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Dear All,
The end of term is fast approaching and the Christmas excitement has most definitely begun!
The Robins and Wrens performed so very well in their Christmas nativity 'The Twinkly Nativity'. They made us incredibly proud.
Next week the Kingfishers and Nightingales will be performing in their production.
Today, we have enjoyed Christmas jumper day and our annual book swap which was very successful.
May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Thank you for your ongoing support.
Mrs Natasha Robson
Head Teacher



Community Information
Information regarding the following has been included in the community section of our school website, please take a look if you would like further information. These are all third party events/information, not endorsed by the school, but they may be of interest to you.

- Essex County Council - Cycle Training Instructor Position
- Essex Life Poem Competition
- Essex Music School - Braintree Community Music Centre
- Essex Activate - Sessions during Christmas Holidays

Events Diary

If there are any changes to the dates listed, we will notify you as soon as possible.

- 08.12.23:** Friend's Festive Friday Christmas Event 3.30pm to 5.30pm in KS2 Hall
- 12.12.23:** EYFS Pair Reading Meeting and Learning Journey Meeting at 9am in classrooms
- 13.12.23:** Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2pm and 6pm in KS2 Hall
- 14.12.23:** Christmas Lunch Day
- 15.12.23:** 2nd Hand Uniform Sale after school
- 19.12.23:** iRock Concert for Parents at 2.15pm in KS2 Hall
- 20.12.23:** Non Pupil Day
- 04.01.24:** Spring Term Starts
- 04.01.24:** New Intake Tour at 10am
- 10.01.24:** Year 6 Visit to Parliament - children to arrive at school by 6.40am
- 15.01.24:** Year 5 Trip to The Royal Greenwich Observatory - children to arrive at school by 8.10am
- Further information about the events below will be sent out soon
- 16.01.24:** Parents English Workshop
- 25.01.24:** Progress - Years 1 - 6 starting at 2.50pm in classrooms
- 30.01.24:** Parents Evening - Face to Face
- 01.02.24:** Parents Evening - Face to Face
- 06.02.24:** EYFS Learning Journey at 2.50pm in classrooms
- 07.02.24:** Year 3 Class Presentations
- 09.02.24:** Forest School - Harriers PM
- 16.02.24:** Forest School - Kestrels PM
- 19.02.24 - 23.02.24:** Half Term
- 26.02.24:** Non Pupil Day



Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 11/12/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 1
Week commencing 18/12/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 2
Week commencing 01/01/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 3
Week commencing 08/01/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 1
Orders for the week commencing 11/12/23 have now closed.

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 18th December, 1st January and 8th January are now available to view on the school website and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. Paper copies have also been sent home with all children today, and spare copies of the menu can be collected from outside of the school office. The deadline for placing orders (either online or by returning the paper copy to school) is 1pm on Wednesday 13th December.

Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 6th November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

Applications can be made online via;
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

All of the application information is available on the website. The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Payment Reminders

Year 6 Visit to Parliament: Payments and permission slips are due by Monday 8th January 2024. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

Year 5 Trip to The Royal Greenwich Observatory: Payments and permission slips are due by Tuesday 9th January 2024. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

If there are any problems making payments please speak to the office. Thank you.

Recent Letters And Communications

- Wide Awake Club Booking Forms Week Commencing 18th December, 1st and 8th January
- Dinner Menus Week Commencing 18th December, 1st and 8th January
- Year 2 - Christmas Performance Reminder
- Photo Proof Reminders
- WakeUp Wednesday - Disney+
- Christmas Card Reminder
- New School Outdoor Play Programme
- Message from Mrs Robson re: Punctuality
- Year 5 - Residential Meeting Presentation
- Additional Flu Vaccination Clinics
- After School Tuition
- Super Supper Club booking forms Spring term 2024

Information and Resources

Please find below information and resources which we feel will be of use to our families.

Essex Year of Numbers

Essex Year of Numbers is a countywide campaign that aims to inspire a love of learning, with a focus on numeracy. It is a year of exciting learning opportunities, fun events and initiatives aimed at children aged 0 to 18 years old. The events aim to give every child's maths skills a magic boost.

[Essex Year of Numbers | Essex County Council](#)

The 2 Johns Online Safety session Sunday 10th December at 7pm

The 2 Johns are running a session on Sunday evening (10th December) at 7pm to launch the Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) online safety week. The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also [The 2 Johns Facebook page](#). This will be followed by a week of online safety messages and advice on the ESCB social media accounts. [Find out more about the campaign.](#)

Midday Assistant (MDA) Vacancy

Would you, or anyone you know, be interested in assisting our children at lunchtimes? We require a MDA from 11.45am to 1.15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only from January 2024. The rate of pay is £11.79 per hour. All appointments are subject to safer recruitment requirements to ensure the safeguarding of children. All positions will involve appropriate checks and clearances.

If you are interested please email

admin@chippinghill.essex.sch.uk or come into the school office to pick up an application form.

Year 3 - Science Work



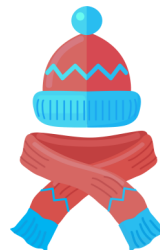
Year 3 have been conducting science experiments with magnets this week. They have been following a science investigation plan writing down their predictions, methods, results and conclusions.

Requests

Forest School: Mrs Hubbard has asked if anyone has any hats, gloves, snoods or hoodies she can use as spares for Forest School sessions. Particularly in size age 7 and upwards.

Old Batteries and Stamps: If you have any stamps or old batteries we are able to recycle both at school.

Please bring any of the above items to the school office. Thank you.



Autumn Term Clubs

Please ensure you keep a note of the dates and finishing times of any clubs your child attends.

MONDAYS:

KS1 Girls Football (Years 1 & 2): From 2nd October to 11th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Boys Football (Years 3 & 4): From 2nd October to 11th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

Young Carers Art Club: 18th December

TUESDAYS:

Tennis (Years 1 - 6): From 12th September to 12th December, finishing at 4.05pm (£65)

KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6): From 3rd October to 12th December, finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 Boys Football (Years 1 & 2): From 3rd October to 12th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

WEDNESDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6): From 1st November to 13th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

Boys Football (Years 5 & 6): From 4th October to 13th December, finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 Multisport (Years 1 & 2): From 4th October to 13th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

THURSDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2): From 2nd November to 14th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

KS2 Multisport (Years 3 - 6): From 5th October to 14th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

Netball (Years 5 & 6): From 5th October to 14th December, finishing at 4.15pm

FRIDAYS:

KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6): From 6th October to 15th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Girls Basketball Club (Years 2 - 6): From 24th November to 8th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£15)

Further information about clubs running in the Spring Term will be sent out next week.

