NEWSLETTER

4th November 2022

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15: 12-13)

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

PEACE

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace" (Colossians 3:15)

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term.

We hope that you all had a wonderful half term holiday and the children are rested and ready to learn.

This half term is always a very busy and exciting time for the children with lots of interesting lessons as well as fun activities in the lead up to our Christmas Celebrations. Full details of any events will be issued nearer the dates.

If you are going to an organised event or holding your own fireworks party this weekend please stay safe and follow the firework code.

This week our KS1 children were very excited and lucky to receive a visit from two officers from the Learning and Organisational Development Team based at the City of London Police. Thank you to Mrs O'Connor for organising this visit for us. The children had the opportunity to dress in different types of policy uniforms and to handle handcuffs and riot shields!

Thank you to our PTFA for organising today's Firework Disco. All the children were very excited about attending and we hope they all had a fantastic time. Please see next week's Newsletter for photographs.

We are looking to set up a new Parent/Carer Forum but to do this we require two parent/carer representatives from each class.

We currently have representatives for Red Squirrels, Hedgehogs & Foxes classes but we require parent/carer representatives for Otters and Badgers classes!

If you would like more details, then please speak to Mrs Kemp or Mrs Peacock.

Thank you for all the water bottles that have been sent in this week for the children to make poppies for a display at Christ Church.

Please see pictures further in the Newsletter.

Helping Hands Box

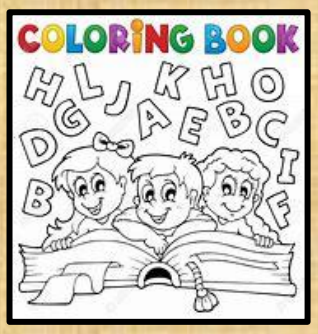
Life is going to become expensive this year, with prices rising everywhere.

We all have days where we need some extra help and so we are going to put a box of food etc in the foyer, if you can donate the odd item great, if you need something please come and take it.

We all need to look out for each other.

Thank you to everyone that has added items to our Helping Hands Box.

The box is a helping hand to all our school community and is totally anonymous - please feel free to come in and take any items that you require.



Thank you so much for all the donations of colouring books for the children to use during lunchtimes.

As you can see, they are very popular!

If in the future, you have any unwanted colouring books then please consider donating them to the school they will always be very much appreciated.

This year our School Council will be selling Poppies and other items in aid of The Royal British Legion.

They will be visiting each class every morning during the week beginning 7th November 2022.

The poppies will be available for a donation.

The other items for sale are:

Reflector – Suggested Donation 50p

Snap Band – Suggested Donation £1.50

Zip Pull – Seggested Donation 50p

Silicon Wristband – Suggested Donation £1

RED SQUIRRELS

As part of their RE studies the children in Red Squirrels class have been looking at different artefacts used in the Islam Religion.

BADGERS

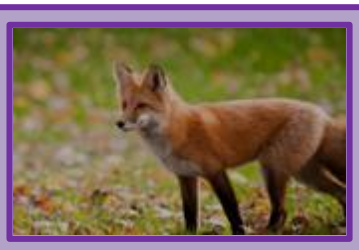
This week in their Science lesson Badgers class have continued looking at different states of matter. They have placed different types of liquid in the freezer to observe and record if their state changed!

RED SQUIRRELS

All the classes this week have been making poppies ready for the display for Remembrance Sunday at Christ Church.

CITY OF LONDON POLICE

The children in KS1 had a very informative visit from City of London Police this Thursday!



FOXES

As part of Design Technology the children in Foxes class have been busy designing Roman armour!

6 of the Best

Well done to Leo from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

He has read **Room on a Broom** by Julia Donaldson, **Funnybones** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Ronson & **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes.

Today in our Celebration Assembly he received a Certificate – Well done Leo what excellent work!

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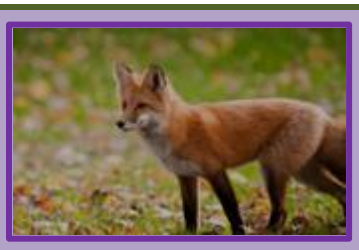
Sign of the Week

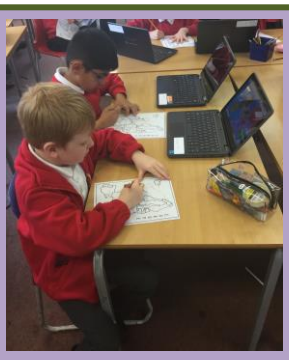
HEDGEHOGS

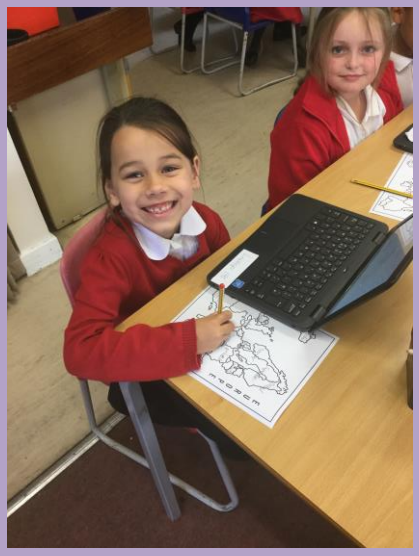
Making poppies!



