



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2019

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DIARY DATES

MON 20TH – THURS 23RD MAY

Travelling Books Fair

WED 22ND MAY 3 - 4.15PM

WISPA Movie Night

THU 23RD MAY

Y1 Trip to Colchester Zoo

FRI 24TH MAY, 3.10PM

Break up for half term

MON 3RD JUNE

Non-pupil day

TUE 4TH JUNE, 8.45AM

Children return to school

TUE 25TH JUNE, 9.10AM

Foxes Class Assembly

SAT 29TH JUNE, 11.30AM - 2PM

Summer Fete

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be

[Week 1 from our Spring/Summer menu – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

MEG & CHARLIE CR

for enthusiasm, effort & excellence in all areas of the curriculum!



GEORGE for a

fantastic retelling of the story of "Zahra"!



LEON for trying really hard in Dance & being super sensible!

LEXIE for brilliant Maths work!



MILES for excellent topic work!

LUCIA for always trying her hardest!



BRODY for being very helpful in the playground & classroom!

ROSIE F-S for always being so helpful!



ALFIE for excellent throwing & catching in PE!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

The highlight of this week was the assembly from Squirrels class. From the moment we arrived to the soundtrack of "The Greatest Showman", we knew we were in for a treat! The children have all matured so well and they stunned us all with their knowledge and confidence. As you know, Mrs. Herring is moving to another school from September and we will miss her amazing ability to bring out our children's theatrical side.

We have set up a working party to raise further funds and make more definite plans for our Health & Happiness Hub. My thanks go in particular to Mr. Chynoweth who has agreed to help project manage our dream. We've raised around £15,000 so far, including the incredible sum raised by the Year 1 dads, who are taking part in the Nuclear Races event tomorrow. [Please continue to support them if you can!](#) We will keep you updated as the hub project progresses. If anybody else has any good fundraising ideas, we'd love to hear them!

Congratulations to Jessica L in Foxes, who won the Mini Marathon prize draw. She receives 4 tickets to Marsh Farm. Thank you so much for all your donations, which have raised the fantastic sum of £1100. The next WISPA event is the Movie Night, after which we will step up preparations for one of our biggest annual events, the joint Summer Fete with the Junior School, which will be held on Saturday 29th June, 11.30am – 2pm. There will be two dress down days in advance of the fete, on 21st and 28th June, when we will ask for donations of soft toys, crockery, bottles and cakes. Please look out for more details closer to the time. As always, any offers of help at the Fete would be hugely appreciated, please speak to the school office.

Next week our Year Two classes will begin their transition to Year Three, with PE and music sessions at the Junior School. We also have the WISPA Movie Night on Wednesday, and Year One are getting very excited about their trip to Colchester Zoo on Thursday. Our Travelling Books Fair will be open before and after school every day until Thursday. All books are 3 for 2 and you can pay by cash, card, or with [gift vouchers bought in advance](#), giving you an extra 20% to spend.

Finally, we informed you a couple of weeks ago about the upcoming [closure of Lodge Road from Chequers Road to Long Brandocks](#). The scheduled date has changed, so the roadworks will now take place on 11-13 June. Obviously this will impact the commute to and from school, so please ensure that you leave extra time for your journey. We'll remind you again closer to the time.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have concluded the KS1 assessments. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked and have been impressed by their resilience and perseverance. We have started Tennis with Mrs. Gowers on a Monday and the children are looking forward to developing and improving their tennis skills during our sessions. Soon, some



of our children may participate in a mini tennis tournament with local schools. This week, in English, the children have been looking at the story of 'Zahra'. Ask them to tell you what it is about. The children came up with a word bank of feelings and descriptive words for the setting. They then retold the story of Zahra and illustrated it. Next week we intend to turn

BOBBIE & EMILY for beautiful handwriting & excellent stories this week!



READERS OF THE WEEK!



MATTHEW, MICHELLE, RALPH, GRETCHEN, LOUIE & ALEX R!

COMMUNITY LINKS

LODGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11-13 JUNE. Please ensure you allow extra time for your journey to school on these days. [Road closure and diversion information is available here.](#)

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.](#)

their stories into mini books. The children’s transition into Year 3 will begin next week with a PE and music lesson. They will also spend a lunchtime at the Juniors.

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

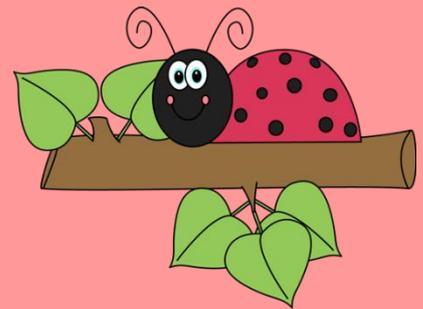
We made the most of the sunshine this week and have been out in the garden planting seeds and seedlings. In Science we also carried out a planting/growing investigation to find out what a plant needs in order to grow and be healthy. In line with the growing theme we read and retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children watched a short animation called “The Windmill Farmer” and wrote dialogue to go with the clip. They also made comparisons between the two stories and recorded similarities, differences and things that were the same. In Maths the children explored finding quarters of shapes and quantities. They also carried out problem solving activities finding halves and quarters of rectangles divided into 6 and 8 equal sections.



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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

Another busy and fun packed week in Foundation Stage. We are still enjoying learning and finding out about bugs and discovering the difference between an insect and an arachnid (ask us what the clues are). We also came up with a "being kind to bugs list" while learning the song "The Ugly Bug Ball". In Maths we were introduced to finding doubles of numbers to 10. We used spots on a giant ladybird to help us! In PE this week we practiced our gross motor skills, balancing and working as a team. On Tuesday the Squirrels class performed their "A - Z guide to Squirrels" assembly to parents and the school. It was absolutely fantastic and Mrs. Herring is so proud of how confident and happy they all were singing, dancing and showcasing their talents! We can't wait for Foxes’ turn next (please see school diary dates for details). Have a lovely weekend!



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NOTICES

- ★ We would be hugely grateful if you could sign up to the [Easyfundraising app](#) which raises money for the school through your online shopping.
- ★ 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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