



# Newsletter

## This Week

This week I held an assembly to enjoy a Celebration of the children's work produced during Chinese New Year. The children put lots of effort into the Chinese New Year themed week and it was wonderful to see so many fantastic pieces of work.

Presentation Week—as a follow on from this, this week I presented children with certificates for outstanding and most improved presentation in all subject areas. Well done to all the children for their hard work.

Today the Year 1 children and teachers received a visit from Chris Blomeley of Community Energy Colchester Ltd . He spoke to them about ways to improve our planet and covered areas including recycling, reclamation, reducing carbon foot print and ways to lower energy use and bills.

## Next Week

Next week is Internet Safety Week with Safer Internet Day being held on Tuesday 7th. The children will also get the opportunity to attend their year groups Valentine's disco from 3pm-4pm.

The school breaks up for Half Term next Friday 10th February. We return to school on Monday 20th February.

## Strike Action

As you are aware the strike action affected our school this week and we had to close some classes. At present there are 3 further strike dates proposed, being:

- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I am currently unaware of how this will impact on the school. However, as soon as I have more information, I will share this with you. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
February	
6th-10th	Internet Safety Week
7th	Reception Year Valentine's Disco 3-4pm
8th	Year 1 Valentine's Disco 3-4pm
9th	Year 2 Valentine's Disco 3-4pm
10th	Non Uniform Day / Last day of school
13th-17th	Half Term
Menu	W/C February 6th Week 2

### Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	88.4%	92.4%
Year 1	88.5%	91.7%
Year 2	91.6%	92.8%

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.

### **Please make sure your child has the following in school:**

- A warm coat with gloves and hat.
- A water bottle containing only water
- A book bag.

### **Please also make sure:**

- All items are fully labelled.
- That you read with your child regularly and complete their reading record.
- Any homework given is completed and handed in to their teacher

### Lunch boxes



Please ensure that all packed lunches come to school in a packed lunch box or bag.

**Plastic bags are not suitable** as they present a safety risk.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### After School Clubs

Letters giving details of allocated school clubs will go out next week. All clubs will be starting week commencing Monday 20th February, when we return from Half Term.

### Valentine's Disco Dates



Each year group will have the opportunity to attend a Valentine's Disco next week. There will be various activities to take part in with the opportunity to win prizes. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased for £1 from the school office.

**Reception Disco:** Tuesday 7th February 3pm-4pm

**Year 1 Disco:** Wednesday 8th February 3pm-4pm

**Year 2 Disco:** Thursday 9th February 3pm-4pm

### Valentine's Raffle & Non Uniform Day



Our PTA 'Friends of Oakwood' are running a Valentines Raffle. There will be one prize of a fantastic food hamper and tickets are available to purchase from the school office. The cost is £1 per strip and the winner will be drawn on Friday 10th February. Good luck!

To complete our Valentine's themed week, we are inviting all children to come into school wearing red on Friday 10th February for a donation of £1.

All money raised will be put towards providing outdoor tables and seating for the children.

**Last Day of Term Friday 10th February. Half Term 13th-17th February. Back to School Monday 20th February.**

### Earrings

Please make sure that your child does not wear hoop earrings to school. Our policy allows studs only. Thank you for your support.



### Reception Year Equipment

The Reception Year outside equipment is for use by the children during school time only. Please make every effort to supervise all children in your care before and after school to ensure they do not use this play equipment. Thank you for your support.



### 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.

### 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

-  Install insulation in the loft. This will help prevent heat escaping up through the top of your property (ideally 100% natural sheep wool).
-  Install a low flow shower head.
-  Use microwaves to cook food—they use only 20% of the energy required to run a full size oven.