



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

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DIARY DATES

Clubs resume on 29th April.

TUE 23RD APR, 8.45AM

Children return to school

THU 2ND MAY

Class photos

TUE 7TH MAY, 9AM

Parents Coffee Morning

SCHOOL LUNCH

Once we return from holiday, the school lunches will be [Week 1 from our new Spring/Summer menu – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

ISLA F-S for always working hard & showing



enthusiasm in every lesson!

ELI for always trying his best!

ERIN for trying really hard in her fraction work!



HARVEY for persevering with his reading comprehension!

ASA for working hard to join his writing!



BILLY for working hard on making his writing clear!

GEORGE for coming in with a smile this week!



NATALIA for working hard on her story setting in writing!

BENJI for learning to write his surname!



NAVAYAH for doing really well with your writing!

JAMIE for his brilliant effort & attitude towards everything this week!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Although the children are excited at the prospect of breaking up for Easter today, we were all very sad to say goodbye to Miss Springall. She has been part of our Wittle family for 21 years and many children and families have benefitted from her teaching and commitment to the school. We had a special assembly yesterday and Mrs. Townsend came along too, so that we could officially say goodbye to her. They will be missed by children, colleagues, parents and governors and we wish them both well for the future.

We are hugely grateful to a team of volunteers from Strutt & Parker who spent the day in our school on Tuesday. They built the bench outside, created new structures such as the stage in the playground and tidied all our outside areas. Many thanks to Sam C's mum for linking us with them.

On Wednesday morning Mrs Herring, Mrs Gannicott and I took the School Council to the offices of Wittle Parish Council. Together with members of Wittle Junior School Council we all contributed to the Parish Plan. Yesterday we had a special day to reflect on Easter.

You will have received information about two fundraising drives from WISPA this week. Firstly the sponsored Mini Marathon which takes place on Friday 26th April. Please encourage family and friends to support your child in their mile-long run/walk/skip around the playground. We hope the second challenge will make your Easter holiday a little more relaxing! In exchange for your child helping you out around the house, please fill the Smarties tubes sent home yesterday with small change. Then just label the tubes with their name and return them to the WISPA box in reception. All children who return their tube will be entered into a prize draw to win 4 tickets to Marsh Farm.

Mrs. Booker is taking on Trek26 for the Alzheimer's Society. If anyone would consider supporting her the page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NatalieBooker>.

We were delighted to find that every single child was in school on Wednesday and attendance for all classes was above our target level this week. Please try to keep up the good attendance next term! As we break up for the holidays my thanks as ever go to the entire Wittle Infant School family: our wonderful teachers and Learning Support Assistants, our supportive parents, our lovely children, the office staff who work tirelessly with families, the midday team and Mr. Turner for their hard work and our governors for their commitment to the school. I hope you all have a very relaxing Easter break. We return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have had an incredibly busy week. We did some guided reading sessions to develop reading comprehension skills. We have used the Pawsome Gang (Reading skills dogs) and have included a bookmark with question prompts in the Easter home learning folder. In Maths, we have been continuing to work on fractions, understanding what a whole is and counting in halves and quarters. On



FREDDIE for working so hard on his letters, numbers & drawing all week!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



DEXTER, LILY R, FAITH, ETHAN, ANWYN & IRIS BR!

COMMUNITY LINKS

Children aged 3-11 are welcome to **PLAY IN THE PARK** at Paradise Road on Tuesday 16th April. There are 2 sessions, 10-12 and 1.30-3.30pm. Leaflets are in our school reception, or [visit the website](#) for further details.

The **GET-IN EASTER HOLIDAY BROCHURE** is now in the school reception area, with details of courses and activities over the holidays. Further information is available on the [Chelmsford City Council website](#).

CHELMSFORD SPRING INTO ACTION takes place between March and June 2019 and there are loads of free activities for you to try. For further information on trying a new sport for FREE, pick up a leaflet in reception or [visit their website](#).

Thursday, the children had a lovely day making Easter crafts. The children will be coming home with their PE kits, please check that they have their own clothing and that it still fits (including trainers). **The children will need to bring their kits in on the first day of term as they will need it.** Thank you to the parents that attended the SATS meeting, we hope you found it informative. Everyone should have received a handout on KS1: a parent's guide.

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

Following a dance unit on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and after having read the book and watched the original film, the children wrote descriptions of the characters and the chocolate room. They focused on using adjectives and speech punctuation. In Maths, Year One thought about place value and partitioning and had the added challenge of partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. They also carried out some Easter problem solving and reasoning challenges. As part of R.E the children learnt about the Easter Story. They did various activities including: role-play, story boards and weaving baskets.



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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We have been enjoying looking after our plants and watering them every day. We have been finding out about Easter and why we celebrate it. We had a brilliant Easter egg hunt, the Easter Bunny was so kind and hid some eggs. We also were given a chick each and we made a basket/ nest for them. We hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday and the children get lots of rest and have lots of fun! Please check your child's PE kit, school clothing and shoes for their name. Can you also make sure your child has spare clothing in school for the summer months as there will be lots of mud/sand and water play!



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NOTICES

- ★ Please ensure that you check all uniform, PE kits, footwear and coats over the holidays, ensuring that all items are named and that it all still fits!
- ★ Please sign up to the [Easyfundraising app](#) which benefits our school through your online shopping.
- ★ Please consider [sponsoring the brave group of dads who are completing the Nuclear Races in May](#). Every penny goes towards our hub fund.
- ★ The highly acclaimed "Two Johns" will present their e-safety session for parents on Monday 8th July, 9 – 10.30am. Please try to attend if you can.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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