



# Chipping Hill Times

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Dear All,

We are fast approaching the end of the Spring term and we have a very busy last week ahead. We look forward to seeing many of you at Progress for Years 1 to 6 and EYFS Learning Journey, both at 2.50pm today in classrooms.

Next Wednesday, our Year 3 pupils will be visiting Colchester Zoo and we also have pupils attending the Essex Cross Country Final.

Our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils will also take part in a Samba drumming workshop on Monday.

Year 4 are very excited to showcase their performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' next Wednesday at 2pm and 6pm.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable break over the Easter holidays and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school in April for the Summer term.

Mrs Natasha Robson  
Headteacher



## **BIG Summer Boost Attendance Raffle**

Further information will be sent out next week regarding our BIG Summer Boost Attendance Raffle. Please look out for the email.



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## **Recent Letters And Communications**

- KS2 - Maths workshops for parents
- KS1 - Maths workshops for parents
- Year 6 - SATs meeting - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 3 - Colchester Zoo trip final arrangements
- Year 1 Trip to Boydells Farm - 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024
- Sports Clubs for Summer Term
- Wake Up Wednesday - Encouraging open conversations
- Year 5 - Walton-on-the-Naze trip payment reminder
- Year 4 - Swimming payment reminder
- Essex Year of Numbers - Easter Maths Competition
- Clothes hangers request from Friends of Chipping Hill
- Year 4 - Guided reading 'Chocolate Cake'
- Wide Awake Club - booking forms week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Dinner menus - weeks commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- A parent's guide to cyberbullying
- Year 1 - writing competition

## **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.

- Witham Town Council - Annual Town Meeting
- Active Essex - Colchester United Community Foundation Holiday Clubs
- KidAround Easter 2024 - Free Parenting Magazine
- UCL - Bring your family to university day
- ACL Family Sessions - Adult sessions for supporting the family
- ACL Family Sessions - Free Easter Sessions
- Essex Fire Museum Open Days
- SCS Easter Camps - Howbridge Infant School

## Events Diary

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

**22.03.24:** Progress - Years 1 - 6 and EYFS Learning Journey at 2.50pm in classrooms

**25.03.24:** Friends of Chipping Hill Second Hand Uniform Sale

**26.03.24:** iRock Concert for parents at 2.30pm in KS2 hall

**27.03.24:** Year 3 - Colchester Zoo trip

**27.03.24:** Year 4 Easter Performances at 2pm and 6pm in KS2 Hall

**29.03.24 - 12.04.24:** Easter Holidays

**15,17,18 and 19.04.24:** Bikeability for Year 5

**16.04.24:** Year 5 - Walton-on-the-Naze trip

**18.04.24:** Year 6 SATs meeting at 3.20pm in KS2 hall

**22, 23, 25 and 26.04.24:** Bikeability for Year 5

**01.05.24:** Year 1 - Boydells trip

**07.05.24:** KS1 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**09.05.24:** KS2 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**13.05.24 - 16.05.24:** Year 6 - SATs Week

**14.05.24:** KS1 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**16.05.24:** KS2 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**Further information regarding the events below will be sent out over the coming weeks**

**17.05.24:** Year 6 - History off the page 1940's Homefront Day

**20.05.24:** Forest School for EYFS Parents

**21.05.24:** KS1 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**21.05.24:** Ospreys class assembly at 2.15pm in KS2 hall

**21.05.24:** Progress - Years 1 - 6 **except Kites** at 2.50pm in classrooms

**22.05.24:** Kites class assembly at 2.15pm in KS2 hall

**22.05.24:** Progress - **Kites only** at 2.50pm in classroom

**23.05.24:** KS2 Maths Workshop for parents - 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**27.05.24 - 31.05.24:** Half term

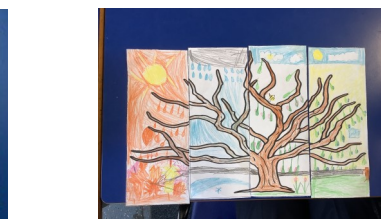
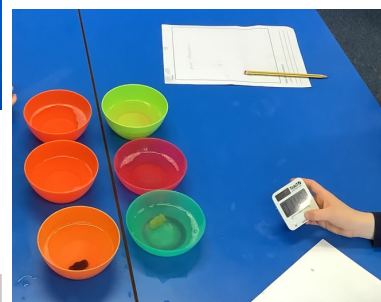
**03.06.24:** Non pupil day

## Science Day - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Yesterday was our whole school Science day, entitled 'Spring into Science'. All classes completed the same experiments in the morning, using pipettes to see how many drops of water they could fit on a penny followed by an investigation involving jelly babies.

We loved having the chance to hear from and speak to some 'real scientists', our guest speakers included two science teachers from Maltings, who showed Year 5 and Year 6 some fascinating science which they will be doing in the coming years at secondary school, a radiographer, a computer scientist and a hospital laboratory worker.

In the afternoon, we did different activities involving Spring: looking for signs of spring, sketching spring flowers, painting the four seasons of a tree, investigating unusual life cycles and looking at the differences between the beaks of birds.



## Spring Term Clubs - week commencing 25th March

The clubs below are the only clubs running next week, please take note if your child's club has finished for this term.

### TUESDAYS:

**Tennis (Years 1 - 6):** From 16<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> March, finishing at 4.05pm (£50)

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6):** From 28<sup>th</sup> February to 27<sup>th</sup> March, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

### THURSDAYS:

**Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2):** From 29<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)



**Club enrollment forms for the Summer term have been sent out by email and are available from the school office. Please ensure they are returned to school by Wednesday 17th April.**

### Payment Reminders

**Year 5 - Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze** - Payments and permission slips are due by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

**Year 4 - Swimming** - Payments and permission slips are due by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

**Balances for WAC and SSC** - Please remember that balances for Wide Awake Club and Super Super Club will need to be cleared prior to bookings being made for after the Easter holidays. Booking forms for WAC and SSC for this period have now been sent out and need to be completed by 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Year 5 - Year 6 Residential Payments** - If you are following the payment plan for the above trip the next instalment of £28.00 is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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

### Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 25/03/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 2

Week commencing 15/04/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 3

Week commencing 22/04/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 1

Orders for week commencing 25/03/24, 15/04/24 and 22/04/24 have now closed.

### Just Say No!

Please remember ;

Bikes and scooters should not be ridden into the school grounds please dismount and remount at the gate!



Dogs should not be brought on to the school premises or tied to the school gates.

Nut products are not allowed at school due to a number of pupils having severe nut allergies. Please ensure you check all products your child is bringing to school as a snack or in a packed lunch, especially chocolate spread items, to make sure they do not include nuts.



**Many thanks for your assistance with these matters.**