




# WHAT'S ON

## FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

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### DIARY DATES

#### ALL CLUBS ON NEXT WEEK

**TUE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAR, 9.10 – 9.40AM**  
Foxes Class Assembly

**WED 4<sup>TH</sup> MAR, 12.05 – 12.30PM**  
Turtles Parents Lunch

**THU 5<sup>TH</sup> MAR**  
World Book Day

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

### SCHOOL LUNCH

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

### SHOOTING STARS!

**RIHANNA** for fabulous dragon writing!



**ETHAN** for fantastic fractions, finding different ways to make half!

**WILLIAM** for sharing and participating in English this week!



**CHLOE** for fantastic Maths work on finding halves!

**LUKE M** for persevering & trying his best with subtraction!



**NATHAN E** for having a positive attitude & being respectful to adults!

### MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

I hope you all had a restful half term break and are looking forward to the warmer Spring weather! We welcomed Sharks' parents for lunch on Wednesday, thank you for taking the time to come along, I know how much the children enjoy seeing you at lunchtime. It is Turtles' turn next Wednesday. We were lucky to be joined in assembly on Tuesday by Mrs Sidra Naeem, a good friend to our school, who talked to the children about Islam and specifically Ramadan. She has been recognised for her community work and was recommended for the role of Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, which means she represents HM The Queen at special events. Our congratulations go to her.

Some of you may have seen Josh in Sharks on your television screen over the past week. He has been interviewed by both BBC and ITV about his video praising the NHS for saving him when he was a baby. You can [watch the ITV interview](#) and Josh's family and Healthwatch Essex would be very grateful if you could [vote for his video to receive a Charity Film Award](#).

On Monday our staff had a day's training on the Essex STEPS therapeutic approach to behaviour management. We will be re-writing our school policy on behaviour to reflect this new approach, which we will share with you in due course.

Next week we resume our Monday morning reading sessions – parents are invited to read with their children from 8.45am. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you can. Foxes parents are invited to their class assembly on Tuesday morning at 9.10am. Turtles parents lunch is on Wednesday at 12.05pm. It is World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, when we invite the children to dress up as book characters in return for a £1 donation to be used for new books in the school. We will hold a special assembly, a book quiz and activities in class. World Book Day £1 tokens have been sent home in book bags. These can be used to buy one of the special books available or towards the cost of other books. Writtle Library is also running an event after school to celebrate World Book Day. Details are on the next page under Community Links.



Our cleaning company Pinnacle is looking for a cleaner for our school. The hours are 3.15 - 5.15pm, Monday to Friday, at £8.21 an hour. If you are interested please call Dawn Raymond on 07904 234413. Please note you will not be employed by the school and Dawn is your contact for any queries.

Finally, you will of course have seen many stories in the press about the Coronavirus/Covid-19 this week. Please rest assured that we are closely monitoring the government advice and will take any necessary precautions. We have also talked to the children about the importance of hand hygiene in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

### YEAR 2 NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term break. Sadly, Year 2 (and Sharks in particular) will be saying goodbye to Miss Jarvis at the end of next week. We are pleased to announce that she completed her final teacher training placement with an outstanding grade. We will really miss her and wish her every success in her future teaching career. We have started our new topic 'Dragon Dilemmas' based on the text 'The Moon Dragons' by Dyan Sheldon. The children will have to consider lots of problems and make moral decisions. This

**GEORGE B** for working well with his partner in Maths!



**THEO R** for great subtraction work!

**ARJANA** for her brilliant description of making pancakes at home!



**ROWAN** for joining in so well with our songs & dances this week!

**AUSTIN** for being a super peace maker and sorting things out with his friends independently!



**EVELYN** for being very organised and always helping others when they need to find resources!

**READERS OF THE WEEK!**

**NELLIE, MIA H, BOBBIE, ALFIE W, SCARLETT, LILY HO**

**LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!**

**DARCEY, MILES, FREDDIE G, TIA S, FLORENCE, NUALA**

**COMMUNITY LINKS**

**WRITTLE LIBRARY WORLD BOOK DAY EVENT** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 3 – 4.30pm. Come to the library dressed as your favourite character from a book for some after school fun! Create a scene from your favourite book in a shoebox and bring it with you. Prizes for the best costume and story box, plus you can join in with our crafts and book trail and choose your next reading book!

week they have played a game of truth and lies, have taken an initial look at the book and met the main character Alina. Our new maths topic is Fractions. We have investigated wholes and equal parts, finding halves and recognising quarters. We have a few requests this week! Please ensure your child has a full named PE kit in school. PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please send back your Infant Music Festival reply slips ASAP. Please bring in any spare shoeboxes with a detachable lid. Finally, please return your Spring 1 home learning activity passport. Thank you!

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

**YEAR 1 NEWS**

It was lovely to see you all back from half term! This short week has flown by! This week we introduced our new topic book 'The marvellous moon map'. We looked at the word explore and different words linked to exploring. We also turned the lights off to help with imagining what it was like in space and in a dark place. The children thoroughly enjoyed this, and we cannot wait to dive deeper into this book. In maths we have continued to develop our subtraction knowledge and revise the different methods to subtract. On Friday we introduced measuring length using centimetres. This was fun and we will work on this further next week. We have continued to practise our cricket skills in P.E, which has been a lot of fun! We created a lovely piece of moon art work using different paints, to create a texture.

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**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS**

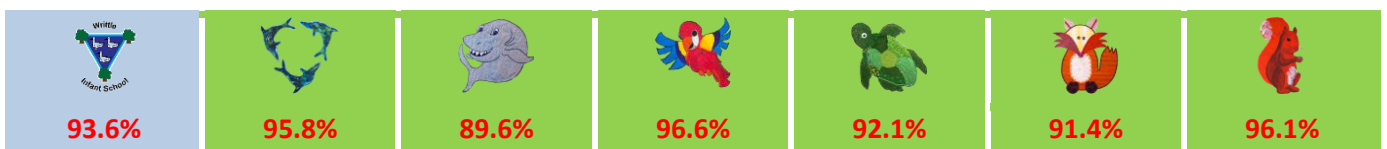
We really enjoyed making Pancakes this week and eating them of course! We learnt a poem about pancakes and had great fun learning a rap and a dance about pancakes too. We found out why we have pancakes and what happens at Lent. We have begun to think about what good things we could do leading up Easter. The children had lots of great ideas like helping doing the dusting or cooking. On Tuesday we had a visitor who talked about being a Muslim, she told us all about the Festival of Eid Al-Fitr and some of us got to dress up! On Tuesday it is Foxes class assembly, we can't wait to show you what we have been learning about.

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

**NOTICES**

- ★ Please help us look after our precious Spring bulbs by not allowing children to run in the flower bed along the path to the playground. Thank you!
- ★ 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.

**ATTENDANCE** (Target 97%)



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