NEWSLETTER

12th March 2021

AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST

Compassion is our Christian value this term

It is lovely to welcome back our children this week we missed having them all in school and they have all quickly settled back into the routine of their class "bubbles".

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those parents that have put such lovely comments about the remote learning on our Facebook page. All the staff have worked extremely hard and appreciate your feedback.

We have had 10 new children joining the school this week and we welcome them to our school community and hope they settle in well.

Thank you to Mrs Marin (one of our new parents) for uploading this back to school prayer onto our Facebook page which is a lovely sentiment for all our children.

Headteacher Stickers

This week Mrs Kemp has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Poppy (Badgers)
Thomas (Otters)
Eddie (Foxes)
Indie (Hedgehogs)
Alfie (Hedgehogs)

Emergency help with bills, food and other items

If you find yourself in need of some help this winter, the Essential Living Fund can help pay for heating, electricity, water and food. We can also help you get essential household items like a fridge, cooker or table.

To get a grant you must

- Live in Essex, Southend or Thurrock
- Be aged over 16

How to apply

Check if this applies to you.
Visit **www.southend.gov.uk/elfforessex**

Or if you are vulnerable or have no access to the internet you can call **0300 7900124** (between 8:45am - 5:00pm).

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2021 LOCKDOWN LEGENDS & ABSOLUTE LEGENDS

We are so proud of how well all our children have interacted with the home learning during this third (and hopefully final) lockdown.

Once again well done to all you parents for keeping your child/ren motivated in their remote learning. Please now give yourselves a big pat on the back!

We wanted to acknowledge the children that have worked so hard with their home learning and interacted almost every day. We have, therefore, in today's Class Celebration Assemblies presented Certificates to these children for being a "2021 Lockdown Legend".

Some children have gone above and beyond with their home learning and they have been presented with "2021 Lockdown Absolute Legend" Certificates.

Well done to the following children:-

RED SQUIRRELS

Sawyer, Oliver, Isla-Mae, Abigail, Rhys, Harrison, Bonnie-Lee, Bonnie, Judith, Katara, Ruby & Humza

HEDGEHOGS

Phebe, Lucas, Nancy, Catalina, Edith, Tilly, Oliver, Gowsh, Millie & Elijah

FOXES

Holly, Isaac, Freddie, Rylee, Ella-Mae, Bella-Rose, Girush, Amelia, Scarlett-Rose & Henry

OTTERS

Evelyn, Ethan, Alexia-Jayne, George, Thomas, Caitlin, Adora, Lillie, Lola W, Luke & Skyla-Rose

BADGERS

Poppy, Ruby, Tyler, Leo, Maddie, Meade, Lily-Mae, Jasmine, Amelie, Alex, Ethan, Lacie, Charlie W & Charlie V

Well done also to all the children that regularly attended school during the lockdown period – they were all super stars!

Vine Trust Passport

Congratulations to the following children who have completed Zones on The Vine Schools Passport and have received a Certificate and Badge.

Girush (Foxes) – Cooking & Baking

During Lockdown Poppy made a wonderful model of South America using sourdough

Well done Poppy!

PTFA

LATCHINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Easter Egg Hunt & Non-Uniform Day

Friday 26th March 2021

In each of the children's class bubbles, we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on the School field. Each child will hunt for a laminated egg with their name on in exchange for a chocolate egg at the end of the hunt. This will also be a non-uniform day.

The cost for this event will be £2 per child, which includes non-uniform and for the Easter Egg hunt.

You can either send back the form below with the money or pay by our PayPal Latchprimarypta@hotmail.com (please pay by friends & family and please make sure you state your child's name when using PayPal option). Please return forms and money in our postbox in the office by Tuesday 23rd March.

Name _____ Class _____

Allergies _____

Funds raised from the raffle go directly towards benefiting the children, either through sponsoring special events and activities, or by supplementing the school with the purchase of essential equipment and resources.

Here are some examples of the lovely Mothering Sunday cards that some of our children have made. We have not put any names to the cards as we do not want to ruin any surprises!

Friday 19th March 2021

This year Hedgehogs, Foxes, Otters and Badger classes can wear "odd socks" and "mad hair" to raise funds for Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

Red Squirrels class have been sent a letter with a template to "make a mask" to wear on the day.

If you wish to donate then please send in with your child/ren on Friday 19th March 2021.

School Office Opening Hours

The School Office will be open Monday to Friday between the following hours:

8.30am to 12.30pm
1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

If your child/ren need to leave for an appointment during school hours they need to be collected/brought back in before 12.30 pm or after 1.30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Music Lessons

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, has recommenced his socially distanced 1:1 music lesson on a Tuesday morning.

