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# **DIARY DATES**

All clubs are on next week, except Wednesday afternoon staff clubs. However, 3D Art club will run to create the scenery for the Music Festival.

WED 13TH MAR, 3 - 4.20PM WISPA Movie Night

FRI 15<sup>TH</sup> MAR

Red Nose Day, dress in red/Disney theme! Donations welcome.

THU 21<sup>st</sup> MAR, 2.45PM Y2 Infant Music Festival. Parents to collect from Christchurch at 3.30pm

WED 27TH MAR, 3.30 - 6PM Parents Evening

THU 28TH MAR, 5.30 - 8PM Parents Evening

# **SCHOOL LUNCH**

The menu for next week will be Week 3. Full menus are available on our website.

# **SHOOTING STARS!**

**RAVEN** for her super confidence in class assembly. Well done Raven! **JAIME** for a big improvement in her writing. Keep it up Jaime!

**THOMAS** for excellent comprehension work this week! **TOBY** for great Maths work on making patterns with shapes.

WILLIAM for excellent retelling of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt"! **PEARL** for working hard in Maths!

# **MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL**

What a fantastic theme week we have had! One of the many highlights this week was the Dolphins class assembly on the subject of books. We heard every word the children said so clearly and the assembly certainly made us all think about the love of reading. My thanks go to the entire Dolphins team for their hard work. Mrs Wilson is very proud of Dolphins. She has also asked me thank you all for the cards, kind wishes and words of support following the sad death of her husband. They are a source of great comfort to her.

Thank you to all the parents who came in to read with their children and particularly to those of you who dressed up for World The children Book Day. looked magnificent on Thursday, there were some truly inventive costumes. I know how much work parents put into this day so many thanks to you all. We had a wonderful visit from author Dennis Thompson, pictured here with our Readers of the Week. We also had an assembly from our library and



many other activities to support our key aim of inspiring a love of reading. Thank you to so many parents for supporting the Writtle Library Bunting Competition. Well done to Ruby & Nellie who were award prize-giving - we will announce the winners next week. My thanks go to all of our staff, in particular Mrs Espinosa-Davis for planning the week.

Thank you to Turtles parents who came for lunch this week. Ashlyns' catering staff have worked hard to prepare the parent lunches, which have now finished for this academic year. They would very much welcome feedback from parents - please email us at parents@writtle-inf.essex.sch.uk with any comments about the school lunches.

Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March and we are asking the children to wear red or a Disney theme in return for a donation of around £1.

Can we notify you in advance of our Sports Day on the morning of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, which will take place on the field. If we are unlucky with the weather, we have a reserve date of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Finally, please sign up if you can to Easyfundraising, from which you simply click through to your usual online shopping websites. The click-through donates money to our school. We would also encourage you to consider sponsoring the brave group of dads who are completing the Nuclear Races in May. Every penny raised from these initiatives goes towards our hub fund.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Huge congratulations to Dolphins class for a fantastic class assembly! It was so lovely to see so many of you come and support the children. Our theme week has been very successful and it was great to see so many parents and grandparents come in to read with their children. We have been blown away by the children's costumes for World Book Day and the children loved participating in the bumper World Book Day guiz in different classrooms with the rest of the school. This week, the children have been writing a persuasive letter to Willy



# WHAT'S ON



CEZAR, FLORA, BERTIE, FABIAN, GEORGE B & ABIGAIL!

## **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). Wonka explaining why they deserve a golden ticket. There were some great arguments and points put forward!

This week's home learning and spellings can be found on our website.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

It was lovely to see so many of you in the classrooms sharing books with your children on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The costumes on World Book Day were amazing! Thank you for making such an effort. The children have been learning the story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". We shared the book together then they watched Michael Rosen re-tell his story with actions. After that they made their own story plans/maps which they used to help them re-tell the story orally. Year One also went on an actual teddy bear hunt outside which was lots of fun! The children then finished the week by writing the story. They were given the added challenge of including exclamation marks. In Maths the children carried out a maths assessment and also practised counting in twos and fives and filled out missing number patterns. In Computing the children learnt about algorithms and even wrote their own algorithm using a coding sheet to map out the story of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". This week's home learning and spellings can be found on our website.

# FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

This week we have had such fun! We loved dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday and showing off our book characters costumes. We enjoyed taking part in the World Book Day quiz and going to other classes. We loved making our super veggies and using them to act out stories. We read the story "Supertato" and lots of other stories by the author Sue Hendra. We particularly enjoyed sharing our book reviews on Tapestry. PE was fun this week, we made up a Supertato game and learnt the Superman dance! We will plant our potatoes next week when they have finished chitting.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9 10.30am in your diaries, when the highly acclaimed "<u>Two Johns</u>" 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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