FOXES

During a Geography lesson Foxes class have been using their IT skills to research and locate European Countries – well done Foxes!





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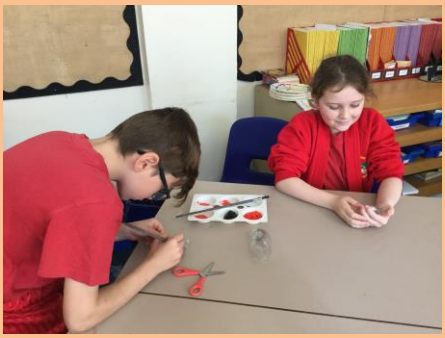

RED SQUIRRELS

The children in Red Squirrels class have been very busy with their maths and identifying different items made from glass, wood and plastic – excellent work Red Squirrels!

Well done to the following children who have all earned Times Tables Rock Stars Certificates.

HEDGEHOGS

(Year 2)

Sophie A

FOXES

Thomas

Oliver O

Sawyer

OTTERS

Zac

BADGERS

Girush

6 of the Best

Well done to Liam from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Reception children.

He has read **Room on a Broom** by Julia Donaldson, **Funnybones** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister, **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** by Michael Ronson & **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes.

Today in our Celebration Assembly he received a Certificate – Well done Liam keep up the excellent work!

So, what is Times Tables Rock Stars all about? Please follow this link to a short parents and carers guide.

What is Times Tables Rock Stars?

6 of the Best

Well done to Gabriel from Red Squirrels class who has read all the books in the '6 of the Best' list for Year 1 children.

He has read **Ruby's Worry** by Tom Percival, **Meerkat Mail** by Emily Gravett, **Mr Wolf's Pancakes** by Jan Fearnley, **Baby Brains** by Simon Jones, **The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch** by Rhonda & David Armitage & **Gorilla** by Anthony Browne.

Today in our Celebration Assembly he received a Certificate – Well done Gabriel, we hope you enjoyed reading these books!

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 4th November 2022

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

- Flyer Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 14/12/22 (issued 3/11/22)
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Panto Friday 2/12/22 (dated 3/11/22)

ARE YOU THE NEXT MATHS CHAMPION?

Headteacher Stickers

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

Dolcie – Red Squirrels
Tacey – Red Squirrels
Amelia – Red Squirrels
Ellie-Mae – Red Squirrels
Girush – Badgers
Rhys – Hedgehogs
Ernie – Badgers

Attendance – w/e 4/11/22

The winning class for the week ending 4th November 2022 is Foxes class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	93.06%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	90.8%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	96.17%
4 / 5 (Otters)	92.18%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	93.49%

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 Rosie from Badgers class.

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 must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Charlie & Rylee.

Well done to all these children.

Stars of the Week – w/e 4/11/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Sonny & Tacey
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Rhys & Rory
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Millie & Dounya
4 / 5 (Otters)	Isaac & Ellie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Ernie & Lewis

Star Writers – w/e 4/11/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Amelia
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Tahnee
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Reuben
4 / 5 (Otters)	Sadie
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Charlie

Good Manners – w/e 4/11/22

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Mabel & Leo
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Gopish & Thea
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Isabelle & Indie
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ian & Ashley
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Freddie & Reid

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 4/11/22

Amelia – Badgers
Scarlett-Rose - Badgers

Reading Challenge – w/e 4/11/22

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Less than 50%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	60%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	62%
4 / 5 (Otters)	Less than 50%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Less than 50%

LATCHINGDON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Street, Latchingdon
Chelmsford, Essex CM3 6JS
Telephone 01621 740328

Part of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Tours for Prospective Parents

We are a small, friendly church school. We are very proud of our children and their achievements and we would be pleased to show you around our school.

Wednesday 9th November 2022 - 9am to 11.30am

Thursday 17th November 2022 - 9am to 11.30am

By appointment only - please call our School Office on 01621 740328 for an appointment.