If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please contact him direct on steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com

Parent Telephone Meetings

This term we will again be holding Parents Evening via a telephone call (which should last approximately 10 minutes). The meetings will be held during the weeks beginning 15th and 22nd March 2021.

A letter enabling appointments to be booked was sent home with the children on 8th March 2021.

Attendance – w/e 12/3/21

Class R/1 – Red Squirrels are the weekly winners.

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Thomas – Otters.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message. We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence.

If you receive a text message please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally has to attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Stars of the Week – w/e 12/3/21

Year	Names
R /1 (Red Squirrels)	George & Esme
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Alfie & Indie
3 (Foxes)	Isaac & Poppy
4 / 5 (Otters)	Olivia-Mai & Cheri
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Jasmine & Lacie

Star Writers – w/e 12/3/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Humza
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Catalina
3 (Foxes)	Archie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Adora
5 / 6 (Badgers)	

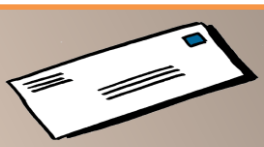
Good Manners – w/e 12/3/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Isabelle & Isla-Mae
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Nancy
3 (Foxes)	Lacey-Mai & Ethan
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ronnie & Laila-Bo
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Tyler & Charlie V

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 12/3/21

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	James D
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Molly
3 (Foxes)	Rylee
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ronnie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Louis

Well done to all those children.



Letters sent home / info on website for w/b 8th March 2021

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- ESSEX WELLBEING SERVICE: Support for All Poster
- ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: We all have Arguments Poster
- ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: Essential Living Fund
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Parent Telephone Meetings 15/3/21 to 26/3/21
- PFTA: Easter Egg Hunt & Non-Uniform Day – 26/3/21

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

SPRING TERM

March 2021

15th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Burrows (Yr1/2) - 3.30pm to 6pm
16th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Mrs Strathern (EYFS/1) – 3.30pm to 6pm
17th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Taylor (Yr3) – 3.30pm to 6pm
18th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Mrs Lottering (Yr5/6) – 3.30pm to 6pm
19th March – Red Nose Day
19th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Mallett (Yr4/5) – 2pm to 3pm & 3.30pm to 5pm
22nd March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Burrows (Yr1/2) - 3.30pm to 6pm
23rd March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Mrs Strathern (EYFS/1) – 3.30pm to 6pm
24th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Taylor (Yr3) – 3.30pm to 6pm
25th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Miss Mallett (Yr4/5) – 3.30pm to 6pm
26TH March – PTFA – Easter Egg Hunt & Non-Uniform
26th March – Parents' Telephone Mtgs – Mrs Lottering (Yr5/6) – 2pm to 3pm & 3.30pm to 5pm

29th Mar – 9th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM

May 2021

3rd May – BANK HOLIDAY
31ST May – BANK HOLIDAY

June 2021

1st – 4th June – HALF TERM
7th June – NON-PUPIL DAY

July 2021

21st July – NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July – START SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We all have arguments

We are all living in very difficult and uncertain times and as further restrictions are being made to how we live our lives, this can impact on our emotional wellbeing and cause tension and arguments to occur, particularly amongs people living together.

This may be a very normal way of responding to a very unusual situation, however there may be ways in which you can stop this from increasing stress and anxiety within your home.

Here are a few tips you may find helpful:

Pause.

- Is the disagreement escalating to a point you are no longer in control of the things you are saying or the way you behave, are you just reacting?
- Take a breath, take time and assess the situation.

Think.

- Try to reflect on why the argument started, is it something you argue about often or is it your frustration about something else.
- How were you feeling before the conversation started?
- Were you feeling anxious or tense already?

Resolve it.

- Step back- Is this argument about something important?
- Can you come back to it when you are both calmer, talk things through and compromise?
- Are you both just feeling frustrated with the current situation and venting on one another?

There are things you can try to help you feel calmer

Taking some time out, this could involve going to an area of the house where you are left alone to take a breather, be clear that you are taking that time for yourself and let those around you know what you are doing.

Are there objects or personal items that bring you back to the present or are associated with happy memories, for example a keepsake or souvenir.

Activities which help you to stay in the present can be helpful such as colouring or breathing exercises for example breathe in through your nose for 7 seconds, out through your mouth for 7.

At times you might need a little bit of help or support as a family. You can find more information by scanning the QR code below or visiting the Livewell website or if you want to talk to someone about your relationship or parenting call Family Lives on 0808 800 2222.

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