



Thank you to all parents who came to the parent consultation meetings this week, there was lots of positive feedback from the meetings. You should be very proud your children's hard work so far this year.



We are off to the O2 with the KS2 choir on Tuesday, we are all very excited to be returning to this special event again this year. I am we are going to have a smashing time.

Well done to the Y5&6 football team this week, despite losing both games their sportsmanship and behaviour was impeccable – we are all very proud of you.

The children are continuing to enjoy their library visits and the reading afternoons with parents, many thanks to all those who have attended and offered to help out.

We have received a thank you letter from St Luke's Hospice to advise that whilst our choir were singing in the Eastgate centre in Basildon the hospice raised £116.46, thank you to all parents who went to support the children and hospice.

Thank You

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher



Dates:

January

29th—Reading session Nursery AM—11.20am

30th—Young Voices (KS2 choir) at O2

30th—Tulip class visit to local library

31st—Year 5 Activity afternoon 2.15-3.15pm

February

1st—Year 3/4 reading session with parents (in classrooms 2.55-3.15pm)

1st—Year 6 reading session with parents (in classrooms 2.55-3.15pm)

1st—Year 2 visit to local library

2nd—Reading session Nursery PM—2.30pm

2nd—Beech class visit to local library

Non pupil dates—29th March and 25th May 2018



Reception

Reception have started to do Gym Trail on a Thursday and PE on a Friday. Please could we have labelled PE bags at school. We have all been reading Jack & The Beanstalk and enjoyed painting Giants and using adjectives in our writing.

Year 1

Rose class had an amazing time at the library. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to the school.

Year 5

Sycamore class really enjoyed their visit to the local library, and talking about their favourite books to the librarian.




Wall of Achievement

Week of 22nd January



- Buttercup Class—Cody H
- Daffodil Class—Amelia J
- Primrose Class—Georgia M
- Bluebell Class—Isabelle S
- Rose Class—Casius K
- Tulip Class—Poppy S
- Orchid Class—Maicie S
- Lavender Class— Charlene R
- Sunflower Class—Ellie-Mae R
- Ash Class—Lexi D
- Beech Class—Ben P
- Birch Class—Oscar T
- Pine Class—Rowen W/ Maisie W
- Sycamore Class—Archie E/ Felecia T
- Olive Class—Carl T
- Willow Class—Dean P
- Elm Class—Rianna O
- Elder Class—Elliot B
- Oak Class—Thomas G



Reminders

- We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with reading in school, please speak to office if you are interested.
- Maths Guides—please take a look at the school website under the parents page for curriculum information for each year group.
- Detailing methods and objectives for every year group.
- Year 2 visit to library—we are looking for some parent volunteers to walk with the children and school adults to/from the local library on 1st February. If you are interested please speak to the year 2 teachers.
- We would like to remind you that children should not be bringing toys into school (including slime) unless agreed with the teacher or for a specific topic.
- Residential trips—please note that there are not specific payment dates but you can make payments over the coming weeks as long as the balance is paid on/before the final payment dates as text out earlier this week.

KS2 Football

We had our first 2 matches this week. Wednesday we were away to Greensted Junior, we got off to a flying start showing great team work and creating some good chances, unfortunately Greensted played well too and we began to tire in the last 10 minutes resulting in a 0-3 loss for Whitmore. The team did fantastically and made Whitmore proud especially as this was the first time the team had played a competitive match together.

Thursday we were away to Great Berry, we held our own up until half time when tired legs appeared again. It was an unfortunate loss for Whitmore again who were showing great sportsmanship and were praised by the other team's manager for their conduct and honesty. We go again next week.....Go Team Whitmore! Come and support our home fixture against Phoenix on Friday 2nd February.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Tulip class with 95.9% and KS2 Elm class with 98.9%. The overall school attendance is 91.2%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place—Green
- 2nd place—Red
- 3rd place—White
- 4th place—Blue

