




# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

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### DIARY DATES

#### CLUBS START NEXT WEEK!

No tennis until 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep

#### FRI 27<sup>TH</sup> SEP, 9-10AM

Macmillan Coffee Morning

#### TUE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT, 9.10 – 12.30PM

Squirrels Picnic & Play

#### THU 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT, 9.10 – 12.30PM

Foxes Picnic & Play

#### TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> OCT, AM

School Photos

#### TUE 8<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 7PM

Hub Fundraiser at Indian Nights

#### WED 9<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 10AM

Y1 & Y2 Harvest Festival, All Saints Church

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be

[Week 3 – click for details.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

#### BOBBY & GRETCHEN

for showing such maturity & enthusiasm for learning!



**DEMI** for trying really hard in her tens & ones Maths work!



**ANNABELLE** for working really hard in her artwork, drawing a self-portrait!

**OSCAR B** for settling in so well to Year 1!



**CHARLIE B** for excellent behaviour in class!

**ERIN** for excellent "ng" work in Phonics!



**ISAAC** for excellent alphabet work!

**ARIA** for being very kind to other children!



### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Welcome back! The children have all settled well into their new classes and our new entrants have had their first visits and started full-time today. Thank you to Mr Turner and the team for working so hard over the holidays, we have had our offices and corridor painted and there has been a lot of moving furniture and re-organising to do!

I would like to thank one of our parents, Mr Moore, for completing a sponsored cycle ride for our Health & Happiness Hub. He raised a fantastic £614.72 to be split between us and Writtle Junior School. We also received a very kind donation of £1000 (pictured) towards our hub fund following the great success of the Writtle Village Country Fair. I was sorry to be away on the day, but am so grateful to the Fair Committee for all their hard work to raise money for the village schools. We have also signed up to the Get Set to Eat Fresh scheme, so if you are spending over £30 in Aldi, please save your vouchers for us to have the chance of winning £20,000 for our Hub! For those parents new to the school, you can [find out more about our hub project on our website.](#)



Today you will receive a list of diary dates for the year ahead. We try very hard not to change these, but we will give you as much notice as possible of any amendments. Notable dates coming up soon include our Foundation Stage Picnic & Play mornings, Macmillan Coffee Morning, the fundraiser at Indian Nights on 8<sup>th</sup> October and our Harvest Festival for Years 1 & 2 at 10am on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Our celebration assembly every Friday is an opportunity for all children to share their out of school successes such as certificates, trophies, medals. Please drop these into the office, or the children can take them into class during the week.

We have three parent governor vacancies this term, for which we will hold elections in the coming weeks. Two posts will start immediately after the election is held, the third will start in late November. Nomination forms will be sent home next week but if anyone is interested in the role and would like to discuss the commitment involved, please see me. The term for our parent governors is three years.

The term has begun with a spate of holiday requests, the vast majority of which have been declined as they have not been deemed to be in 'exceptional circumstances'. I am sure you are all aware that every school places great emphasis on punctuality and good attendance because of its impact on pupil progress and achievement. Attendance is reviewed monthly and any pupils whose attendance is giving cause for concern will be contacted. The school may apply for a penalty notice, even if parents have not filled in a holiday form, if we believe that a family has taken unauthorised leave.

Please feel free speak to me or email me via [parents@writtle-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@writtle-inf.essex.sch.uk) if you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions you wish to share. We are committed to working closely with parents so we value your feedback.

### YEAR 2 NEWS

Wow! We have made a fantastic start to Year 2! We introduced our new topic to the children 'This is Me' and they seem really excited to find out more about our topic and of course themselves! We've been reading the storybook 'Super Duper You' and have used actions and story maps to help retell the story. The children have been excited about using their new Power Maths books. We have been counting and representing numbers up to 100 and have

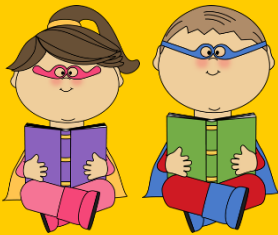
**OLIVIA** for amazing drawing skills!

**CHARLIE M** for super listening & trying hard to remember the rules!



**LILY H** for being a super friend & a good role model!

**READERS OF THE WEEK!**



**GEORGE J, TEAGAN, RUBY S & TED!**

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**WRITTLE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB OPEN DAY** is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 12 – 4pm. Open bar, BBQ, games available at Paradise Road, Writtle, CM1 3HW. Call 01245 420332 for more information.

**ESSEX HIGHWAYS FREE CHILD CAR SEAT CHECKING** is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9am – 2pm at Mothercare, Meadows Shopping Centre, Chelmsford. Drivers need to park behind the store to use the service.

**3RD WRITTLE BROWNIES** have spaces from September, for girls aged 7-10. If you'd like to find out more about Brownies please have a look at the [Girlguiding website](#). To meet us for a free trial session please contact Ellen Auty on 0750 122 1794.

represented tens and ones in different ways. Our whole class guided reading sessions are working well. This week we have been focusing on retrieving facts from texts with the help of Rex the Retriever from the Pawsome Gang. We have been using a variety of different texts such as fiction, non-fiction and poems and were really impressed with how well the children understood what they were reading. We drew and painted some self-portraits this week in the style of Vincent Van Gogh and were very impressed with their artistic skills. Sharks loved their first session of Forest Schools this week and are looking forward to continuing this throughout the term. Dolphins will be starting Forest Schools after the October half term.

[Home learning and spellings are published on our website.](#)

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

Welcome back Year One! We're really pleased with how quickly the children have settled so far. This week during English, we have been practising our name writing and revisiting the phase three phonemes. We have also enjoyed singing the alphabet song, which is very catchy! We have also practised saying the letter names and sounds, discussing the difference between lower case and capital letters. During Maths, we have been sorting objects into groups and developing our counting skills. We have introduced Seesaw into our classroom, which is an app used for children to upload photographs of their work, which can then be stored electronically. During P.E this week, we took part in dance with Mrs Hammond which was super fun and we also improved our balancing skills.

Just a reminder, our P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit with them, this includes sensible trainers, long length bottoms (i.e. tracksuit bottoms or leggings) for colder weather and shorts for hotter days. Please could you also provide your child with spare underwear/clothes just in case of any accidents.

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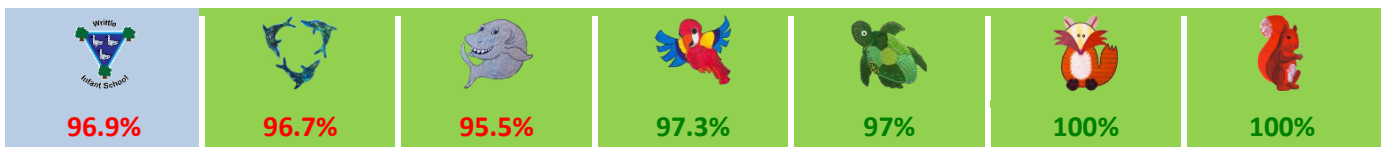
**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

The children have settled in really well this week! Please check their book bags this afternoon as we have sent home a letter full of important information. Next week the children can try to start coming into the classroom by themselves. This will ease some of the congestion in the cloakroom! Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again for a full week next week!

**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.
- ★ We have a duty to safeguard the children in our care. 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. Safeguarding procedures 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.

**ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)**



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