



Newsletter

This Week

This week the children celebrated Halloween by dressing up on Monday. It was fantastic to see so many wonderful costumes. They also enjoyed a special Halloween dinner. I held an assembly which focused on encouraging the children to make good choices. They heard a story of 2 builders, one who built a house on sand and one who built a house on rocks.

On Tuesday Bryony Clark from Essex Fire and Rescue Service gave an assembly on fireworks and general fire safety. The children learnt about staying safe around fireworks. She also reminded them to think about fire safety when wearing costumes and about staying visible if they are going to firework displays.

Today we were delighted to welcome Giles Watling our local MP. He took part in an assembly where he spoke to the children about what it means to live in a democracy.

Next Week

Parents Phonics Workshop: Tuesday 8th November

Next Tuesday is the Phonics Workshop. If you would like to attend this informative event to support you in helping your child to read, but have not returned the reply slip, please let the school office know by midday on Monday.

Playground Flooding

I am currently working with the authorities to resolve this issue, however, we are not making speedy progress. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and will keep you informed of any developments.

Photographs

Photograph proofs have been sent home this week. Please ensure they are returned no later than Monday 21st November. Thank you.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
November	
7th-11th	Remembrance Week
8th	Parents' Phonics Workshop
9th	Year 2—Wild Science
11th	Remembrance Day Assembly
14th-18th	Anti-Bullying Week
18th	Children in Need
Menu	W/C November 7th Week 1

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	93.6%	94.6%
Year 1	90.8%	95%
Year 2	89.1%	96%

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.

Reception Year & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2023

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 **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Halloween Winners



The winners of the Halloween Raffle were:

Kacie in Ducklings & Minnie-Dorothy in Cygnets

Congratulations!

The Halloween Dress Up Day and Raffle raised a total of £298 for the PTA. Thank you to everybody for your generosity during these difficult financial times.

The next big raffle will be at Christmas. More information will be given nearer the time.

Children in Need—Friday 18th November



We will be supporting Children in Need again this year with a non uniform day. Children are welcome to wear anything relating to Pudsey or any spotty/brightly coloured clothes.

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.

Remembrance Week 7-11th November



11th November

If your child belongs to a uniformed organisation such as Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows, Boys Brigade or similar, they are invited to wear their uniform on Remembrance Day, 11th November. If your child does not belong to one of these organisations, they must come to school in their school uniform.

Poppies on Sale

Our School Ambassadors will be visiting each class selling poppies during the week. We also have wristbands and other items for sale in the school office for £1. Thank you for your continued support.

Last Day of School—Tuesday 20th December. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th—Non Pupil Days.

Back to school - Monday 9th January.



1st Clacton Rainbows and Brownies Pier Avenue Baptist Church

Girlguiding is the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the UK. In the Clacton District, there are currently three Rainbow units for girls aged 4-7 years, and four Brownie units (for 7-10 year olds) with spaces for new members wanting to try a new hobby where they have the opportunity to grow in confidence, build friendships, try new things, develop skills and, perhaps most importantly, have fun in a safe space under the guidance of our volunteer Leadership teams

To find out more information or register your interest please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or by calling 0800 169 5901.

Additional Information

Ambassador Role

Our Year 1 and Year 2 School Ambassadors play a vital role in our School Community and are elected annually by their peers. The role the children undertake involves the following:

- Providing children with friendship support on the playground and also leading on playing certain games.
- Meeting with me fortnightly where they bring up contributions from their classes which are used to improve whole school provision. The children met with me today and suggested providing a fancy dress area in the playground, providing an arts and crafts table and hosting a school disco. All suggestions will be considered and outcomes discussed when I meet them next.
- Representing the school with visitors inside and outside, such as visiting and gifting our Harvest donations.

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Nursery Places for January Start

We still have places in our Nursery for January. If you or any friends have a child that will be 3 years old by the 31st December and are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

School Uniform Costs

Due to Government Guidelines we are no longer permitted to make a profit to cover the administration fees involved in selling uniform items. I therefore confirm that the cost of some uniform items will reduce slightly. A copy of the new price list is attached to this Newsletter.