



# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

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### DIARY DATES

All clubs will run next week.

#### MON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 11AM

Remembrance Day silence. Parents are welcome to join Year 2 at the War Memorial.



#### THU 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Flu immunisations

#### FRI 15<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Children in Need Day (dress down in spots/stripes, £1 donation)

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 2 from our new Autumn/Winter menu – click for details.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

**CONOR** for amazing effort, improvement & perseverance in handwriting!



**DEMMI** for being a fantastic friend & always caring for others!

**WILLIAM** for creating a lovely animal habitat!



**ASA** for an amazing piece of homework creating a bonfire!

**SHAI** for coming to school with a smile!



**PRIMROSE** for always creating beautiful, thought-out designs!

**IRIS** for great Phonics work!



**HUGO** for helping to sort the pumpkin seeds!

**GEORGE** for a brilliant explanation of the fireworks he watched!



**STANLEY** for trying hard to write the "S" in his name!

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I hope you all had a nice half term break. We started back in earnest this week with the first of our prospective parents meetings on Tuesday. Our Foxes and Squirrels are now using the main playground and coming into our Friday assemblies from this week. My thanks go to Mrs. Scott-Simons and Miss Williams, who took a group of Year One children to the Teddy Lympics on Tuesday. The children did very well and the Junior school offered their support by lending us some of their playleaders.

We had a very lively fireworks disco on Wednesday! My thanks go to WISPA and our staff for helping out. I have to say their task was made harder by the number of late confirmations from parents that their children were going to the disco. This causes issues with ordering the correct amount of food and drink and the office have to make a lot of late calls when they are at their busiest. We will need to enforce the cut off date for ticket sales in future. Some children were also left behind for school clubs when it had been made clear that these were not going ahead. Our office staff are part time and should finish at 3.30 but have had to stay back on occasions to supervise children.

We are coming into the festive period which is the busiest half term of the year, so please read communications carefully and check the diary pages on our website for school events. Children in Need Day is on Friday 15th November and we are asking children to wear something spotty or stripy in return for a £1 donation. In conjunction with the Junior School this will be a non-uniform day. Our Christmas decoration morning is on 26th November and you can book your session on ParentMail. Numbers per session are limited due to the lack of space in the classrooms.

A few months ago Joshua in Sharks made a film for Healthwatch Essex about his journey and his family's gratitude to the people that looked after him. The film has been nominated for the charity film awards. If you would like to view the film or vote for Joshua, the link is <https://charityfilmawards.com/videos/joshua-his-healthwatch-hero>

Sadly this week we have been told of incidents where cars have parked across pedestrian crossings, on double yellow lines, or blocked visibility for other drivers or children crossing the road. I would hope that all parents show respect for our neighbours and each other by parking with consideration for pedestrians, residents and other drivers. If necessary please leave a little more time for your journey in order to park safely and walk to school.

Finally, I have had to speak to a number of children who are standing on the pillars near the gate at the end of the school day while under their parents supervision. I know it seems I am complaining a lot this week, but I cannot begin to tell you of the injuries that could be sustained, indeed we had a nasty broken arm in the past from a child falling off the pillars.

### YEAR 2 NEWS

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful half term. This week has sped by and we will soon be getting festive! The children have come back with lots of energy and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to a fun-filled half term. We started the week with some independent writing about the children's half term news. They certainly enjoyed themselves and seemed to have been very busy. We also continued our work on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, including bridging and exchanging. We used base 10 equipment, pictorial representations (a line for tens and dots for ones) and some children were challenged to use the column method. Science this week captured the children's interest by looking at animal habitats and conditions for living. Both classes gave a demonstration dance lesson for teacher

**FREDDIE** for super sitting during carpet time, listening well & concentrating!  
**ZACHARY** for lovely behaviour during free play, working sensibly with his friends!



**READERS OF THE WEEK!**



**FABIAN, LEXIE, GRACE & SOPHIE!**

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS** Wednesdays 10am-11am @ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH.  
 1: SEND - Support & info (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.

training students. As usual, we were extremely proud of their effort, ability and exemplary behaviour. Dolphins began their Forest Schools session this week and thoroughly enjoyed the activities in the fresh air! On Monday, we plan to take all of the Year 2 children to Writtle village green to observe the Remembrance Day silence at 11am. Any parents or family members are welcome to join us there.

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

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

Welcome back Year One! We hope you had a lovely and relaxing half term. You've all settled back to school well and are ready for the work ahead! Well done to the children that attended Teddy Lympics. You all did so well and had so much fun! What a busy week. We have created beautiful posters on how to stay safe around fireworks. We started to venture into our new topic book 'Pumpkin Soup' and finished the week by tasting some delicious pumpkin soup. We have continued to be maths superstars and have been adding different numbers to make amounts, which has been fun! We had a very fun time learning new ball skills in football on Monday. Just an update, we now have P.E on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your children's P.E kits are in school on these days and that they have sensible sports trainers, warm trousers/leggings and a jumper for when we are outside. Please also make sure each item of clothing is labelled as our lost and found piles are getting bigger by the week!

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**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

We've had a fun week which started by sharing our holiday news and then we learnt about Bonfire Night. The children enjoyed finding out about Guy Fawkes and some made excellent firework pictures using lots of glitter and glue! We have also been finding out about 2D shapes in Maths and we talked about the properties of the shapes. Some of the children enjoyed making models of rockets and using the 2D shapes to make pictures. As we have been learning about Diwali Mrs Fisk made up her own Helicopter story about Rama and Sita. Ask the children if they can remember the characters and where the story was set? Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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

**NOTICES**

- ★ We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and 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. New procedures on safeguarding 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.
- ★ **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%)**



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