NEWSLETTER

17th March 2023

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

FORGIVENESS

"Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Thank you this week to all our support staff who were very busy on the NEU Strike days making our school look neat and tidy and undertaking lots of administration jobs that needed completing.

We have still had a busy week and the children have enjoyed making Mothering Sunday Cards for that "important lady" in their lives.

We have also supported Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and, as usual, your support has been amazing – thank you.

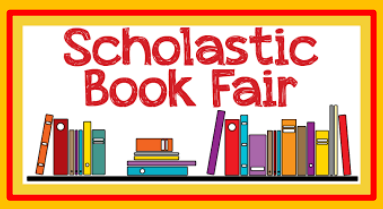
On a sadder note Mrs Fuller and Mrs McConnell have resigned as Chairperson / Treasurer from our PTFA. We, as a school, are very sorry that they feel that they are unable to continue in these roles and thank them for all they did for the school and children.

We are aware that some parents were upset by comments on social media over the weekend. This is not how we want members of our school community to feel. We are very glad so many of you want to help keep the PTFA running and an extraordinary meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 3.10pm in the School Hall.

All monies raised by the PTFA is used to benefit all of our children and they have recently funded the wellbeing area, outdoor shelters for the children and refreshments during the pantomime to name but a few.

Next week we are holding our Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 20th March at Tuesday 21st March at 3.10pm to 3.45pm.

We are running a competition for one child from each class to win a £5 Book Voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair. If your child/ren have not already entered then please encourage them to do so and help support the school ! We are looking forward to having lots of entries to judge!



The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us between 17th March and 22nd March 2023.

We will be holding a Book Fair on:

Monday 20th March 2023 at 3.10pm to 3.45pm
Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 3.10pm to 3.45pm

The children will, also, have an opportunity to browse the books during school time before these dates.

To view the books available prior to the book fair please visit:
Shop Scholastic Book Fair
This year we are only able to take payment via Credit or Debit Card.

Book Fair Competition

We are holding a competition to enable our children to win a £5 Book Voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair.

There are 5 prizes available and there will be ONE winner from each class.

To enter the competition the children need to choose ONE of the following:

Write a short story (any subject)

Write a poem (any subject)

Draw their favourite book character

Draw a book cover for their favourite book

Use a potato to design your favourite book character

All entries need to be sent into school by Monday 20th March 2023.

Please encourage your child/ren to support the school and enter this competition! Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023

We will also have £1 World Book Day Tokens which can be used towards any purchases made at the Book Fair.

If you would like your £1 World Book Day Token to use elsewhere then please feel free to pop to the School Office to obtain.

Terrence Higgins Trust- Parents RSE Survey

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing from the Terrence Higgins Trust a national charity working locally in Essex. Terrence Higgins Trust Essex is developing a new support service designed to help you approach topics related to sexual health and relationships with the young people and children in your life.

We are aiming to help bridge the gaps for young people in Essex to ensure they are empowered to make informed decisions about the most intimate parts of their lives and look after their overall health and wellbeing.

As part of this we have developed a Parents and Carers survey which we would appreciate if you could complete to help us develop our new service.

Parents and Carers Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6H27BJ5

Many thanks.

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Terrence Higgins Trust

SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

STREET DANCE CLASSES

Christina Marks School of Performing Arts are offering our students the opportunity to attend an afterschool Street Dance Class.

The club will commence on Monday 17th April 2023 for 4 weeks to 22nd May 2023 (Monday 1st May & Monday 8th May are Bank Holidays) from 3.10pm to 4.00pm.

The classes are open to all children in Years 1 to 6.

The cost will be £22 for the 4 weeks (non-refundable)

Please contact christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com or 07525850232 to book a place.

We have attached some pictures of the children currently attending the club – they certainly have a great time!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March 2023

This year to support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day we welcomed the children to take part in all or some of the following for a 50p donation for each one.

- Wear non-uniform (must contain something red)
- Wear a fake tattoo
- Wear nail varnish
- Crazy hair

Thank you to everyone who took part and for all your very kind donations.

We raised a fantastic

£80.35

Please ensure that any tattoos, nail varnish and coloured hair are removed/washed out by Monday – thank you.

