

Newsletter



This Week

This week was People Who Help Us/Careers Week. On Monday morning the children took part in an assembly taken by the firefighters. Unfortunately, they were called to an emergency before the children had time to visit the fire engine. However, they advised they will rebook the fire engine visit so as not to let the children down.

I also took an assembly to speak about the role of a Head Teacher, what it entails and also the journey that needs to be taken to reach this position.

On Wednesday we were visited by the Police and on Thursday our Site Manager, Mr Fleuty spoke about his role.

Pupil Progress Meetings

This week I have been hosting pupil progress meetings to track your child’s progress. These meetings enable me to review factors that may be impacting on your child’s achievements. For example, if your child has poor attendance, this would reflect on their learning outcomes and would result in us contacting you to discuss it.

School Dinners Taster Day

It was wonderful to see the children taking part in our Taster Day. I do hope they enjoyed the delicious home made pizza and garlic bread and hope this has encouraged them to enjoy more school meals. The menu can be found on our website, or a copy picked up from the school office.

Next Week

Next week Cygnets and Ducklings will visit the library and our school Ambassadors will visit the Salvation Army to deliver Harvest Gifts. Year 2 will take part in an exciting Space Experience Day with outside guests visiting them.

Pets on School Site

A reminder that no pets are allowed on the school site. Thank you for your co-operation.



Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
January	
23rd	Ducklings to visit Library
23rd	Ambassadors to visit Salvation Army
24th	Cygnets to visit Library
26th	Wonder Dome: Space Experience Day Year 2
Menu	WC January 22nd Week 1

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	90.9%	88.1%
Year 1	94.9%	92.3%
Year 2	92.5%	89.4%

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.

Reading



We expect all parents/carers to read with their child everyday and complete their Reading Diary.

Reading is an essential skill and your support at home is required to enable your child to progress.

Thank you for your support.

Fire Alarms



During our visit by the Fire Brigade this week, I was concerned to hear some children stating that they didn't have fire alarms at home.

Please contact Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to arrange a home fire safety visit, where they will install alarms free of charge.

Tel: 0300 303 0088
Www.essex-fire.gov.uk

Dates for your diary (subject to change)

23rd January	Ducklings visit Clacton Library
23rd January	Ambassadors visit the Salvation Army
24th January	Cygnets visit Clacton Library
25th January	Wonder Dome Space Experience Day: Year 2
29th January	African Drumming Workshop
30th January	Goslings visit Clacton Library
2nd February	African Drumming Workshop
12th-16th February	Chinese New Year Week + visit from Chinese Cultural Centre
14th February	Valentines Dress Up Day
16th February	Last Day of School
19th-23rd February	Half Term
26th February	Back to School

Half Term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February.

Last Day of School Friday 16th February. First Day Back Monday 26th February.

After School Club

After school clubs will be commencing from Monday 22nd January.

We have some spaces left in some of the clubs. Please telephone the school office for more information.

Phones/IPads

It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child does not spend too much time on technical devices such as phones and iPads. The children will make far better progress if they are using this time to read or talk/undertake role play at home.

Additional Information

Building Work

The building work on the roof will be coming to an end over the next week or two.

PE

It is essential your child has a full PE kit in school. If your child does not have one in school already, please ensure they bring a full kit in on Monday. I would also like to remind you that no earrings are to be worn on PE days.



Warm Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school in a warm winter coat and hat. Thank you for your support.

Water Bottles

A reminder that bottles should contain just water. No juice, milkshakes or other drinks are permitted.



Community Hub

A reminder that the food hub is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.20am-8.30am and 2.50pm-3pm.



Public Health
County Hall
Chelmsford
CM1 1QH



Date: 19th January 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

re: Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in England currently. If your child has not been fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine it is a good time to get this done to protect them. This can be arranged through the child's GP practice. You can check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking their GP.

The early symptoms of measles can look like other illnesses: runny nose; cough; conjunctivitis. The child may also have a high fever. The distinctive rash of measles begins around day 3 of the illness, a rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreading over the body.

Any child thought to have measles should not be sent to school. Where possible NHS 111 or the GP should be phoned for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E. This is to avoid passing the infection on to others. Further details about measles can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Showell".

Danny Showell
Public Health Consultant