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Weekly News



Respect	Caring	Co-operation	Perseverance	Honesty	Responsibility
Reverence	Compassion	Service	Endurance	Virtue	Trust

Headteacher's Message

We enjoyed not one but two brilliant harvest church services this week! The children exceeded themselves with wonderful singing from all, musical delights from our musicians and thoughtful prayers, readings and poems from our children in year six. A big thank you to Father Simon, Reverend Tasha and Miss Hutley for organising the special event. Thank you also to the many parents who attended and supported the children.

On Wednesday evening our pupils in year two enjoyed a Twilight session. They were enthused by Mr Ruffle, Harry Ruffle's Dad, who shared a reading of his published book – The Adventures of Tag and Tilly. Mr Ruffle wrote the book last summer after a walk with his dog, Tilly, who met a dog called Tag. Thank you to Mr Ruffle for inspiring the children to become future authors and for answering all of their questions!

A big well done must go to our girls football team, who won the Colchester Blackwater Sports Partnership Football Tournament! They will now go on to represent Colchester United FC at the Essex Tournament. Well done girls – we are very proud!

This term we have started to review our curriculum, in light of what we know about the cognitive science of how children learn. On Thursday next week, an external advisor will be visiting to support us to review our progress so far and help to shape our next steps. Due to this reason, we have postponed our open door session to Friday 4th November so that all teachers are available and able to be part of sharing the children's learning so far.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lois Osborne

Diary Dates

Next week:

- POSTPONED Open door . Due to an external curriculum review on Thursday 20th October, we have postponed this event to Friday 4th November (3-3:45pm)
- Friday 21st October – School closed for pupils – staff training.

Next half term:

November

- Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November – Life Bus and Safety Workshops
- Thursday 3rd November – Individual and family photographs
- Tuesday 8th November - Prospective parents visit
- Wednesday 9th November – Learning Conferences 3:30-8pm
- Friday 11th November – Charity Day
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th November – Enterprise event
- Tuesday 15th November - Prospective parents visit
- Tuesday 22nd November – Year 6 Communion
- Friday 25th November – Enterprise sale

December

- Thursday 1st December – Year 2 and Year 3 Christingle Service
- Monday 5th December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 6th December – Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm
- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Carol Candlelight Service, Christmas Dinner and PTFA Disco.
- Friday 16th December – Last day of autumn term
- Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January – Christmas break

Excellent Punctuality

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:
EYFS and KS1: RB, 2M and 2C
KS2: 3PM, 4B, and 6L

Learning Conferences

After a team discussion, we have decided to alter the format of our Learning Conferences so that our teachers have an increased amount of time to share your child's achievements to date. The teachers will use the children's books to share your child's progress and next steps for learning. We hope that the change in format will also allow time to discuss children's physical, mental and social wellbeing, which we understand to greatly impact on a child's readiness for learning. Once you have experienced the new format, we welcome your feedback so that we can keep getting better at how we inform you about your child's learning and time in school.

Harvest Donations

Rice, Tinned Spaghetti, Fruit and Rice Pudding, Chocolate Bars, Sponge Pudding (non chilled), Instant Mash, Packet Soup, Long life Juice (1 Ltr), UHT Milk (1ltr), Shampoo, Shower Gel, Toothbrushes, Deodorant.

Please drop off any donations by Tuesday 18th October.

Stars of the Week – These learners have demonstrated our school values.



Gold Book Honours – These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible	Resourceful	Reflective	Resilient	Reasoning	Risk-taking
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They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.