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Essex County Council

Story of the Month March 2023

My Pet Star by Corrinne Averiss

To help families celebrate the Essex Year of Reading every month Essex County Council will be sharing a fabulous story video for families to share along with some activity ideas.

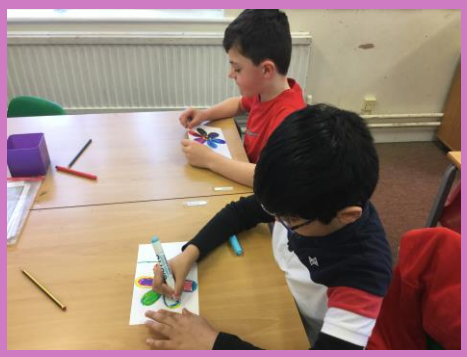
This month's story is from BookTrust and is My Pet Star written by Corrinne Averiss and illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw.

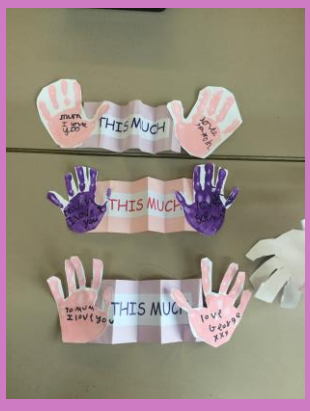
Watch the video now

Make a Pet Star Activity

Mothering Sunday – 19th March 2023

All our children have been busy making Mother's Day Cards for the special lady in their lives.





Mothering Sunday – 19th March 2023

This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and Christ Church, Latchingdon will be holding a special service led by Father Andrew.

The service starts at 10am and children give out posies to all the mothers at the service.

All are welcome.

HAVE YOU ENTERED THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHAMPION QUESTION?

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Year 6 SATs Workshop

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 2.45pm

All the parents/carers of the children in Year 6 are invited to a SAT's Workshop being run by Mrs Peacock in the School Hall.

The workshop will cover the following:

- Explaining the timetable and arrangements for this year's SATs .
- Providing examples of past SATs papers.
- Providing ideas on how to support children with their SATs at home.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

SATs Week

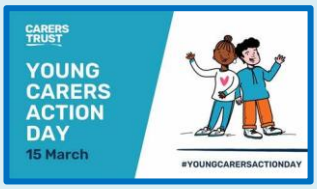
9th May 2023 to 12th May 2023

MUSIC LESSONS

After the Easter Holidays Mr Pritchard will have a space for music lessons on a Tuesday morning for children in Year 2 or above.

If you are interested in your child learning to play the piano, keyboard or guitar then please contact him on steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com for further details and costs.

YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY 2023



This year the Carers Trust held their Young Carers Action Day on Wednesday 15th March 2023.

As a school we would like to thank all our young carers for the incredible contribution they make by caring for their family members.

Keep up the excellent work!

SAFER ESSEX roads partnership

Road Safety Indoor Presentation for Reception Children

Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 9am

All parents/carers of Reception children were issued a letter from Safer Essex Roads Partnership inviting them to an informative 40 minute indoor presentation for both parents/carers and their children on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 9am in the School Hall.

We have not received confirmation from all parents/carers of their intention to attend this meeting – please return the slip or telephone the School Office.

Thank you – we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Headteacher Stickers

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

Ralph – Otters

Thomas-James – Red Squirrels

Gabriel – Red Squirrels

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 17th March 2023

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

- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: PTFA resignations (dated 13/3/23)

Makaton

Sign of the Week – I and You

Essex County Council

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

If you are need of any support with your household bills then please take a look at the following:

Essential Living Fund Money, debt and benefits: Household Support Fund - Essex County Council

Helping Hands Box 2023

Life during 2023 is going to continue being expensive, with prices still rising!

We all have days where we need some extra help and so we have 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 continue 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.

Attendance – w/e 17/3/23

The winning class for the week ending **17th March 2023** is Otters class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	90.43%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	90.37%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	90.34%
4 / 5 (Otters)	93.85%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	87.86%

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 Lillie from Badgers class.

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.

If you child arrives late then please could an adult accompany them in to the office to sign them in. Anyone arriving after the registers close (after half an hour) will be classed as an unauthorised absence, unless we are aware of the reason in advance.

