




# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

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### DIARY DATES

All clubs are running for their final session next week.

**TUE 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV, AM**

Decoration Day

**FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> NOV**

WISPA Dress Down Day – please donate loose change, toys, books, bottles

**THU 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC, 9.30AM**

KS1 Christmas Performance

**FRI 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

WISPA Dress Down Day – please donate cakes & bottles

**FRI 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC, 9.30AM**

KS1 Christmas Performance

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch menu will be [Week 1 – details here.](#)

### SHOOTING STARS!

**GRACE** for confident & fluent reading aloud to the whole class!



**FABIAN** for his interest & knowledge in finding facts about Inuits & polar animals!

**YUSUF** for always being willing to share his amazing ideas!



**LYDIA** for sharing wonderful facts on the Arctic!

**EVELYN** for planning an excellent beginning to her story in English!



**BELLA** for a fantastic job working systematically to solve addition number sentences!

**ADORA** for trying hard to write her name!



**ALFIE W** for good Geography work!

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

The festive season begins with our Christmas Decoration Day on Tuesday morning. We look forward to seeing you there – please sign up for your slot if you haven't done so already. Letters were sent home yesterday about the Key Stage 1 Christmas performance, "I'm Gonna Shine!", which is already sounding fantastic in rehearsals. You are in for a real treat!

WISPA are busily preparing for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. There will be two dress down days in support of the Fayre, on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. WISPA have sent home a separate ParentMail with details of what to donate. On the day of the Fayre, children will be collected at the usual time of 3.10pm and accompanied by their parents into the hall. The Fayre runs until 4.30pm. Visits to Father Christmas will take place in the afternoon, as we have found this is the only way to give enough time for all the children to see him!

The Writtle Christmas Tree Festival takes place next weekend, 30<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> December, at All Saints Church. If you haven't been before, it is a truly wonderful event with over fifty Christmas trees on display. Our entry is called "A Mindful Christmas" and we encourage you all to go along and vote for us. Writtle Library is hosting a Christmas Crafts session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, before the Carols on the Green event. Please go along to the library to make a sparkly star headband from 3.30pm, before heading over to the village green at 5pm.

My thanks go to Mrs. Grantham-Orr for the refresher course she delivered to staff this week on the management of children with asthma. We will write to parents of children with asthma with brief information on the training we were given.

We have added a new award to our Friday celebration assemblies, Listener of the Week certificate which rewards the children's listening skills. Congratulations to our first recipients!

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Pluck will be promoting our Health and Happiness Hub at the Co-op on Long Brandocks tomorrow. As you know, it's now one of the local charitable causes supported by the Co-op Local Community Fund. Please visit <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/37812>



to nominate us to receive 1% of the value of your shopping if you're already a Co-op member, or to sign up if you aren't yet a member. We hope to raise up to £5,000 through the Co-op over the next year, so please spread the word to friends and family! Even if they don't live locally, they can still sign up using the same link and support us from afar by shopping in the Co-op.

Next week is the last week for all clubs – please make a note of this in your diary. We will also remind you every week about the deadline for [primary school applications](#), which is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This is for children due to start primary school in September 2020, or Year 2 children moving up to Year 3 at the Junior School.

Finally, our wonderful teaching assistant and dance teacher Mrs. Hammond begins her maternity leave today, as her baby is due next month. We send her and her family our very best wishes for the new arrival and can't wait for cuddles after Christmas!

Have a wonderful weekend.

**EDIE** for starting to use her words more with the adults & for being a super friend!

**TEDDY** for excellent Maths work – fabulous counting & problem solving!

**LEO** for always being kind & helping others!

**EDIE-MAY** for being so independent!



**READERS OF THE WEEK!**

Ethan Fre., Jacob, Iris Br., Rosie F-S, Gabriel & Evelyn N

**LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!**

Jess Pet., Lily Ha., Ava, Amy G, Roman & Isaac Ro.

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS** Wednesdays 10-11am @ 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 (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 another very busy week! Our week has been full of rehearsals for our Christmas play, I'm Gonna Shine! Your children should have a little slip in their book bags with their costume information on it. Please practice your words over the weekend, as we do not have very long until the performances!

Our money work has continued. The children have been finding equal amounts of money using a variety of coins and using the greater than, less than and equal to signs to compare amounts of money.

We have started a new Frozen topic and have researched facts about the Polar Regions. We also looked at the life of an Inuit. In English our focus text is called Ice Bear by Nicola Davis and is illustrated Gary Blythe. It is a lovely non-fiction book written in a narrative style. It is a study of the polar bear and how it moves through the frozen Arctic.

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

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

What a week! This week, we have been rehearsing our songs for the Christmas production, the children sound amazing so well done! We have retold the story of 'Pumpkin Soup', by creating our very own story maps and using this to write at length. We have continued to develop our number bond to 10 knowledge and use this with the part-whole model, and to write addition number sentences.

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**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

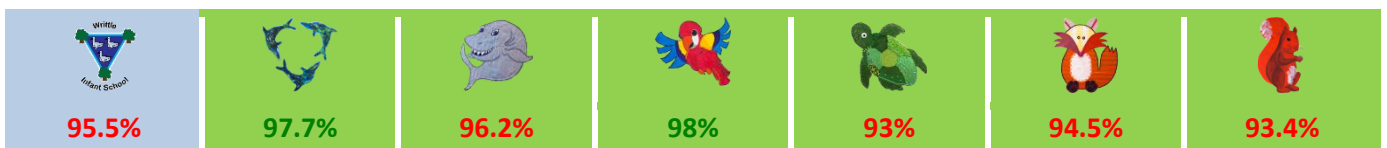
This week we have been continuing learning the Nativity story and some of us have begun to tell our 'Helicopter Stories' to an adult. We have been really impressed with how much the children remembered about the story. We have talked about the characters, where the story is set, what the problem is in the story and the solution at the end. We will pick some of these stories to perform in our 'Helicopter Bedtime Story' Christmas show. We have been learning some songs to go with the stories too. We can't wait to perform them to you! We are also looking forward to Decoration Day on Tuesday morning, we hope to see many of you there. It's a wonderful time to do some Christmas crafts with your child, we do encourage the children to do most of it themselves with your gentle guidance as we want to help them practise and learn new skills.

[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.
- ★ **If you have any Books for Schools tokens from The Sun newspaper, please drop them into the office.** Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE** (Target 97%)



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