



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019

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DIARY DATES

All clubs are on in the week after half term!

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, including visit from author Dennis Thompson

SCHOOL LUNCH

The menu for next week will be Week 2. [Full menus are available on our website.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

ANDREAS for amazing progress in both reading & writing!



DEXTER for hard work & enthusiasm in all areas, including amazing homework!

ALESHA for being super speedy in her suffix work!



WILLIAM for excellent Maths work on shape.

ANNABELLE for beautiful writing!



JACOB for super improvement in writing!

OLIVER for trying hard to use his knowledge of phonemes when spelling!



BOBBY for working well to solve Maths problems within 50.

JAMIE for wonderful sentence writing!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Where did February go? I hope you enjoyed the wonderful weather over half term. Thank you to the parents who attended our coffee morning on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful and we are very grateful for your supportive comments and suggestions. We enjoyed welcoming Sharks' parents for lunch on Wednesday. It is Turtles' turn next week.

Your children may have told you that we had a visit from a robot in assembly yesterday! The 3PR mascot visited the children to promote the parking scheme that we shared with parents before half term. Our 3PR banner is now outside the school and we have sent leaflets home to all parents today.

We are pleased to say that our website is back up and running at www.writtleinfantschool.com. Thank you to Mrs. Pluck for the hours and hours she has put in to get the website back and also to Mr. Rodger for his invaluable support. We have used the opportunity to revamp the site and we look forward to your feedback.

A key priority for the school this year is to develop a love of reading. We have already benefitted from a very generous donation from WISPA to create our lovely new book corners in each classroom. Next week is our Authors Week and we would like as many parents as possible to be involved in our events. We have already invited you to read with your child from 8.45 - 9.10am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings – please let us know on ParentMail if you can attend. 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! Author Dennis Thompson will visit the children on Thursday afternoon, while at 3.45pm there will be a prize-giving ceremony for the bunting competition at Writtle Library. A message on Facebook suggested that children can only dress up if they are going to the library. In fact all children are encouraged to dress up and there will be a prize for the best parent costume! Children are welcome to bring in a donation of £1 to go towards new books. As we are offering three opportunities to come in next week, there will be no Family Learning Time on Tuesday 12th March.

As you are aware we cannot authorise requests for holidays other than in very exceptional circumstances. However, we will always take into account your child's absence percentage before undertaking any formal action. Occasionally children mention to staff that they are going away/have been on holiday, when parents have told us they are unwell. Please do not ask your children to give different reasons for being away from school – honesty is one of our core values. We would much rather know the real reason for a child's absence.

YEAR 2 NEWS

This week we have started our new half term topic 'The Wonderful World of Dahl'. We will be focusing on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children have been writing descriptions of either the Bucket household or the chocolate room, using a range of exciting adjectives. We have moved on to our new Power Maths unit which is on properties of 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been counting the sides and vertices of 2D shapes, including drawing, recognising and naming different shapes. Dolphins Class have been very



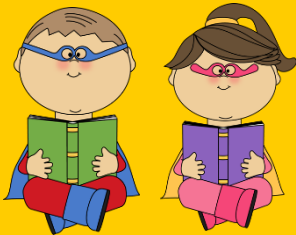
FINN for always being honest and a great friend!

LUKE A for such wonderful determination & enthusiasm towards his writing!



GRACE for always finding time to write letters & practise her sounds & for working so hard!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



ISLA F, CONNOR, DEMI, ARTHUR, SOPHIE & LUKE MI!

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).

busy preparing for their class assembly which will take place on Tuesday. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

[This week's home learning and spellings can be found on our website.](#)

YEAR 1 NEWS

Year One have a new topic this half term all about authors, poets and their poems. We have started by learning about rhyme. The children loved reading books by Dr Seuss and were able to pick out rhyming words. They also went on to make comparisons between The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham. We also went to visit Writtle library and had a session with the librarian on Tuesday.

In Maths the children practised counting to 50, partitioned numbers into tens and ones then represented and compared numbers to 50. In Science we have begun learning about parts of animals. The children were asked to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and were asked to say which part of the body is associated with each sense. Microsoft Word was used in Computing. The children explored writing their name and had the challenge of changing the font, size and colour of the text.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

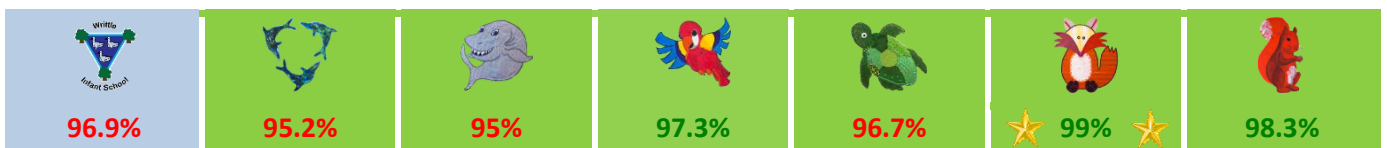
This week we have been learning about potatoes! We have entered a competition to grow them. We will be planting them on Tuesday. We have learnt how to grow them and what potatoes are used for. We have found a book called 'Supertato' which is about a superhero potato who rescues vegetables. There is a series of these books, if you have them at home we would love to borrow them. Please label them with your child's name. Next week we will continue the theme of 'Supertato' and will be making our own super vegetable heroes! Please could your child bring in some vegetables or fruit so we can make them into superheroes. If you have any usual fruits or vegetables we would love those too.

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NOTICES

- ★ Following our first Parents Coffee Morning, please note the next two dates, which are open to all parents. Teachers will be available as indicated in brackets: 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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