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 leader was Skylar.

Well done to you all!

Stars of the Week – w/e 17/3/23

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Umar & Ellie
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Bonnie & Emily
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Ruby & Riley
4 / 5 (Otters)	Ralph & Zac
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Girush & Lewis

Star Writers – w/e 17/3/23

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	NONE DUE TO
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	ASSESSMENTS
3 / 4 (Foxes)	
4 / 5 (Otters)	
5 / 6 (Badgers)	

Good Manners – w/e 10/3/23

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Daisy & Ellie-Mae
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Arlie-Blaiz & Albert
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Tilly & Judith
4 / 5 (Otters)	Catalina & Ella-Mae
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Ernie & Rosie

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 17/3/23

Adam – Red Squirrels
Enrico – Red Squirrels

Reading Challenge – w/e 17/3/23

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

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

Academic Year 2022-2023

March 2023

20th March – Book Fair Competition closing date
20th March – 3.10pm to 3.45pm -Scholastic Book Fair
21st March – 3.10pm to 3.45pm – Scholastic Book Fair
22nd March – 2.45pm - SATs Workshop
28th March – 9am – Road Safety Indoor Presentation – Reception
28th March – Road Safety Training – Year 5
30th March – 9.30am – Easter Service Christ Church
30th March – 2.45pm – Phonics Workshop
31st March – 2.30pm - Topic Art Gallery
31st March – REPORTS ISSUED

April 2023

3rd April to 14th April – EASTER HOLIDAY
18th April – 3.10pm – PTFA Extraordinary Meeting
21st April – 2.40pm – Multiple Times Table Check Workshop

May 2023

1st May – BANK HOLIDAY
5th May – 2pm - Kings Coronation Street Party
8th May – BANK HOLIDAY (KING'S CORONATION)
9th May to 12th May – SATs Week
22nd May to 26th May – CAREERS & AMBITIONS WEEK
20th May – 11am to 2pm – PTFA Colour Fun Run
22nd May – Year 6 & Class Photographs
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
23rd June – Year 2 Mini Games – Wickford Town FC
28th June – Pilgrimage Day
29th June – Ormiston Rivers Academy Year 6 Transition Day
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 to 1st Sept – SUMMER HOLIDAY

Academic Year 2023-2024

September 2023

4th Sept – NON-PUPIL DAY
5TH Sept – First day Academic Year 2023-2024

October 2023

6th Oct – NON-PUPIL DAY
23RD to 27th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

December 2023

21st Dec to 3rd Jan 24 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

February 2024

19th to 23rd Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
26TH Feb – NON-PUPIL DAY

March 2024

29th March to 12th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

May 2024

6TH May – BANK HOLIDAY
27th May to 31st May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

July 2024

22nd & 23rd July – NON-PUPIL DAY
24th July – SUMMER HOLIDAY

Maths Champion

Maths Problem of the Week

Answers Problem dated 10th March 2023

KS1 Answer = Each sweet costs 7 pence -WINNER – Jaxon - Hedgehogs

KS2 Answer = The value of A is 51 – WINNER – Molly - Foxes

Well done to you both!

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

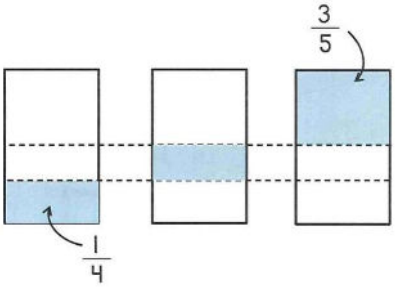
Razza & Gina have the same number of stickers.
How many more stickers than Gina does Razza have now?

- Razza gives 15 stickers away.
- Gina gives 32 stickers away.

KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem

Here are 3 identical rectangles.
Part of each shape has been shaded.
What fraction of the middle shape is shaded?



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 24th March 2023.**
A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

Disney INSPIRED

SHOOTING STARS

BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

JOIN US

for an action packed day of Disney magic!

DATE: Wednesday 19th April 2023

TIME: 3.30pm to 5.00pm

LOCATION: William De Ferrers School

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

For more information about the programme visit

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here ...

WHAT *IS* DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- If you have a problem online, don't be afraid reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

- If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD

- Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

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