"Learning to love, loving to learn"

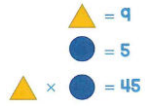
- At Latchingdon we value positive relationships and caring attitudes between all in our school community.
- We aim to provide a stimulating environment, in which high standards of achievement are fostered and where all pupils are challenged and encouraged to reach their full potential
- Our school is driven by our Christian values of hope, wisdom and friendship; which guide all our plans and actions.
- We are passionate about promoting and safeguarding the welfare of our children and are committed to providing a happy, safe and welcoming atmosphere, in which children can learn and develop.

Applications for Primary (Reception) school place starting September 2023 can be made between 7th November 2022 and 15th January 2023.

Please visit https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place for full details.

Maths Champion

- problem dated 21/10/22

KS1 – Answer = 

– WINNER – NO ENTRIES!!

KS2 – Answer = The maximum number of trading cards Max can buy is 27 – WINNER – Caitlin- Badgers

Well done Caitlin!

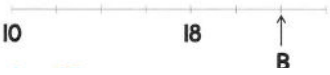
Maths Problem of the Week

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

Work out the value of A.

Work out the value of B.



KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem

$\frac{2}{5}$ of a number is equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a different number.

The smaller of the two numbers is 80

What is the value of the largest number?

If you would like to solve your KS problem, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.40am on Friday 11th November 2022.**

A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

November 2022

7th Nov to 11th Nov – School Council selling Poppies
9th Nov – 9.00am to 11.30am - Reception 2023 Tours
10th Nov – Flu Immunisations
13th Nov – 10.55am Remembrance Service - Christ Church
17th Nov – 9.30am to 11.30am – Reception 2023 Tours
18th Nov – Children in Need – Dress-up PJ2 or Onesie
24th Nov – Dodgeball Final

December 2022

2nd Dec – 9.30am – Pantomime in School – Aladdin
9th Dec –3.10pm to 4.30pm – PTFA Xmas Fayre
13th Dec – 9.15am – Christmas Service – Christ Church
13th Dec – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play
14th Dec – 9am – KS1 Christmas Play
14th Dec – Christmas Dinner
16th Dec – Christmas Class Parties
19th Dec – 2pm – KS2 Carol Service
21st Dec to 4th Jan 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2023

6th Jan – KS1 – Dinosaur Day

February 2023

13th Feb to 17th Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
20th Feb – NON-PUPIL DAY
27th Feb to 3rd March – MATHS WEEK

March 2023

3rd March – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
28th March – 9am – Road Safety – Year 5 & Reception
31st March – REPORTS ISSUED

April 2023

3rd April to 14th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

May 2023

22nd May to 26th May – CAREERS & AMBITIONS WEEK
26TH May – 2pm – Parent Open Afternoon
29th May to 2nd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2023

12th June to 16th June – Mersea Outdoor Residential Trip
22nd June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening
29th June – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening

July 2023

5th July – Latchingdon Sports Day
6th July – Dengie Sports Day
13th July – 7 pm - Year 6 Production
21st July – NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July – SUMMER HOLIDAY

The Firework Code

NEVER play with or throw fireworks
They are explosive and can hurt you

ONLY adults should light or hold fireworks

WHEN you are watching fireworks, stand well back

NEVER go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode

If you have a pet, make sure it is safely indoors as fireworks might frighten it or make them run off

If you are given a sparkler

ALWAYS wear gloves

HOLD the sparkler away from your body and don't wave it around. You could burn yourself or somebody else

WHEN your sparker goes out, don't touch it. It could still burn you

NEVER give sparklers to a child under five

www.upsondowns.co.uk

It's that time of year again where it's getting darker earlier and darker mornings as the clocks have gone back. We have been sent some useful information by Safer Essex Roads Partnership to remind our children why it is important that everyone dresses brightly when out and about.

SAFERESSEX roads partnership

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

1. Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
2. If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
3. Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
4. If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
5. Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Be Bright, Be Seen

THINK!

