



Newsletter

This Week.

This week has been World Book Week and the children attended an assembly where they learnt about the importance and enjoyment of reading. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up on Thursday in the costume of their favourite book character. The children also enjoyed a visit from the author Kerry Gibbons, who took the time to read to them. Thank you to Kerry for giving her time to us.

Year 1 children enjoyed taking part in a toy workshop where they made wooden toys with moving parts.

Next Week

Next week is Assessment Week, so please make sure your child is well rested and in school on time each day.

Chicken Pox

We are experiencing an outbreak of chicken pox. Please be vigilant and do not send your child into school if there is a possibility they have the condition.

Year 2 Transition

On Thursday I met with Miss Sirett, the Headteacher of Alton Park in relation to transition arrangements. I will be sharing information with parents/carers shortly.

Donations of School Uniform

Our stock of spare school uniform requires replenishing. If your child has been sent home with spare clothes, please ensure you wash and return them as soon as possible. If you have any good condition spare uniform items at home, we would welcome donations to be brought into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
March	
14th-18th	Assessment Week
18th	Red Nose Day
21st-25th	Multi-Faith Week
22nd & 24th	Parents Evening
31st	Easter Service
Menu	WC March 7th Week 1

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	95%	87.7%
Year 1	91.6%	92.8%
Year 2	85.6%	95%

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

All children need to come to school with:

- ◆ a water bottle containing only water. 
- ◆ a warm coat. 
- ◆ a full PE kit. 
- ◆ Can you please make sure you read with your child on a regular basis and complete their reading diary.

Red Nose Day Friday 18th March



Children are encouraged to support Red Nose Day and come into school wearing something red or party clothes on Friday 18th March.

We would suggest a donation of £1 to take part and all money raised will be given to Comic Relief.

Head Teacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Essex Wildlife Trust Visit to Reception Year

On Thursday we were visited by Essex Wildlife Trust who helped with clearing the forest and supported our Reception children to build plant beds in our pond area.



Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Treasureholt Nursery in Sladburys Lane, who kindly donated seeds, plants and herbs to use in our school gardening/ greenhouse projects.

Friday 1st April—Non Pupil Day. Half Term 4th-15th April. Monday 18th April—Bank Holiday.

Assessment Week

Can you please make sure your child is well rested and attends school on time every day this week. Evidence from these assessments will reflect on your child's final outcome. Thank you for your continued support.

School Finish Time

A reminder that the school day ends at 3pm and afterschool clubs finish at 3.50pm. Please make sure you collect your child on time. Thank you.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Tickets are being sold in each year group for our Easter Raffle. You are also welcome to purchase tickets from the school office.



Extra Information

Book Character Competition

The children have been designing and describing a character this week. Kerry Gibbons, our visiting Author will be judging the competition and 2 winners (1 boy & 1 girl) will be picked from each year group. All winners will receive a signed copy of Kerry's new book 'Be Kind Max'.

School Green House

We are delighted to advise that our school greenhouse has now been installed and the children will be using it shortly. Thank you to Friends of Oakwood for this wonderful gift.



Gardening Club Volunteers

After Easter we will be running a Gardening Club for Year 2 children from 3pm-4pm on a Thursday and would like to recruit some volunteers to help support this afterschool activity. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the school office.



SEND Roadshow—North East Essex

Are you a parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available? If so, you may be interested in attending a local SEND Roadshow to ask questions and find out more information. There will be 2 roadshows available to attend and each will run from 9am to 11am.

Friday 18th March 2022—Alton Park Junior School, Clacton, CO15 1DL

Friday 25th March 2022— Chase Lane Primary and Nursery, Harwich CO12 4NB

<https://hdhs.org.uk/2022/03/01/send-roadshow/>