

DIARY DATES

WED 12TH JUNE, 7PM Y2 Parents Meeting at WJS

THU 13[™] JUNE, 9AM Y2 Parents Meeting at WJS

FRI 14[™] – MON 17[™] JUNE Lodge Road closure

TUE 18[™] JUNE, 8.30AM Family Learning Time

FRI 21st JUNE WISPA Dress Down Day

TUE 25TH JUNE, 9.10AM Foxes Class Assembly

FRI 28[™] JUNE WISPA Dress Down Day

SAT 29[™] JUNE, 11.30AM - 2PM Summer Fete

TUE 2ND JULY, 9.30AM Sports Day

MON 8[™] JULY, 9 - 10.30AM "Two Johns" E-safety session

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be <u>Week 3 from our</u> <u>Spring/Summer menu – click</u> for details.

SHOOTING STARS!

DOUGIE for marvellous Maths, partitioning 2 digit numbers in different ways! BRAYDEN for improvement in the presentation of his work!

HOLLY for trying really hard with her Maths! FLORA for writing a lovely setting description!

NATHAN for being so polite!

LOTTIE for lovely writing! YUSUF for great recognition of coins!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the sunny weather. The children have come back to school full of energy, as we discovered yesterday when Year Two competed magnificently against other local schools at the Chelmsford Mini Games, returning triumphant as the overall winners! Huge congratulations to them all and a particular well done to Luca, Isla F and Michelle for winning gold, silver and bronze medals in their individual events. We are so proud of you all. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the children.

We really enjoyed Pyjamarama Day today, thank you for your generous donations to BookTrust, we raised £162.05. Next week Year Two will continue their transition to Year Three with an ipad trail at the Junior School. Year One will take part in the phonics screening and Roger the Cat Man will make his annual visit to our Foundation Stage classes. Meetings for parents of Year Two children will be held at the Junior School on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Our induction meetings for those starting school in September will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

We have sent home a ParentMail today about our next Family Learning Time session on Tuesday 18th June at 8.30am. Please sign up to let us know if you can attend our parents breakfast and presentation about the Health & Happiness Hub. We look forward to seeing you there!

The WISPA and WJSPA Summer Fete is not too far away, on Saturday 29th June from 11.30am - 2pm. Please make sure you have the date in your diaries. There will be two dress down days in advance of the fete – if you have any soft toys or old crockery to donate, or you can offer us a raffle prize, please speak to the office.

Sadly we will say goodbye to another two members of our teaching team at the end of the school year. Miss Weller has been offered a post at another school and while we are extremely sad to lose her, we are glad that she will gain wider experience and that in some small way we have prepared her well for a new challenge. Mrs Pedlar has been with our school since 2001 and is joining her husband in happy retirement. Her teaching days will be covered by existing staff. We are pleased to say that we have recruited some very talented teachers for September. Mrs Scott-Simons will teach Dolphins for two days a week alongside Mrs Wilson. She is a highly experienced teacher and already a friend of the school, as she has worked with us previously. Miss Shelly Wilson will teach Parrots class. She has been part of our team in Squirrels this year, so she too is familiar with the school and the children. Finally we have recruited a very experienced EYFS teacher, Mrs Giles, to replace Mrs Herring (if you can ever do such a thing!) in Squirrels. You will have a chance to meet the new members of our team on Monday 22nd July.

Finally, the closure of Lodge Road appears to have been postponed once again and is currently scheduled for $14^{th} - 17^{th}$ June between 10am – 2.30pm. Hopefully this will not affect the commute to school, but we will continue to keep you informed of any changes.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We hope you have had a lovely half term break. We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by! In English, we have been writing setting descriptions, using exciting adjectives and our senses. We were so impressed with the lovely pieces of writing that the children have produced. Our champions had a fantastic time at the Mini Games on Thursday, they were



WHAT'S ON

EDUARDA for

making a lovely lantern for Wesak! MAX H for lovely money work in Maths!

LEO for persevering with a game with his friends and for good listening!



good listening! AIDEN for being such a lovely friend to us all. Good luck in your new school in Poland, we will miss you!

NATHAN for

absolutely blowing the class away with his knowledge of animals & sea creatures! ETHAN for amazing spelling & reading!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



MIA, SHAHINA, ASA, DEMMI, HUGO & GRACE!

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

It was lovely to see the children back so refreshed after their half term holiday, ready for their last few weeks in Year One! They enjoyed telling their talk partner about their holiday and wrote recounts of what they did. In English this week we carried out a spelling assessment of the Year One common exception and high frequency words and completed a reading comprehension assessment. In Maths we practised partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. The children used arrow cards and base 10 apparatus to physically make numbers. They also learnt about the importance of o as a placeholder in numbers such as 103 and 207. In Geography we discussed the differences between human and physical features of the environment. In R.E. the children learnt about Buddha and how Buddhists celebrate his life. They also discussed the festival of Wesak and made lanterns and coloured lotus flowers. Pollution and being good citizens was the focus of PSHE. The children were shown thought provoking images and were asked to discuss their thoughts and feelings.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We can't believe this is the last half term in Foundation Stage! We've loved seeing how much the Foxes and Squirrels have grown and progressed throughout the year and made so many new friends. We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to Aiden in Foxes who will be leaving us to move to Poland. We wish you the best of luck in your new school. Thank you to all those parents who have replied to our school trip letter. We understand that some parents might find it difficult to come due to work commitments. If this is the case, please don't worry. You can ask another parent in either class to pair up with your child and we can plan the activity groups accordingly. This really is such a wonderful day for all our children to enjoy - let's hope we get the sunshine! Just another reminder that all children will need trainers in their PE bags (or come in wearing them on Wednesdays) as we are in full swing practising for next month's "Sports Day". Have a wonderful weekend!

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NOTICES

- ★ 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.
- ★ We would be hugely grateful if you could sign up to the <u>Easyfundraising app</u>, which raises money for the school through your online shopping.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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