




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

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DIARY DATES

All clubs will run next week.

TUE 26TH NOV, AM
Decoration Day

FRI 29TH NOV
WISPA Dress Down Day

THU 5TH DEC
KS1 Christmas Performance

FRI 6TH DEC
KS1 Christmas Performance

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch will be [Week 3 from our new Autumn/Winter menu – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

MAX for his impressive vocabulary to add to our magpie display!
OLI for his amazing attitude to learning and always trying his best!



JOSH for fantastic guided reading work!



HARLEY for super speedy maths work!

BOBBIE for being a kind friend on the playground!



ALEX for having great ideas about how the characters in "Pumpkin Soup" are feeling!

THEO for writing a sentence independently!



JESSICA P for talking about her weekend & sharing the apples she had picked with the class!

SCARLETT for being a kind friend!



DILLIN for great listening in our assembly about parking safely!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Another busy week here and preparations are in full swing for Christmas. Unbelievably we are only three weeks away from the KS1 performances. Today we have supported Children in Need and the children looked amazing in their spots and stripes. We raised £189.55. On Monday we were very proud of the children for observing the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. Year Two observed their silence at the war memorial in the village. It was so pleasing to hear how members of the public praised our children for the respect they showed. On Tuesday our Foxes and Squirrels children had an assembly from 3PR who support safer parking around schools. The rest of the school had their assembly last month.



A reminder that we love to share medals, certificates, trophies etc from the children's success away from school. Please bring them in on a Friday for assembly.

Please do check the diary pages on our website as this half term is the busiest of the school year and there are lots of events coming up. The first is on 26th November with our Christmas decoration morning and I remind you a Parentmail has gone out about this. Unfortunately we cannot exceed more than 15 extra adults in the classroom, given the room needed to make decorations!

I am particularly concerned about the number of holiday requests we are getting and in some cases being quite lengthy in terms of number of days. It is also important that children arrive at school on time. The doors open at 8.45 am and children are expected to be in their seats, ready to begin learning by 8.55am. If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they are missing nearly an hour of their learning a week.

We are delighted to say that you have given us over 1200 Aldi stickers, enough for 4 posters! This will give the school 4 free sports kits and 4 opportunities to win £20,000 for our Health & Happiness Hub. We have sent them off this week – please keep your fingers crossed for us! We have also registered for The Sun's Books for Schools offer which gives us a chance to receive some new books for our library. We need to collect enough tokens from The Sun between November 23rd 2019 and January 18th 2020. Please give any tokens into the school office.

Can we remind you that applications are now open for school admissions for next September. This includes children starting primary school and Year 2 children going up to Year 3 at the Junior School. Please ensure you have applied by 15th January 2020. Do ask at the office if you have any queries.

Have a relaxing weekend.

BLYTHE for super maths skills while playing Snakes & Ladders!

PHOEBE for lovely work in our handwriting session, working hard to write clearly & with correct letter formation!



READERS OF THE WEEK!



EMILIA, YUSUF, NAYLA-RAE & GEORGE B!

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 (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

What a lovely start to the week when we visited the war memorial on the Green to observe the two minute Remembrance Day silence. As usual, the children were incredibly well behaved and showed interest in finding out about Armistice Day and why we wear poppies. We have started a new money maths unit. We've counted coins, notes and a mixture of coins and notes. The children seem very excited, don't be surprised if they start looking through your purses, wallets and pockets to practise counting money! Lots of fun was had completing a variety of Pudsey themed activities, including reading comprehensions and problem solving. The children enjoyed wearing spots and stripes. Preparations for the Christmas production are well under way. You will shortly receive a costume request letter (we can't believe how quickly it has come around)!

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

What a fantastic week Year One! We have begun to get into our English topic 'Pumpkin Soup' and have used our drama skills to act out the story, put ourselves in the minds of the characters, and it's been so much fun! Linking with our English topic, we have been learning about what a plant is and what is not. We observed the different parts of plants, taking the plants out of the pots to see the roots. It was messy, but very interesting! We've continued to develop our skills of addition and counting on using number lines, and we will continue to work on this. Please remember to continue using Bug Club with your children. If you need your child's login, speak to Mrs Espinosa-Davis or Miss Wilson and we can provide this for you.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

This week we have begun to tell the children the Christmas story! It's early but we want the children to know the story really well so that we can make up our own 'Helicopter Stories' about them. We will be using some of these stories in our Christmas concert! We will start learning songs next week too so you might begin to hear lots of Christmas songs at home. This week we have looked at the number 3, we have learnt how to write it and how 3 can be made, 2+1=3, 4-1=3 and so on. We realised it was an odd number and some of us even counted in threes!

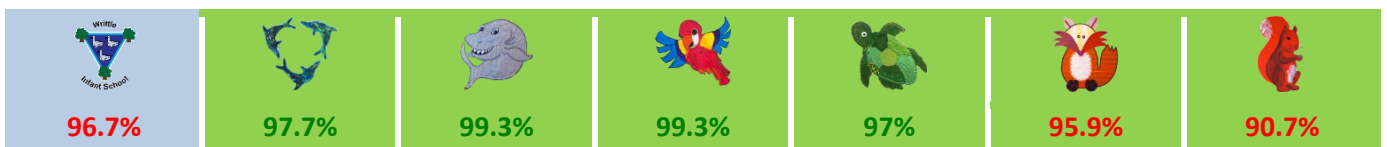
Please do not put water bottles in bags as they have a habit of leaking all over the books. Please make sure that your child's clothing is labelled including shoes, gloves, hats and scarves. The children are doing so well with their sounds and learning to blend. It is so important for children to continue to practise this skill at home. So please share all their books at home as much as you can and practise their words and sounds too. Thank you for your support with this, have a great weekend.

[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%)



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