Our School Newsletter 17th November 2023

Our School Vision -

"In all things, treat others as you would like to be treated."

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

We have a busy and exciting week next week with the Choir's visit to the Royal Albert Hall on Monday; Pyjama Day in aid of Barnardos on Tuesday; Colchester Archaeological Society visiting on Thursday to share lots of local finds with the children in a hands-on workshop; and a non-uniform day in aid of the FOGT on Friday - please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre.

Children in the older classes bringing in muddy shoes to wear on the field seems to be working well, and they are enjoying the extra space to play. They can bring old trainers, wellies, boots, or anything you are happy for them to get muddy - preferably something that can be left in school.

Agents of Change continues to inspire lots of the children to get involved - cooking their favourite foods and going for lovely walks seem to be the favourites so far, and we have had lots of fundraising going on - well done everyone!

Best wishes, Mrs Overton

Village Car Park

Please remember that, in order to reduce the risk of accidents, we run a one-way system in the village car park in the mornings and afternoons. Please enter and go round to the left, circling round the car park to a space. Please park at the edge of the car park whenever possible, parking in the middle only when there is no other option and never parking on the yellow hatching, thank you

Please could I ask you not to park on the yellow hatching outside the school car park either. This is for the safety of children crossing that area to get to the bike rack, thank you

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Ducklings Class

As part of their Starry Night topic, Ducklings Class have enjoyed finding out about nocturnal animals this week, including foxes, hedgehogs and bats.

Wilf said ' I liked playing armies this week. We have been learning about foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, bats and owls. I liked hedgehogs best because they are cute.' Mabel said ' I like foxes because they can see in the dark.'

Clara loves the episode of Come Outside that talks about frogs, and she likes to sing the frog croak song!

Bridget was in the Golden book this week for fantastic writing and working hard independently!

Sparrows Class

Sparrows Class have been learning about Superheroes. They have done some fabulous Superhero story writing and have been designing their own superhero capes. Annaliese has enjoyed drawing pictures of rainbows on the computer. She said 'I like drawing on the computer because it is different and it is new for me to learn'. Grace said 'I liked saving Super Ted and putting Glove Man in jail. I also liked it when we designed superhero capes. I did different colours and I put Halloween pumpkins on mine.' Reggie said ' I love the Superheroes topic. We did a Superhero hunt outside and it was fun.' Julian was in the Golden Book for showing fabulous confidence and answering questions in class!

Robins Class

Robins are learning about the human digestive system in their topic Burps, Bottoms and Bile. Nahdia said 'I definitely liked making the healthy and unhealthy food. Some of them had really good texture and lots of them were good for vegan people.' Stanley said ' I liked making the unhealthy biscuits because I made a perfect circle. Ben said ' We figured out that the healthy and unhealthy foods were pretty much the same.' Georgie said ' I have loved learning about the digestive system and teeth' and Ronan and Ben agreed! Connie was in the Golden Book for fabulous art and Lilly for giving 100% in all of her learning!

Woodpeckers Class

Woodpeckers Class have continued to learn about Polar Kingdoms this half term and have used the internet and text books to research the Arctic and Antarctic. On Thursday afternoons, they are continuing their recorder lessons with Mr Lund. Aria said 'I have enjoyed PE this week and practising for the choir.' Elena is enjoying learning to play the recorder. Lots of Woodpeckers are off to the Royal Albert hall on Monday, so everyone is feeling a bit of a mix of excitement and nerves! Gracie S was in the Golden Book for her fabulous attitude to learning and Oakley was in the Golden Book for great thinking in our RE lesson about Religion, Peace and Conflict.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th November - Choir to Royal Albert Hall leaving at 7.15am and returning at around 11pm

Tuesday 21st November - Pyjama Day / choir allowed to come to school late

Thursday 23rd November - Colchester Archaeological Society visit for all classes, no charge to parents

Thursday 23rd November 10.30am - Preschool Stay and Play in Ducklings

Friday 24th November - non-uniform day in return for the donation of a bottle of something for the Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 28th November - Ducklings Class Night Walk 4.30pm

Friday 1st December - proposed music assembly date - more info to follow

Tuesday 5th December - Proposed Christmas Panto Day

Tuesday 5th December - FoGT Elfridges Sale - more info to follow

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Lunch / Wear A Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December - Flu Immunisations (consent required, info to follow)

Wednesday 13th 2.15pm - EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performance

Thursday 14th December 10.30am - EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performance - please note the change of time

Wednesday 20th December - last Day of Term / Christmas Parties in class

Wednesday 20th December 6pm - KS2 Carol Service at Church

Thursday 4th January 2024 - First day of Spring Term

Monday 15th January - closing date for Reception 2024 applications

Monday 22nd January - Reception and Y6 height and weight checks

Tuesday 30th January - Class photos