




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019

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DIARY DATES

All clubs except staff clubs will run in the week after half term.

TUE 5TH NOV, 9.30-11AM

Open Day for Sept 2020 starters

WED 6TH NOV, 3 – 4.30PM

WISPA Disco (no staff clubs)

THU 7TH NOV

Deadline for flu immunisation consent forms

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

SHOOTING STARS!

TYSON for being a good friend!



NELLIE for always trying her best & being an amazing role model!

GEORGE for fantastic guided reading work!



RIHANNA-JANE for trying hard with her column addition work!

FREDDIE for having such a positive attitude towards difficult tasks!



EMILY for being independent during lessons & offering support to her peers!

BENJI for trying to form numbers correctly!



SAMUEL for problem solving using the part whole method!

FLORENCE for excellent sounding out & blending in her reading!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I cannot believe it is half term already. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week, thank you for your positive comments and your support so far this year. WISPA very kindly provided refreshments and showed parents how to use Easyfundraising, an app which raises money for the school from your online shopping. Once you have downloaded the app and selected Writtle Infant School as your chosen charitable cause, you simply visit your usual online retailer via the Easyfundraising app and the click-through earns us a small percentage of the purchase value. With Christmas approaching (sorry) this is a great time to sign up as the school will benefit from every purchase you make.



Our new School Improvement Partner Craig Duncan visited us on Monday and cast a fresh pair of eyes on the school. He had many positive things to say and it was lovely to hear comments such as we create a wonderful environment for children to learn. He looks forward to working further with us throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for everything they do to ensure that the school does its absolute best for the children in our care.

I enjoyed working with the School Council this week to plan their contributions to our open days for prospective parents, which begin after half term. If you or family/friends have children who are due to start school in September 2020, please contact the school office to sign up for one of our open days. Essex County Council no longer write to parents regarding school admissions, so please be aware that primary school applications open on November 12th and the deadline for applications is January 15th 2020. This includes Year 2 parents applying for Year 3 places at Writtle Junior School. Don't worry, we will keep reminding you about the closing date!

Thank you to Mr Dudley for his kind donation of a green screen. It will be widely used!

Last Friday's WISPA cake sale raised £139, many thanks for your donations and support. Tickets for the Sparkle & Zoom Disco on Wednesday 6th November are selling well, please remember that there will be no staff clubs on this day.

Thank you so much for all the Aldi stickers you have collected for us. You have been absolutely amazing - we now have enough to fill 2 posters, but we will keep going and go for a third if we can! Every poster of 300 stickers we send off earns us a sports kit for the school and a chance to win £20,000 for our Health & Happiness Hub. If you spend over £30 in Aldi please ask for the stickers – the promotion ends on 3rd November, so please bring them to the office after half term. We have to send the posters off to Aldi by 18th November.



Have a wonderful half term. The children return on Monday 4th November when the run up to Christmas begins!!

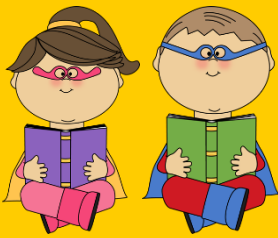
HENRY for always listening & joining in & for being a lovely big brother!

CHARLIE for eating his lunch beautifully every day!



IBRAHIM for super counting & working out one more or one less!

READERS OF THE WEEK!



DARCEY, WILLIAM, ABIGAIL & SYLVIA!

COMMUNITY LINKS

NHS FLU IMMUNISATION FORMS were sent home today and must be completed online by 7/11/19.

FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS Wednesdays 10am-11am @ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.
 1: SEND - Support & info (06/11/19 & 8/01/20)
 2: Puberty/ growing up (13/11/19 & 15/01/20)
 3: Healthy eating/ Fussy eating (20/11/19 & 22/01/20)
 4: Enuresis / Bed wetting (27/11/19 & 29/01/20)
 5: Parenting strategies (4/12/19 & 5/02/20)
 6: Anxiety/ Self-esteem (11/12/19 & 12/02/20)
 (Adults only – No crèche)
 Call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more info or to book a space.

YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have had a wonderful half term in Year 2. We are so proud of how hard they have all worked over this half term, they deserve a nice restful break! This week, the children have been looking at the importance of exercise and what changes we notice happen to our bodies when we are participating in vigorous exercises. During Guided Reading, the children's reading comprehension skills have been assessed. We have adjusted their current reading levels and book bands according to their current reading ability and comprehension level. Our whole class Guided Reading sessions have been a great success. We have been impressed with the progress the children have made in their understanding and reading fluency. The Pawsome Gang have been a hit! Don't forget the children have their bookmarks featuring the dogs and suggested questions which you can use when sharing a story. Enjoy the half term break!

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

Yay for half term! Well done Year One for such a fantastic transition. You should all be so proud of how quickly you have all settled into such a busy routine! I'm sure you will continue to impress us as we continue through Year One. Thank you to you all for such a positive Parents Evening. It was lovely to meet and sit with you all to discuss the great progress your children have all made. We are now fantastic at using capital letters and full stops in our writing. We are now moving on to using the part-whole model in maths. We have been using this practically with some book work and it has been so much fun! We have had so much fun this half term learning different dance routines with Mrs Hammond and continuing to develop our different ways to travel, roll and jump. Have a lovely half term and we will see you all in November!

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

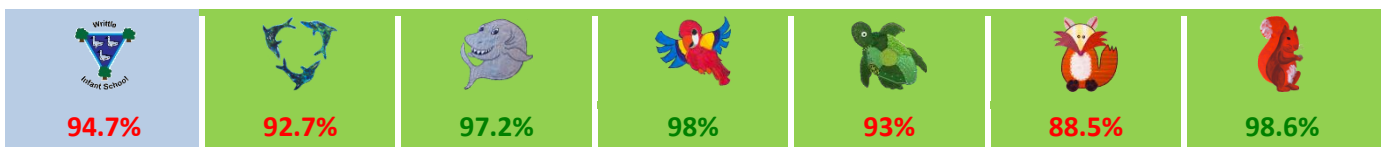
What a lovely week we have had, even though we are all tired! We had great fun building a giant bus outside, which then caught fire (in our play) we had lots of firefighters to help. We then learnt a song called '5 little Firefighters' and practised our counting back. We have been learning about the number 2 and practising writing it. We have been counting in 2s and matching pairs together. We are having a great time learning the sounds, if you are not sure of the pronunciation Google 'Pure sounds phonics' and there are some great videos that can help. We loved chatting to you all at Parents Evening, we hope you enjoyed hearing about how well your child has settled. Please send the 'views from home' sheet back as soon as possible as all the information helps us know your child more. Have a fabulous holiday and children, have lots of sleep!

[This week's Tapestry Challenge is published on our website.](#)

NOTICES

★ **Our Songs That Make Us Smile CDs are still available!** Priced at £6 each or 2 for £10, profits go to our Health & Happiness Hub fund. Please collect your copy from the office.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



"A very special place, where learning has no limits."