Tapestry. Have a lovely break and see you in a week!

NOTICES

- ★ Please make sure you fill in your child's meal choices on ParentMail. We are having to chase a lot of parents at the moment. If you have any problems using the app, please contact the office.
- ★ A reminder of the dates of our upcoming Coffee Mornings, which are open to all parents. Teachers will be available as indicated in brackets: Tuesday 26th February, 9am (EYFS), Tuesday 2nd April, 9am (Year 2) and Tuesday 7th May, 9am (Year 1).
- ★ Please save Monday 8th July, 9 – 10.30am in your diaries, when the highly acclaimed "Two Johns" will present their e-safety session for parents. We hope that giving such advance notice means that lots of parents will be able to attend.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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