



Newsletter

This Week

I would like to apologise for the disruption to the Nursery, Playground and Hub this week. I am raising these issues with senior members of Essex Council. The Chair of Governors and Safeguarding Governor are also aware. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding with these matters and will inform you of any developments as they happen.

This week the children celebrated Diwali by taking part in a Hindu and Diwali experience day and an Earthsong Hindu Music Experience. The children had a wonderful time taking part in both events. More details about the events can be found on page 2.

It was wonderful to see so many children supporting Children in Need today, wearing lots of Pudsey and colourful clothing. All money raised will be given directly to Children in Need. We will advise of the amount raised shortly. Thank you to everybody who supported this worthy cause.



Next Week

Next week Reception children will take part in their Road Safety event. The children will learn about road safety in general and how to cross roads.

Aladdin

Year 2 children will be going to see Aladdin at the Princes Theatre on Monday 11th December 2023. Please remember to return a completed permission slip by 24th November.

Prime

I have noticed some children coming into school with bottles of Prime. Please note these drinks are not allowed to be brought into school.

Have a good weekend.
Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
November	
20th-24th	Anti Bullying Week
20th	Reception Road Safety Ducklings 9.15am
21st	Cygnets 9.15am
22nd	Goslings 9.15am
21st	Ambassadors to visit Food Bank
27th	Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Bazaar
Menu	WC November 20th Week 2

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	93.2%	90.4%
Year 1	93%	93.2%
Year 2	93.7%	91.8%

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 make sure your child has a full PE kit in school.

Only stud earrings can be worn, no hoops are permitted. On PE days, no earringS are to be worn at all.

Cooking Club—The new cooking club starts next Tuesday. If your child has a place, you would have received a letter advising of this.

Hindu and Diwali Experience Day/Earthsong Hindu Music Experience

On Tuesday the children enjoyed a Hindu Diwali Experience Day with Alison and Yoga from Bhaktavidata Manor, the Hindu Temple in London, bought for the Hindu community by Beatle, George Harrison. They told the children the story of Diwali and showed them how they celebrate this festival, also known as the Festival of Lights. The children dressed up in the different costumes from the story and tried on sari's and masks. They were also given a bindi to put on their heads. All the children had a wonderful day.

On Wednesday/Thursday the children were visited by musicians Angela and Storme who showed the children lots of different Indian instruments including sitars, ghuttans, gopichans, tabla drums, tampus, dhol drums and swarmandals which they saw and heard them play and were then able to learn to play themselves. They told the "Ramayan" which is the ancient story of Rama and Sita, using puppets, and they listened to Storme sing the story to them in Hindi. The children also helped to act out the story. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was lovely to see the children enjoying different instruments that they would not usually see. It was a very enjoyable couple of days and the children were able to have a deeper understanding of Diwali and the celebrations that go with this festival.



Last Day of Term Wednesday 20th December. Back to School Thursday 4th January 2024.

Free Maths Training

Essex County Council are funding a free maths course for Parents/Carers in the area. A flyer giving more details and instructions on how to express your interest is on Page 3.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to everybody who attended our PTA meeting yesterday. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Mrs Konis in the school office.

Spare PE Kit

We are in need of spare PE shorts and plimsoles in all sizes. If you have any spare items at home you would like to gift, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

Extra Information

Non Uniform Day

We are holding a school non uniform day on Monday 27th November in return for donations for the Christmas Bazaar for raffle prizes and tombola prizes. A letter giving more information will be sent out shortly.



Christmas Bazaar

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



Warm Coat

In view of the change in weather, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat. Please make sure it is also labelled clearly. Thank you.

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

Bikes and Scooters

Please remember that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the school playground. Thank you for your co-operation.



Contact Details

Please make sure all your contact details are up to date. If you have changed address, phone number or email address, please let the school office know.

Lost Glasses

We have had a pair of black glasses handed in that were found in the alley next to the school. If these belong to you, please come into the school office to collect.

Christmas Dinner

Please remember to return your Christmas Dinner slip by Thursday 23rd November. Thank you.



Santa's Grotto: Clacton Shopping Village

From next weekend the 25th November Clacton Shopping Village will be hosting their very own Santa's Grotto. Tickets are bookable through this link, with all proceeds going to charity: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santas-grotto-at-clacton-shopping-village-tickets-703290419577?aff=oddtcreator>

PARENT POWER
MATHS & COFFEE CLUB
FREE 4-part course for adults to grow maths skills

Help with your children's homework
Understand the maths your children are learning
Work towards a national qualification in maths

Starting from 27th November,
9.00am – 11.00 am (venue TBC)
For further details and to join, contact tutor Rob

RSVP: rob@powerfulhistories.com or 07462592926

Scan the QR code to find out more!

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CHRISTMAS ON A BUDGET

- ▶ Learn ways to find the best price
- ▶ How to budget your money in time for Christmas
- ▶ Help save money

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Harwich, CO12 3PD

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1—3 pm, Wednesday 29th November,
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