

# Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

## This Week

Due to illness I was unable to take an assembly this week. The assembly which covers the importance about having rules, will take place next Monday.

This week Dan from Essex Music Services came to teach the children African Drumming. The whole school got to play the drums, and the sound of the drumming could be heard throughout the school. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in playing the African Drums and each class had the experience of playing the drums together.

Goslings class enjoyed their trip to the library.

## Reception Year

Reception children had their height and weight checked this week. If the nurses have any concerns they will contact parents directly.

## Electric Top Up Card Found

An electric top up card has been found on the school site. If you have lost your card, please contact the school office to confirm which supplier you use and we can return it to you.

## After School Club Pick Up Time

All children need to be picked up from after school clubs at 3.50pm. Please ensure you pick up promptly as 2 late pick ups will result in your child being removed from the club. Thank you for your support.

## Parking and Driving Near the School Site

I have had some complaints from houses surrounding the school that some of our parents are parking over the drive of their property during drop off and collection times. This is unacceptable and is resulting in our neighbours being late for work, school and appointments due to not being able to leave their drive. Inconsiderate parking can cause not only congestion but poses a threat of accident to our children and parents/carers. Please make every effort to park considerately. Thank you for your support.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

**Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher**



KEY DATES	
<b>January</b>	
12th-16th Feb	Chinese New Year Week
13th, 14th, 15th	Valentine Discos
19th-23rd	Half Term
26th	Back to School
<b>Menu</b>	<b>WC February 5th Week 1</b>

## Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	87.4%	90.6%
Year 1	86.6%	90.1%
Year 2	88.1%	87.7%

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 children everyday and complete their Reading Diary.

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

Please ensure all school reading books are returned daily so we can read it with your child in school.

Thank you for your support.

### After School Clubs

A letter was sent out regarding club spaces available.

Please do not forget to send back any forms. Alternatively, please pop in or call the school office to find out more and book your child a space.

### Play Equipment

When dropping off/collecting your child, please ensure all children in your care do not climb on the play equipment on the school premises. This is strictly for use during school time.

### Valentines Day Discos



Tickets for the Valentine Discos are now on sale from the school office for £2 each. We are raising money to create sensory equipment for the playground and all money taken for this event will be spent towards this project.

**Reception: Tuesday 13th February,**

**Year 1: Wednesday 14th February**

**Year 2: Thursday 15th February**

**All after school clubs will be cancelled on these dates.**

School dinner on the day will remain the same except for the pudding. Mrs Fairhead will create a valentine themed cupcake and biscuit for the occasion.

Half Term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February.

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

### PE



We are still seeing lots of children in school without PE kits. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, which includes Tshirt, shorts and plimsoles.

Thank you.

### Water Bottles



All children are expected to come to school with a water bottle every day (containing only water).

Thank you.

### Additional Information

#### School Times

A reminder of the school opening and closing times:

#### Drop Off

Gates open in the morning at 8.20am and close again at 8.30am. All children start school at 8.30am sharp. Class teachers will open their classroom doors between 8.20am and 8.25am and will close them again at 8.30am.

Any children arriving after 8.30am are late and must enter through the school office.

#### Pick Up

Gates open at 2.50pm and all children finish school at 3pm.

#### Roofing

The first phase of the roofing project has now been completed. We are now awaiting confirmation from Essex County Council regarding further repairs and possible solar panelling.

# Winter Warmers Collection Point



Come and talk to the CVST Resilience Team, collect a winter pack & see what help and support we can offer you.



## At: **Walton Community Forum**

61 High Street, Walton. CO14 8BD

Date: Monday 5th February  
10am - 12noon  
Just turn up!



Winter pack includes Blanket, Gloves  
Hot Water Bottle, Thermal Vest and Socks

If you're unable to visit this collection point, please call us on 01255 425692 option 3

