




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2020

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DIARY DATES

TUE 14TH JAN, 8.50AM

Foundation Stage Parents
Coffee Morning

WED 15TH JAN

Primary School Application
Deadline

WED 22ND JAN

WISPA Movie Night

	Parents Lunch	Class Assembly
	22 Jan	3 Mar
	29 Jan	23 Jun
	4 Mar	4 Feb
	12 Feb	10 Mar
	26 Feb	21 Jan
	5 Feb	30 Jun

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch menu will
be [Week 3 – details here.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

ARTHUR for very
impressive
handwriting!



GEORGE for marvellous
Maths explaining and
modelling division strategies
to the class!

BERTIE for working
really hard in his
division work!



LUCY G for
excellent
ideas/predictions
during English!



MESSAGE FROM MS CASTELL

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year! It was lovely to see the children refreshed and beaming after their nice long break. We look forward to working with you during this term, starting with welcoming our Foundation Stage parents for a coffee morning next Tuesday. The new vicar at All Saints Church, Reverend Tony, came to school on Wednesday to introduce himself to the children and we have exciting plans for the future.

If your child is in Year Two it is essential that you register for their Junior school place by next Wednesday 15th January. Unless you [make an application online to Essex School Admissions](#) your child will not be considered for a place, so please ensure you have done so! The same applies to any children due to start school in September – you absolutely must register by Wednesday.

This term we invite parents to join their children for a school lunch, from 11.45 to 12.15 for Foundation Stage and 12.05 to 12.35 for Years 1 and 2. We also begin our class assemblies this term (9.10 – 9.40am). Dates of these events are listed on the left. Following feedback we would also like to invite parents and carers to read with their children in school on Monday mornings from 8.55 until 9.15. This will start on Monday 20th January.

Would you like to help out in school? We welcome parents and grandparents in school to support the children's learning, for example by reading with the children. Do you have other skills or expertise that you would be willing to share with the children or to support the school? For example, do we have keen gardeners out there who would like to come and do some gardening with the children? Or do you have a creative talent that you could come and share with us? We know there are many hidden talents out there and the children at the school can only benefit from us all sharing our expertise. Please speak to me or the office if you are able to help. All regular helpers in school will need to complete appropriate safeguarding checks.

I would like to thank all parents who ensure that their children attend school regularly. Good attendance is essential if pupils are to make expected or better progress in school. Attendance is reviewed monthly and any pupils whose attendance is giving cause for concern will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer. 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 classrooms ready for lessons by 8.55am. If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they are missing nearly an hour of their learning a week. I will be tracking persistent lateness very closely this term.

The National Crime Agency/CEOP ThinkuKnow website has published [guidance about the risks for young people associated with items that connect to the internet](#), e.g. toys, smart speakers, and wearables such as fitness trackers. The guidance includes information and ideas for parents and carers to help make 'connected homes' more secure.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Happy new year to you all. The children have all come back excited and couldn't wait to share their wonderful Christmas holiday news. They enjoyed writing about the games they played, the food they ate, their favourite present and spending time with all of their family. Our new division Power Maths unit started with making equal groups, sharing, grouping, odd and even numbers and dividing by 2 and 5. We have started looking at classifying and sorting everyday materials. We have continued to develop the reading comprehension skills using the Pawsome Gang. Our new topic this term is "A World without Colour?" We had lot of fun colour mixing this week. We revised the primary colours, made secondary colours and even explored how to make colours lighter and darker using white and black. Can you make sure that full PE

LUKE A for playing sensible & exciting playground games with his friends!

IRIS for an excellent Wanted poster in English!



BADEN for a detailed Wanted poster in English!

ROWAN for helping with the gardening, thank you!



AUDREY for having good ideas during her play!

HANNAN for joining in all of our class activities with enthusiasm!



JOHN JOSEPH for working so hard at writing his name!

READERS OF THE WEEK!

MASON, TIANA, CHARLIE B JAMIE, ROMAN, LAYLA

LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

LACEY-MAE, HARLEY, AVA, BENJI, UNA, BLYTHE

COMMUNITY LINKS

FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS Wednesdays 10-11am @ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH. Topics covered are SEND support, puberty, healthy eating, bed wetting, parenting strategies, anxiety and self-esteem. Call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more info or to book a space.

kits are in school so that everyone can participate in all of our PE lessons (it's really difficult to do gymnastics in school uniform). You should receive a new home learning activity passport for this half term (paper copy). We hope you have fun as a family completing the activities! [Home learning and spellings are published on our website.](#)

YEAR 1 NEWS

Welcome back Year One! It has been lovely to have you all back and we hope you had a good Christmas. We've jumped straight into lessons this week, and have started to look at our new English book. We looked at the cover page of the book and made predictions about what the book could be about. In Maths we revised our knowledge of the part whole model to create number fact families! We have also looked at different animals around the world and their habitats, which was super interesting! Next week we will start Forest Schools, so please bring in your child's clothes in a labelled bag. A separate notice has been sent home with more information. We are super excited! P.E is still on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit in school with warm joggers/leggings, a jumper, and a pair of sensible trainers. Trainers are essential this term as the children will take part in more outdoor activities. Please also ensure your child does not wear earrings on P.E days and has their hair tied up. Thank you.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

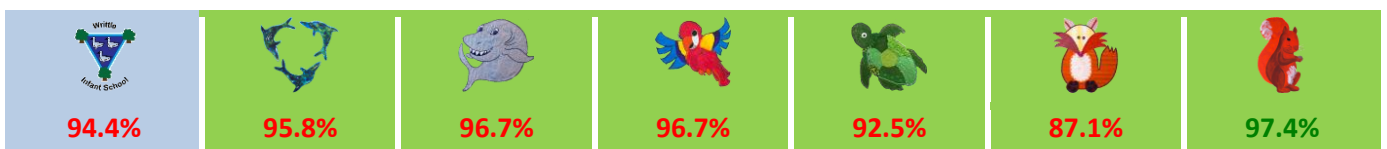
We're so proud of the children for returning to school happy and eager to learn! We have really enjoyed sharing your Tapestry photos and videos this week, what a wonderful Christmas they had! We introduced 'The Poetry Basket' which has been devised by the same people who designed 'Helicopter Stories'. It is based on the research that "If children know eight nursery rhymes by heart, by the time they are four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are eight." Each week we will learn a new poem and re-visit the learnt poems to embed them into their long term memory. I know you will have heard them chant the 'Popcorn' poem! We all enjoyed our first PE session! The children listened carefully and enjoyed playing simple movement games. Have a wonderful weekend.

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

NOTICES

- ★ **Please sign up for Co-op membership and support our Health & Happiness Hub!** Just visit membership.coop.co.uk/causes/37812. Thank you!
- ★ 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.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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