



# Newsletter

## This Week

On Monday I took an assembly to celebrate Remembrance Week and to talk to the children about the meaning of this special time. On Friday we held a Remembrance assembly where the children had the opportunity to share the work they had produced during the week. The children also sang songs they have been learning for the event.



Thank you to everybody who donated to this exceptional cause. All money raised will be given directly to the Royal British Legion. Details of the amount raised will be given next week.

On Thursday the Year 2 children were visited by a representative from Wild Science. They brought in a snake, an African snail frog, a ghekkko and other reptiles and amphibians for the children to see. They also talked to the children about their habitat, what they ate, their body parts and what they do to help animals thrive.

The children were very excited and enjoyed seeing the animals and talking about amphibians, carnivores, herbivores, the climate and the Rain Forest.

## Next Week

Next week is Diwali Celebration week. We have some fantastic opportunities for the children to learn about this different culture, including guest speakers visiting the school. The children will also take part in various activities which will include singing and music.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

**Mrs K Maguire-Egan**  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
<b>November</b>	
13th-17th	Diwali Celebration Week
14th	Indian Experience Day with Bhaktavi-data Manor
15th, 16th	Indian music workshop
17th	Children in Need
20th-24th	Anti Bullying Week
<b>Menu</b>	<b>WC November 13th Week 1</b>

## Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	92.1%	93.2%
Year 1	92.6%	93%
Year 2	90.6%	93.7%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.



## Reminders



**A reminder that lessons start at 8.30am sharp.**

**The school gates will open at 8.20am and will close at 8.30am**

**Any late arrivals must be brought into school through the school office.**

**Thank you for your support.**

## Earrings

Please note that the only earrings allowed in school are studs. Hoops or dangly earrings are not permitted.



NO earrings are to be worn on PE days.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Children in Need—Friday 17th November

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year with a non uniform day. Children are invited to wear anything brightly coloured or spotty or alternatively, anything Pudsey.



Donations would be very welcome and all proceeds will go directly to Children in Need. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

## Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Thursday 7th December this year. There will be lots of amazing activities and prizes to be won. More information will follow shortly.



## Warm Coats

In view of the change in weather, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat. Thank you.

**Last Day of Term Wednesday 20th December.**

**Back to School Thursday 4th January 2024.**

## Christmas Dinner Menu



The children's Christmas Dinner will be held on the 6th December. More details will be sent out next week.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding a non uniform day on 27th November in return for donations for our Christmas Bazaar. More information to follow.

## School Governors

We currently have a School Governor vacancy. If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please call the school office and make an appointment to see me. Thank you.

## Extra Information

### PTA Meeting

We will be holding a PTA meeting on Thursday 16th November at 2pm. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please come along and join us.

### Nut Free School

We would like to remind you that we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring in any food that may contain nuts. This includes items such as peanut butter and some chocolate spreads. We have pupils with nut allergies which could result in severe illness if exposed to these foods.



### PE Kits and Clothing

Please make every effort to label ALL your children's clothing items and bags, including PE bags. Each item must have their name in, whether in the form of a label or written with ink. Any unlabeled items can not be returned if lost and will have to be placed in lost property. This in turn will result in added expense of replacing lost items.

## Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2024

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from 6th November 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



# Free Winter Warmer Community Event Clacton

All Welcome



Lots of **Free** preloved winter coats and clothing for adults and children, shoes, bedding, and other items to help your family keep warm and well this winter.

You are very welcome to pop in for a browse, have a chat, and pick up any items that you need.  
**We are open to all.**

Information, advice, and support available from a friendly team of staff and volunteers from different organisations

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**From 9.30am to 2.00pm**  
at  
Great Clacton Community Hall  
16-26 Valley Road, Great Clacton  
CO15 4AR

