




# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020

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### DIARY DATES

**ALL CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK!**

**TUE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 9.10AM**

Turtles Class Assembly

**WED 5<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 12.05PM**

Dolphins Parents lunch

	Parents Lunch	Class Assembly
	✓	3 Mar
	✓	23 Jun
	4 Mar	4 Feb
	12 Feb	10 Mar
	26 Feb	✓
	5 Feb	30 Jun

### SCHOOL LUNCH

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

### SHOOTING STARS!

**FABIAN** for amazing us with his scientific knowledge & vocabulary!



**ARTHUR** for wonderful Geography, explaining human & physical features of places!

**PEARL** for being so helpful this week!



**BILLY** for good listening in Music & for joining in!

**IRIS B** for excellent story writing for "The Good Little Wolf!"



**HARRY W** for a great job adding by making 10 first!

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

Well, that's January finished! This week we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner Craig Duncan, who looked at our teaching of Science in school. The new OFSTED guidelines focus on subjects such as Science, Geography and History so we are developing these foundation subjects further this academic year.

Thank you to Squirrels parents who joined us for lunch on Wednesday, we hope you enjoyed it! Next week we have Turtles class assembly on Tuesday and then Dolphins parents' lunch on Wednesday. We were hit by a sickness bug this week and we are very grateful to parents for giving their children 48 hours to recover before returning to school.

A few reminders this week: firstly please can all clothing be labelled with your child's name. We are finding armfuls of PE tops, for example, and without names it is impossible to know who owns what, which takes up valuable teaching time. We are also having an increasing number of children changing their dinner orders from what their parents have ordered for them. As this is causing some confusion, I will ask teachers to go with what the parent has ordered. If you do need to change your child's dinner order on the day, please contact the office before 9.30am.

Lots of children have large toys/keyrings attached to their book bags which are causing problems when trying to fit their bags into our school trays. The trays are very slim and also contain the children's books and drawings, so there is very limited height between each tray. To prevent the trays getting stuck, can we ask that you keep keyrings etc. to a minimum. We also ask that no fitbit-style watches are worn in school – if they are lost or damaged they are expensive to replace and children are fiddling with them during lesson times. Any fitbits will be kept safely by the teacher and given to parents at the end of the day.

The office have asked for help to replenish their stock of spare clothes for the children. If anyone has spare boys/girls socks, girls tights, or girls underwear (we already have lots for boys) we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you.

Finally my son is running the Brentwood half marathon and half of money raised will go to our Health & Happiness Hub appeal. If you would like to sponsor him, his page is [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ollie-castell](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ollie-castell).

Next week we will send home permission forms for the WISPA disco on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We also have Family Learning Time on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, so keep an eye on ParentMail for a sign up form.

Have a restful weekend.

### YEAR 2 NEWS

Our study of the text 'Grey Island, Red Boat' has continued. This week, the children have used freeze frame drama techniques to explore character's feelings and created a soundscape to match the mood of the Wendell and Princess Opal when they ran away. We completed the Statistics maths unit and the children are confident answering or interpreting tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. The children showed interest in learning about the Wright Brothers and the first aeroplanes. They impressed us with their knowledge of human and physical features of places and labelled these features on a map of the Island of Ashes (the island in the story). Lots of fun was had during this week's science lessons where the children investigated the suitability of different materials. This included conducting fair tests. Our

**ERIN** for being an excellent narrator!  
**SOPHIE** for a lovely painting of Red Riding Hood!



**LEO** for working on his surname independently!



**OLIVIA P** for writing a sentence to go with her picture!

**PIPER** for coming into class every morning with such a lovely smile!



**ZACHARY** for always completing our Tapestry Challenge & teaching Mrs. Giles something new (that opposite sides of a dice always add up to 7)!

## READERS OF THE WEEK!

**MAX, JACOB, NATHAN, GEORGE B, BENJI, JESSICA V**

## LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

**GRACE, LYDIA, BETSY, JESSICA PEP, HOPE, PHOEBE**

## COMMUNITY LINKS

**FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS** Wednesdays 10-11am @ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH. Call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more info or to book a space.

**GET IN! FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES** leaflets are in reception from Chelmsford City Sports. You can also find information on their website here:

[chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/who/kids-activities/](http://chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/who/kids-activities/)

exploration of colour focused on the work of the illustrator Eric Carle and the artist Henri Matisse. They created collages inspired by their work.

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

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week we have continued our topic of 'The Last Wolf' and read the story of 'Good Little Wolf'. It was an hilarious alternative story, and we rewrote the story. We have really tried to extend ourselves when writing stories by using interesting vocabulary to make our stories more exciting! In maths, we have continued our addition work by using our number bond to 10 knowledge. We really persevered with this, and well done to all of you for using this new method to add! In the afternoons, it has been all about materials! Thank you so much for bringing in your unwanted socks, they made fabulous sock puppets which was a great discussion point as to what material was best to stuff the puppets with. We also helped Little Red to decide what the best material to make a basket with was, which I am sure she will be grateful for! We are looking forward to the Turtles Assembly on Tuesday morning, they have all worked so hard and they cannot wait to show you all what they have learnt so far.

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## FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

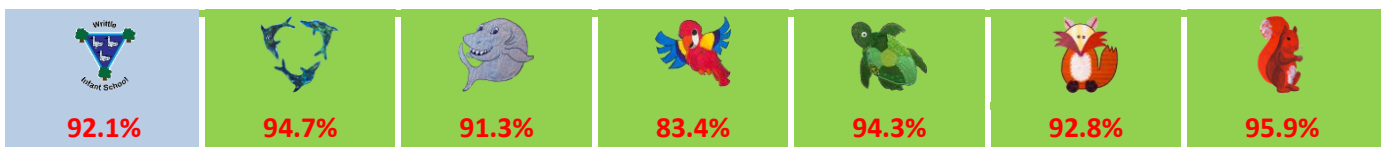
What fun we have had this week! We learnt a new poem 'I can Build a Snowman', see if they can recite it to you. We had surprise parcel from Elsa all the way from Norway! She had sent us a letter to say that she had accidentally frozen Anna's and Olaf's toys and could we help her? The children thought up so many ways to help her and in the end we managed to get them out! We also wrote notes and letters to her telling her what we had done. We have also learnt about Chinese New Year and we were very lucky that one of Squirrels class had celebrated Chinese New Year and she confidently showed us so many wonderful things from home.

[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 children's health issues.
- ★ Writtle Parish Council's open morning about the Writtle Neighbourhood Plan is tomorrow morning at the Parish Office, 10am - 12pm. This is an opportunity to have your say in the future of the village. Alternatively, please have your say online by completing the survey at: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WrittleNP\\_Policy\\_Ideas\\_Poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WrittleNP_Policy_Ideas_Poll).

## ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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