



# Newsletter

## This Week

This week has been Environmental Awareness Week. The children learnt about how to work on preserving our planet and what small actions they and their families can take to ensure we are caring for our environment.

## Next Week: Leave Your Car at Home Week

As part of Environmental Awareness Week, we are asking the children and parents/carers to take part in Leave Your Car at Home Week, next week. Taking part in this exercise and walking, instead of driving will give everybody the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint.



## Environmental Carbon Footprint

We are now part of the 2IMPRESZ “ENERGY CHALLENGES” PROJECT lead by Essex County Council. This program provides a positive step, allowing us to further reduce our energy costs while moving towards “Net Zero”. We are encouraging our children to be part of this project which offers them a truly inspiring experience whilst at the same time, teaching them about energy saving and lowering carbon emissions.



I recently met with Chris Blomeley of Community Energy Colchester to discuss our commitment to this project. Chris will be visiting us on 29th November to demonstrate how to use tin foil to potentially double the amount of heat received plus much more.

Our School Ambassadors are now also the school Eco Warriors and hold responsibility for reducing the amount of energy we use in school. They also look proactively to recycle and reuse. I will be meeting with the children next week to discuss our environment and provide information so they have a full understanding of what is meant by carbon footprint. The Ambassadors will then be speaking to their classes and sharing information and ideas about how to lower carbon footprints. I have also ordered new high vis waistcoats for the Ambassadors which will contain both the Ambassador and Eco Warrior logos.

This weeks energy saving tips can be found overleaf.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
December	
5th & 6th	Reception Christmas Production
6th	Year 2—Cinderella Pantomime—Princes Theatre
7th	Christmas Lunch
8th	Goldilocks School Christmas Pantomime & Xmas Jumper Day/School Bazaar
19th	Nursery Christmas Production
20th	Last Day of School
Menu	W/C November 28th Week 2

## Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	86.1%	88%
Year 1	91.2%	92.8%
Year 2	95.6%	89%

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.

## Reception Year & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2023

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 **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Applications can be

## Children in Need

Thank you to everybody who donated to this worthy cause. We raised £161.67. Your continued support is appreciated.

## Toys from Home

Please make sure your child does not bring any toys from home into school.

## Warm Outdoor Clothing

Please make sure your child has a warm winter coat in school everyday. This together with hats and gloves will help keep your child warm and dry when playing outside.

## Christmas Bazaar

Raffle tickets for the Christmas Bazaar will be available to purchase from the school office from Wednesday for £1 per strip.



## Non Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school in non uniform next Tuesday 29th November in return for donations for the Christmas Bazaar, such as chocolates, bottles of drink, Christmas gifts and new cuddly toys.

## Christmas Dinner

The children will have their Christmas dinner on 7th December. Please make sure you return your completed slips as soon as possible.



Mrs Fairhead from the kitchen will be starting her Christmas Colouring Competition and we look forward to seeing some amazing pictures. There will be winners for each year group, so please encourage your child to take part.

*Last Day of School—Tuesday 20th December. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th January —Non Pupil Days.  
Back to school - Monday 9th January.*

## Relief Midday Assistant Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Relief Midday Assistants.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to pick up an application form, please call or pop in to the school office.

Thank you.

## Christmas Performances

All children are welcome to wear **party clothes** on the day(s) of their performance(s).

A reminder of performance dates:

### Reception

- 5th December Ducklings & Cygnets
- 6th December Goslings & Owlets

### Year 1

- 12th & 13th December

### Year 2

- 14th & 15th December



[Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office](#)

## Environmental Bulletin



### THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Turn down the room thermostat by a couple of degrees. 19 degrees is about the norm here in the UK. Some people do like their homes a bit warmer, but as a rule of thumb, for every degree you turn your thermostat down you will save about £50.



Use microwaves to reheat food as opposed to the oven—they heat up the food far quicker so are therefore more efficient.



Install heavy curtains and make sure you close them at night. This again acts as a barrier to prevent heat loss out of the home.