



# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

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### DIARY DATES

#### MON 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

All clubs resume this week.

#### THU 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Class photos

#### TUE 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 9AM

Parents Coffee Morning

#### TUE 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 9.10AM

Squirrels Class Assembly

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 1 from our new Spring/Summer menu – click for details.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

**FRANCES** for fabulous writing about her Easter holiday!



**CHARLIE CR** for amazing Maths, telling the time to half past, quarter past and quarter to!

**BILLY** for trying really hard in his arithmetic work!



**THOMAS** for having a fantastic attitude to learning and always listening!

**JOSH** for working hard in Maths!



**FAITH** for super improvement in her writing!

**JACK** for listening well during carpet time!



**MASON** for working hard to learn his phonics!

**SYLVIA** for great writing of receipts for our shop!



**TED** for good understanding of part, part whole (different ways to make the number 8)!

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely break for Easter. The children came back well refreshed. We have enjoyed the Mini Marathon today and the children are very proud of their medals. [We've posted some pictures on our website.](#) Thank you in advance for your sponsorship money and for all the Smarties tubes we have received from the Smarties Challenge over the holidays. Remember that as long as you name your Smarties tube, you will be entered into a prize draw to win 4 tickets to Marsh Farm!



Many thanks to all the parents who have signed up to the [Easyfundraising app](#). Can I also remind you to consider [sponsoring our group of Year One dads who are completing the Nuclear Races in May](#). Every penny goes towards our hub fund. We are delighted that Wittle village fete on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August will be fundraising for both our school and the Junior School. Please look out for more information nearer the time – volunteers will be very welcome.

I am concerned about the amount of holiday applications I am receiving and must remind you that only in exceptional circumstances will leave be authorised. If you are attending an event, it may be that we do not authorise all the days requested.

I have also been asked to write to you following a meeting of Wittle Parish Council's Highways & Transport Committee. As you are well aware parking outside the schools is an ever

present problem and the issue of parking along Lodge Road, particularly between Margaretting Road and Loves Walk, was discussed at the recent Parish council committee meeting. This was following a complaint they received regarding vehicles being driven along the Lodge Road footway near Loves Walk, whilst families were walking to school. The congestion is caused by additional parking at school collection and drop off times, with this particular stretch of road also having a bus stop. **Please avoid parking in Lodge Road between Margaretting Road and Loves Walk (the area opposite the bus stop) when dropping off and picking up children to try and help with this issue.**

Please remember that all clubs resume next week. We have communicated club dates far in advance, so please ensure that you read the school communications to ensure you are aware when they start and finish. Other key dates coming up are the class photos next Thursday and the Parents Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. All parents are welcome but the Year One teachers will be available for you to discuss any issues.

Have a lovely weekend.

98% +	<b>Excellent Attendance</b> Fewer than 4 days absence.
95% +	<b>Average Attendance</b> Fewer than 9 days absence.
90% +	<b>Below Average/Low Attendance</b> Pupils are missing 4 weeks of school per year; it may be difficult for them to keep up with their peers.
Below 90%	<b>Persistent Absence</b> Pupils are deemed to be Persistently Absent from School, and may be referred to the Local Authority Attendance Services.

**ABI** for wonderful listening & coming up with great ideas all week!  
**JESS** for working so hard in phonics & on her handwriting!



**READERS OF THE WEEK!**



**SHYHEIM, ERIN H, BILLY L, EDUARDA, NAVAYAH & ETHAN FRA!**

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**SSE WILDCATS** is a football programme specifically set up for 'The Beginner Girl' and it's a great opportunity for girls to take part in a female only environment, get some exercise and have fun. It's really informal and girls can attend on an ad hoc basis. SSE Wildcats is for girls aged 5-11. All sessions are delivered by FA qualified coaches, providing a safe place for girls to try football for the first time and develop key skills. [Click here for more information.](#)

**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.](#)

**YEAR 2 NEWS**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely relaxing Easter break. We can't believe we're in the summer term already! We have started a new scheme of work in Maths on telling the time and managing to solve word problems related to time. We have also recapped different written methods the children could use to work out arithmetic questions. In Computing the children have finished creating their PowerPoints on Roald Dahl, complete with transitions and animations. Some children even managed to change the colour of their text! We are looking forward to showing our PowerPoints to each other next week.

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

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

It's lovely to see the children back and refreshed after the Easter break. We have started a new growing/plant topic: How Does Your Garden Grow? The children sorted images into groups under the headings: plant/not plant. We discussed types of plants and their needs. They looked closely at the basic parts of plants and tried to label their own drawings. In Maths this week Year One explored making arrays to represent repeated addition. The children then wrote repeated addition number sentences. The Enormous Turnip was the story of the week in English. The children retold the story orally with actions and then wrote the story the next day. At the end of the week they improved the tale by adding adjectives, interesting words and time connectives.

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**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

We really loved looking at Tapestry this week! The children enjoyed sharing their holiday photos and chick stories. It's wonderful to see how much their confidence has grown when they talk to the class and ask questions of each other. We ran the Mini Marathon today, the children did so well. Thank you so much for sponsorship. The children will all need trainers in their PE kit this term as we will be doing PE outside if the weather is good. You don't need to worry if your child already wears trainers as part of their school uniform.

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**NOTICES**

- ★ **Keeping Children Safe.** We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. New procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Child and Families Hub on 0345 6037627.
- ★ Mrs Booker is taking on Trek26 for the Alzheimer's Society. If anyone would consider supporting her the page is [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NatalieBooker](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NatalieBooker)
- ★ 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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