



Newsletter

This Week

This week I held an assembly on developing a curious mind. I spoke about the term curious and the children learnt how being curious can help them to grow in their knowledge and understanding. The children were encouraged to be curious about our world.

Next Week

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. To support Comic Relief this year we will be inviting all children to come into school wearing red. We would ask for a donation of £1 which will be passed on to the charity.



Next week is also Presentation Week. The children will be working on improving their presentation skills and those with the most improved skills will be awarded during an assembly the following week.

Proposed Strike Action

As you are aware there is proposed strike action next Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Please note that **Year 1 and Year 2 will be open as normal and all children MUST attend school.**

We will also open a class to accommodate siblings of Year 1 & Year 2 pupils and children of Keyworkers. **Please see attached letter giving further information.**

Holidays in Term Time

Recent guidance has highlighted that parents who remove their children from school to attend a holiday, could be subject to criminal prosecution. Please note that holidays during term time are not permitted and will not be authorised.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
March	
13th-17th	Presentation Week
17th	Red Nose Day
20th-24th	Multi-Faith Week
21st & 23rd	Parents' Evening
31st	Easter Assembly/Last day of Term
April	
3rd-14th	Easter Half Term Break
17th	Non Pupil Day
18th	Back to School
Menu	W/C March 13th Week 2

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	89.4%	92.9%
Year 1	93.9%	94.3%
Year 2	93.7%	93.4%

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.

Reminders

Please ensure there is only water in water bottles

A full PE kit needs to be kept in school

Only stud earring permitted and no earrings for PE

Please return your Parents' Evening slip if you have not done so already

Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Raffle with some fabulous prizes. There will be prizes for each Year Group and some hampers as extra gifts. The raffle will be drawn during the Easter Assembly. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office for £1 per strip.



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.

Year 1 Parent Lunch Dates

If you would like to come into school to enjoy having lunch with your child, please make a note of the following dates. Letters giving more information will be sent out shortly.



Squirrels	19th April
Rabbits	3rd May
Hedgehogs	10th May

Nursery Spaces

We currently have spaces in our Nursery for after Easter. If your child or a child you know turns 3 years old by the 31st March they are eligible for a place. To find out more and apply please contact the school office.

*Last Day of School Friday 31st March. Easter Break 3rd-14th April. Non Pupil Day Monday 17th April.
Back to School Tuesday 18th April.*

Emergency Services Day Saturday 25th March 11am—2pm, Clacton Police Station

Clacton Police Station will be hosting an Emergency Services day that will include lots of police-themed activities for the younger members of our community to get involved in as well as demonstrations from some of our specialist policing teams. They will also be joined by other emergency colleagues including Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, HM Coastguard, RSPCA and Safer Essex Roads Partnership as well as several charitable organisations.



Uniform Cost Increase

Unfortunately the cost of uniform items will increase from 1st April. A price list can be picked up from the school office or alternatively viewed on the school website.

Easter Colouring Competition

Mrs Fairhead will be running her Easter Colouring Competition from next week. Please remind your child to pick up their colouring sheet from the kitchen team at lunchtime. They can colour it in at home but please remind them to bring in their picture and hand back to the kitchen for judging. There will be prizes for each year group.



Reducing our Carbon Footprint



Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Don't open the oven to look at the food inside—peep through the window to help prevent the hot air inside escaping.



Inflate your car tyres—this lowers resistance on the road and saves on fuel.



Take a mug into work instead of using a new polystyrene cup each time.