




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

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DIARY DATES

ALL CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK!

TUE 11TH FEB, 8.45 – 9.20AM
Family Learning Time

WED 12TH FEB, 12.05PM
Parrots Parents Lunch

WED 12TH FEB, 3 – 4.30PM
WISPA Valentine's Disco

FRI 14TH FEB, 3.10PM
School closes for half term

MON 24TH FEB
Non Pupil Day: school closed

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

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

SHOOTING STARS!

OLIVIA for marvellous Maths – measuring, ordering & comparing lengths!



LINCOLN for amazing artwork, creating a collage inspired by Henri Matisse!

LEXIE for writing a wonderful letter from Wendell's point of view!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

It has been a sad week for our local community and our thoughts have been with the family and friends affected by the events of last Friday. If children have mentioned it to staff, we have kept to the message that something very sad happened and the children are safe.

What a wonderful class assembly from Turtles this week based around Red Riding Hood. I meant what I said that seeing an assembly like that, where the children did so well and showed such a range of work truly makes me thankful to do the role I do! Thank you to Dolphins parents who joined us for lunch on Wednesday.

A reminder that parents are welcome to come in and read with their children on Monday mornings. Please come along if you can!

On Tuesday, eight children from Year One entered the SMASH sports festival and we had a lot of recognition for our good behaviour and team work. My thanks go to Mrs. Scott-Simons and Mrs. Capps for taking them.

We are delighted to be accredited as an Attachment Aware school which is in recognition of the commitment all staff show towards dealing with children with particular needs. My thanks go to Mrs. Standen for her hard work in putting together the application and gathering all the evidence.

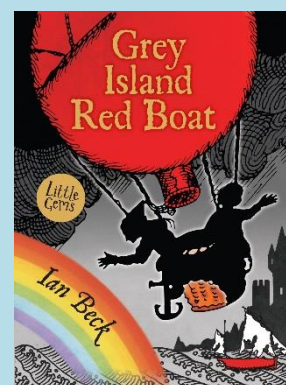
Next week we have the usual invitation to read on Monday morning and Family Learning Time on Tuesday. Unfortunately on this occasion we cannot offer a crèche due to staff absence. Babes in arms can accompany parents into the classroom but buggies must be left in the hall. A reminder that Parrots parents lunch is on Wednesday at 12.05pm. We also have WISPA's Valentine's Disco on Wednesday 12th February. We love seeing the children enjoy the disco, but if you think your child may struggle with the noise and activity, please consider if it is for them. We break up for half term next Friday, followed by a non-pupil day on Monday 24th February. Please ensure you have a note of this in your diary – the school will be closed as we have a staff training day.

Finally can I remind you to keep your contact details up to date, so that the office can contact you quickly when necessary. Please speak to the office if you need to update your mobile or work numbers, or those of friends/family we can contact, so that we can be assured that all emergency contacts are readily available.

Let's hope the snow stays away this weekend!

YEAR 2 NEWS

Our focused text 'Grey Island, Red Boat' has been a great success. After studying the text in detail, the children have had opportunities for descriptive writing. They described the setting before and after Wendell Lightfoot changed the island from grey to all the colours of the rainbow. They also chose their favourite character and wrote a character profile. Thank you to everyone that has had fun measuring different items at home. This really improved the children's accuracy when measuring. Everyone now knows how to measure and draw straight lines using a ruler. We also estimated and measured different items around the school using metres. This year, the children have shown a real interest in the work of different artists. As part of our colour theme we were



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LOTTIE for a wonderful collage in the style of Eric Carle!

CHARLIE B for great use of sounds to write facts about sea turtles!



EVELYN for always using neat cursive writing!

ISAAC for great science work exploring liquids!



LUCIE for independent addition work in Maths!

ROMAN for great rhyming skills!



FLORENCE for brilliant storytelling!

POPPY for always working hard & being a super class helper!



CHARLIE M for super discussions in class & thoughtful comments!

READERS OF THE WEEK!

GRETCHEN, OLIVER I, CASPER, JESSICA L, UNA, RIVER

LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

DEMMI, ANNABELLE C, ISLA N, ANWYN, MILLIE, DARIA

COMMUNITY LINKS

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/

inspired to create artwork in the style of Jackson Pollock. Some of their work will be displayed in the foyer and classrooms. We hope you will be able to spot them if you come to Family Learning Time next Tuesday.

Request: Please send in a sports bottle cap as we are attempting to make a hovercraft (1 for every child)

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

Well done Turtles class for such a fantastic Class Assembly! We loved seeing how hard you have all worked and really enjoyed hearing about what you have been up to! Year One have created their own fact files about an endangered animal of their choice. They have really enjoyed learning about different endangered animal, and this has been a great way for Year One to explain what they have learnt while displaying their fantastic writing skills! In Maths we have continued to develop our knowledge of addition to 20, and have found some of it tricky, but we persevered! Well done to all of you in trying your best, and using your number bond to ten knowledge. In the afternoon we continued to learn about different materials. We started to discuss what a liquid was, and looked at the different densities. It was so cool! We have also been working hard in computing to create our own versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood' using the Story Maker app. It has been so much fun.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

This week we have learnt the poem 'Carrot Nose', we loved this poem, that cheeky rabbit! Ask the children to recite it to you. We have also been learning about size and using lots of different mathematical language to compare objects. We even measured objects in our classroom with jelly worms. During PE we played a game called snowballs. We got into two teams, we had to throw beanbags (snowballs) across a line and then throw them back again. After two minutes the team with the least snowballs won!

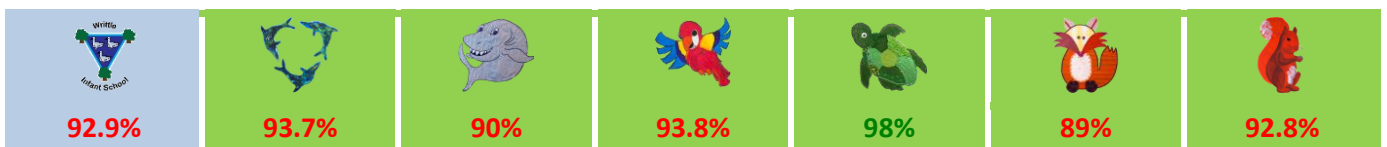
We have been talking about our feelings and how we feel at different times, we have also talked about how to keep clean and look after our selves by brushing our teeth and washing our hands!

[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.
- ★ Ollie Castell is running the Brentwood half marathon and half of money raised will go to our hub appeal. We are all so grateful to parents who have donated to him. If you would like to sponsor him his page is www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ollie-castell

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)



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