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DIARY DATES

NO STAFF CLUBS NEXT WEDNESDAY, ALL OTHER CLUBS RUNNING

TUES 21st JAN, 9.10 – 9.40AM Sharks Class Assembly

WED 22ND JAN, 11.45AM Foxes Parents lunch

WED 22[№] JAN, 3 – 4.15PM WISPA Movie Night

	Parents	
	Lunch	Assembly
Ö	22 Jan	3 Mar
	29 Jan	23 Jun
1	4 Mar	4 Feb
	12 Feb	10 Mar
B	26 Feb	21 Jan
Q	5 Feb	30 Jun

SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch menu will be <u>Week 1 – details here.</u>

SHOOTING STARS!

DARCEY for talking, sharing & taking turns with her friends in class & at playtimes. JOEY for fantastic Maths using bar models to solve division problems.

LOTTIE for fantastic division work! ELEANOR for always being kind & friendly!



MESSAGE FROM MS CASTELL

We were delighted to see so many parents at the EYFS coffee morning on Tuesday. Thank you for sharing your comments and suggestions, we are grateful for your support. We have had visits from our governors this week and I also met with Mr. Taylor, Headteacher of the Junior school, to plan ahead.

A ParentMail has gone home about the WISPA movie night next Wednesday. This will take place instead of staff clubs that day. So that the staff and WISPA committee can plan for the correct numbers, please complete the ParentMail form if your child will be attending and ensure you return the permission slip and payment to the WISPA box in reception by Tuesday. No slips will be accepted on the day.

You may remember that Josh in Sharks made a film for Healthwatch Essex about his journey and his family's gratitude to the people that looked after him. We are delighted to say that the public voted it into the top 10 of the Charity Film Awards. It will now be judged by an expert panel, who will decide the finalists and invite them to a red carpet event in the Spring. Healthwatch Essex are over the moon as the awards are like the Oscars of the charity film world! Josh's family want to thank all of the families that took the time to vote.

Next week we begin our Monday morning reading sessions when you are invited to read with your child in class from 8.55 – 9.15am. We would kindly ask that parents leave promptly after the session as the children will be going into assembly! Sharks class assembly is on Tuesday morning and Foxes parents lunch is on Wednesday.

Can I remind you of two ways to support our school at no cost to you. If you are a member of the Coop, you can <u>nominate Writtle Infant School as your</u> <u>local cause</u> and 1% of the value of your shopping will support our Health & Happiness Hub, as well as



5% going back to your card. You can also raise money for us through your online shopping, by signing up for easyfundraising, nominating the school as your chosen charity and clicking through to your usual retailer via the easyfundraising app.

Have a wonderful weekend.

YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have been very excited about starting our new topic "A world without colour?" We are using Grey Island, Red Boat by Ian Beck as our focus. This week we have discussed what role colours play in our lives, used the blurb to make predictions about the story and used visualisation to recreate pictures of the Island of Ashes. We have also read the first 2 chapters of the book and can't wait to read more!

We are starting to master division and have learnt the bar model strategy to solve division problems. We have also explored the links between multiplication and division.

Music this week was great fun as all of the children had the opportunity to play a glockenspiel or keyboard. Each week the children listen and appraise different music. Everyone loved Queen's "We Will Rock You". We obviously have a few budding rock stars in the year group! In future weeks the children will have the chance to improvise and compose their own music.

Home learning and spellings are published on our website.

WHAT'S ON

ETHAN F for

excellent greater than/less than knowledge! GRACE for her positive attitude towards reading at home & in school!

ROSIE F-S for detailed art work! JESSICA L for working well when partitioning numbers!

COEN for being kind to his friend, well done!



GEORGE for knowing some of the number bonds to 6!

LILY for working so hard with reading & Maths! SOPHIA for coming in to school with a big smile!

READERS OF THE WEEK!

NATALIA, DEMI, BELLA, AMY G, OLIVIA M, IBRAHIM

LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

BRODY. VINNIE, IRIS BR, JAMIE J, FREDDIE, THOMAS

COMMUNITY LINKS

FREE NHS PARENT

WORKSHOPS Wednesdays 10-11am (a) 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.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



This week, the children were introduced to our story 'The Last Wolf', we acted out parts of the story as a class which was super fun! We created our own sentences describing the different forests, and we used some of the interesting vocabulary from our word walls. In Maths, we have been representing numbers to 20 using base 10. We could practically show that the 1 in 13 means 10, and we could do this pictorially as well. Our topic encouraged us to look into endangered animals and why they are endangered. We looked at the different endangered species, their habitats and we reflected on what we could do to help them. In P.E we have continued to create our 'Peter and the wolf' dance, and this has been super fun! Parrots had a fantastic time at Forest School and are looking forward to returning next week.

Reminders: Please ensure your child has a pair of joggers/leggings in their P.E bags as we do outside P.E once a week and it is cold! Thank you. Please also remember to read your Bug Club books at home! If you need your login details, please ask us.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

This week we have learnt a new poem called 'A Little House', a longer poem but the children have learnt it well, we have also practised the 'Popcorn' poem. We have been learning the new vocabulary snug, dull, drifting and curling and reinforcing the vocabulary storm, big, bright, smoke and sight.

In Maths we have been finding out about number 6. We found 6 o'clock and we have been working on the number bonds to 6 (different ways to make 6). We have been using counters to help us and have been writing number sentences together like 1 + 5 = 6. Please can you make sure your child's PE kit is in school as we will be changing them on Tuesday. Please make sure all your child's clothing is labelled as we do struggle after PE when we are trying to find the owners of tops etc.

This week's Tapestry Challenge is published on our website.

NOTICES

- ★ Please check the leaflets and noticeboards in our reception area for details of local and community events, holiday childcare and support for child health issues.
- 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.



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