



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2019

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DIARY DATES

TUE 7TH MAY, 9AM

Parents Coffee Morning

TUE 14TH MAY, 9.10AM

Squirrels Class Assembly

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be

[Week 2 from our new Spring/Summer menu – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

MACI for amazing effort & enthusiasm in all of her work!



OLIVIA for marvellous Maths, both arithmetic & reasoning!

NATHAN for coming up with lots of quick methods to do his Maths!



FLYNN for trying really hard in his Maths work!

MIA for brilliant Maths!



SAM for super sentences!

RIHANNA for using initial letter sounds in writing!



OLIVIA for settling quickly to work in the mornings!

BADEN for lovely homework about bees! Well done!



JESSICA I for always being helpful & keen to learn new things!

CHARLIE for wonderful enthusiasm towards everything & for trying so hard!



ALEX for amazing confidence in class & presenting his ideas & work to everyone!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

This was a quieter week in terms of events, but we have celebrated National Gardening Week with the creation of a mini allotment in our forest schools area. Thanks for all your donations of plants, they have brightened up our outside spaces. The children have loved watering the plants every day!

We have added a totaliser to the [homepage of our website](#), charting the progress of fundraising for the Health & Happiness Hub. We look forward to adding the amount raised by the [Year One dads at the Nuclear Races on 18th May](#). So far it is over £750, please continue to sponsor them if you can! We would also be hugely grateful if you could sign up to the [Easyfundraising app](#), as well as returning any Mini Marathon sponsorship money and Smarties tubes you may have filled over the Easter holidays.

A reminder that when we return from the Bank Holiday weekend on Tuesday morning, we will hold a coffee morning for parents. Year One teachers will be released so that they are available to talk to. However, we encourage parents from all year groups to attend, as this event is a way to meet and talk about any school concerns, or what we are doing well. It is not an opportunity to discuss issues regarding individual children, but you can always contact your child's teacher through the school office.

Following comments from parents about how much they enjoyed coming in to read with their children, we would like this to become a weekly event. We will let you know the dates after the Year Two SATS have finished.

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Herring will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has secured a more senior role in a larger school closer to home. It will be a great loss to the school, but we appreciate that there comes a time when you need to spread your wings and gain new experiences in your career. We are currently receiving applications for an EYFS teacher from September and I will keep you informed.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

YEAR 2 NEWS

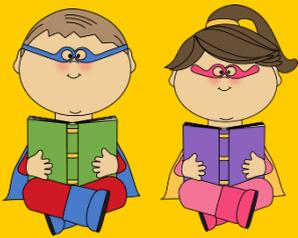
This week we have been helping the children to prepare for their SATS. We have looked at some past papers together and answered lots of questions. We have given the children lots of helpful hints and tips to help them feel more confident when faced with questions that require them to work independently. Our topic this half term is 'How does your garden grow?' We will be learning about flowers, plants and trees. All areas of the curriculum will be covered throughout our topic. The children have enjoyed looking at 'The Sunflowers' by Vincent Van Gogh and they have labelled parts of a plant.



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



READERS OF THE WEEK!



**MAX D, ALEX C, MAX F,
LUCIA, BETHANY & CASPER!**

COMMUNITY LINKS

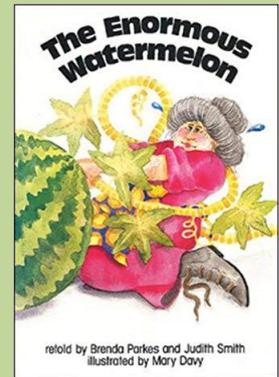
LODGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4-6 JUNE. Please ensure you allow extra time for your journey to school on these days. [Road closure and diversion information is available here.](#)

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 1 NEWS

We have had some great story telling taking place this week. Continuing on from the story of The Enormous Turnip, the children listened to the story of The Enormous Watermelon and then planned and wrote their own alternative stories. In Maths they have been learning about repeated addition and multiplication. They have worked practically to make arrays and then tried to record the calculation using the x sign. We have had a very musical week. The children learnt a new song called "Hey You." They practised finding the rhythm and listened to and appraised the song. They then progressed to playing the note C in time with the music using glockenspiels or xylophones.



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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We've been busy bees in Foundation! The week started by looking at the story of "Bumblebear" and using our lovely storytelling skills to think and write about the adventures of Norman - the bear who loved honey so much he went to bee school. We also wanted to find out more about real bees and were very lucky to have Bethany's mum come in to talk to us about looking after bees and interesting bee facts. Mrs Herring also brought in some home made honey from her dad's beehive! We then got to eat honey on toast (which we had a go at spreading independently) for our snack too!



In Maths, we are continuing to explore the part, part, whole model and find different ways of adding two numbers together. We have also been extending ourselves further by finding the missing number in a number sentence. The Squirrels also started rehearsing for their class assembly this week. This will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 14th May at 09:10 and we would love for as many Squirrels parents as possible to be there.

Please don't forget to have named PE kits in school along with water bottles and healthy snacks every day.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

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NOTICES

- ★ 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
- ★ 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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