SAFERESSEX roads partnership

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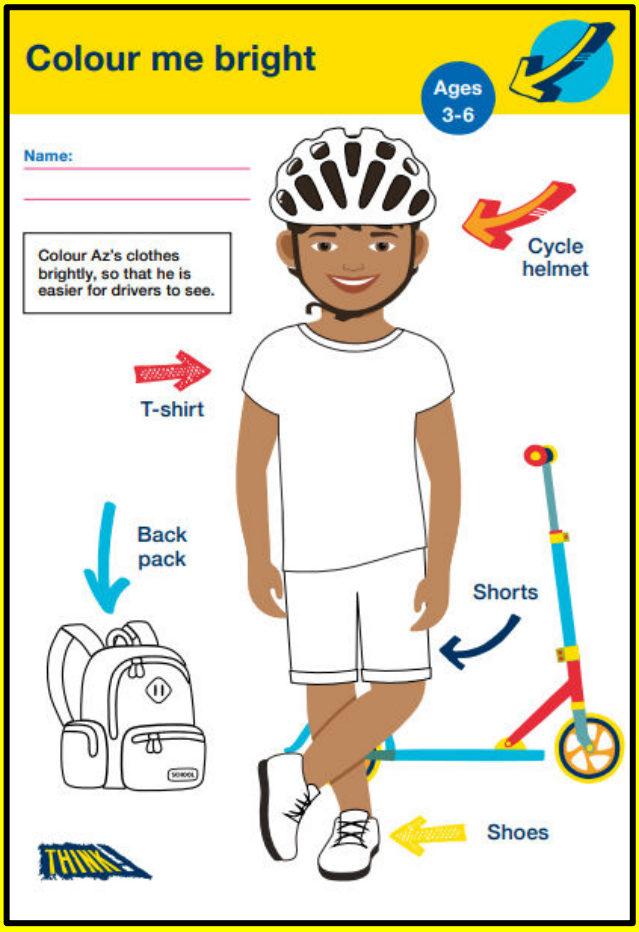
For our children in KS1 you might find the following game and colour sheet useful:

[Be bright be seen game – THINK!]



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OVERWATCH 2

A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action – meaning that children may want to play the game even more simply because their friends have it.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MULTIPLE PASSWORDS

Overwatch 2 supports convenient cross-play across consoles and PC – as long as users link all their devices under a unifying account on the Blizzard battle.net platform. This has other benefits (preserving a player's original skins for use in the new game), but if your child does want to link their accounts, be warned: the process can be extremely tricky and requires multiple passwords.

VOICE CHAT

As a shooting game which focuses on fast-paced, competitive play, teamwork is central to getting the most out of the Overwatch 2 experience. Many players use voice chat to coordinate with other users – often with friends, but sometimes also with strangers. In either case, this means your child is in contact with others, who may – for example – use offensive language in the heat of the moment.

IN-GAME PURCHASING

Like many free-to-play games, Overwatch 2 offers in-game purchases for unlocking its colourful skins. While new characters arrive as part of a free 'battle pass' each season (normally lasting around three months), players can unlock them much earlier by buying a premium version of the pass. There are also in-game bundles (with varying costs) themed around certain characters or events.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

Overwatch 2 heavily features combat, although the on-screen shootouts are relatively sanitised. Most of its characters are of a fantastical nature (there's a gorilla scientist with a laser weapon, for instance, and a DJ on roller-blades who fires sound energy), but some – such as Reaper, an assassin in a wraith-like metal mask – are a little on the darker side and could unnerve younger players.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ASSIST WITH ACCOUNT LINKING

If your child is trying to link their accounts from different devices together, it might be wise for you to help them set it up. Not only should it enable the process to run more smoothly (and save you being asked for the passwords for each account), but you'll also be able to make sure that the website for linking is correct. We've put the right web address under the expert's bio at the bottom of this guide.

MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS

Playing Overwatch 2 with friends is almost universally the most popular way to enjoy the game. If your child if playing with a new friend they only know online – or a stranger – you may want to monitor the chat to make sure they aren't being exposed to anything unsavoury. You might also decide to adjust the in-game voice chat settings so only confirmed friends can speak to your child.

USE IT AS INSPIRATION

Overwatch characters represent many races, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations. This eclectic roster of heroes offers a superb jumping-off point for discussing racial, sexual or gender diversity with your child. Whether it's finding Nepal on a globe together or talking about non-traditional relationships, the game could be an excellent conversation starter.

LIMIT IN-GAME SPENDING

The loot boxes featured in the first Overwatch have been replaced by a rotating storefront – so users only have a set time to purchase a skin or item before it becomes unavailable. Your child can still earn plenty of items, however, through the free battle pass. In any case, we'd advise removing any payment methods – or at least setting limits in advance – if you're worried about in-game spending.

WATCH SOME GAMEPLAY

Overwatch players fight with an array of weapons and explosives, but the battles are presented in a way that forgoes blood, gore or dismemberment, regardless of the mode or characters selected. The game also usually avoids the word "kill" – referring to "eliminations" instead. Watching footage of Overwatch 2 on YouTube could help you decide whether it's suitable for your child before they play.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of gaming, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.

Sources: https://uk.battle.net/support/en/article/34849

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th December 2022

Turkey or Vegetarian option,
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Seasonal Veg
&
Pudding

Free for all Infant children and Free School Meals.

£2.35 for juniors

All meals must be pre booked on

schoolmoney.co.uk

By Thursday 1st December 2022