



We have had a really positive week with lots of events within the community.

Parents have been visiting our Reception classes to bring in their pets. The children have really enjoyed meeting the animals and showing their pets to each other. All the chicks have hatched and are growing bigger each day.



We have had an exciting end to this week with some of our KS2 choir performing at the Towngate Theatre in a competition on Thursday—Sing for St Lukes— we came 2nd overall which was fantastic. Special mention to George W, Scarlett P and Sarah S in year 6 who were model pupils all day and evening and really helpful with the little ones. This event could not have happened without the commitment and passion from Miss Parsons and Miss Galley.

We also had our Trust Netball and Football Tournament today where teams from all the schools within the Berlesduna Trust compete against each other. The football team did their best and finished 3rd overall and our Netball team made it to the final where they played brilliantly and were worthy runners up. Special thanks to Miss Winston for giving up her trainers for the day and walking around in her socks!

Next week is science week, where we will be having science workshops for all the children, along with lots of interesting investigative science activities. We will also be hosting science competitions for children from across the Trust for both KS1 and KS2.

Special mention to Mrs Jeeves and all the kitchen staff for maintaining our 5 star rating from Environmental Health and Food Hygiene.



Thank you to the Firth family for their donation of £10 and a Build-a-bear teddy for the Easter raffle.

Over the next 2 weeks breakfast club payments will be going live on SIMs Pay, there will be a minimum payment of £2.50. Please bear with us whilst we try a new system to sign the children in too! We will also be reopening some after school clubs for after Easter so that new children can attend for the last term. Football club will be finishing and Athletics club will be replacing it, working towards the summer competitions. Please sign up for these clubs over the next week or so on SIMs Pay (formally Agora).

Raffle tickets for the Easter Egg raffle are on sale from Monday after school—30p each or £1 for a strip.

Wishing you a great weekend,
Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:

March

- W/C 25th—Science Week
- 28th—KS1 Science Comp (selected children)
- 29th—KS2 Science Comp (selected children)

April

- 1st—PCSO talk to Year 5 & 6
- 2nd—Yr3&4 Easter production (tickets required)
- 3rd—Yr3&4 Easter production (tickets required)
- 3rd—Class Photos
- 3rd—Pupil voice (Head boy & girl)
- 4th—Yr3&4 Easter production (tickets required)
- 5th—DOJO celebration
- 5th—Easter raffle drawn
- 5th—Last day of term

Inset Days—24th May 2019



Tree Planting

Following on from last weeks newsletter, please find below the days that each year group will be planting trees within school, if you have any trowels etc that the children can use please give them to the class teacher.

- Reception - Friday
- Year 1 - Wednesday
- Year 2 - Wednesday
- Year 3 - Tuesday
- Year 4 - Monday
- Year 5 - Thursday
- Year 6 - Thursday

On Thursday 21st March the KS2 choir performed at the Towngate theatre in a singing competition for St Luke's Hospice. The children sang and performed amazingly well and came 2nd overall. As usual the children made us extremely proud with their behaviour, passion and support for each other. Well done Whitmore!

Homework book pages to be completed

- Yr1— Comprehension P24
- Yr2—spellings and next two weeks to complete the Key Stage 1 Arithmetic paper.
- Yr3— Comprehension P19-20 and weekly spellings
- Yr4— Comprehension P6&7 How to make a wormery
- Yr5— spellings, maths arithmetic test and next two pages for the reading comprehension.
- Yr6— Set weekly via class teacher.



Miss Galley and Miss Parsons.



Wall of Achievement

Week of 18th March 2019



- Buttercup Class— Ciaran T
- Daffodil Class— Abdulhameed M
- Primrose Class— Archie B
- Bluebell Class— Isabelle C
- Rose Class— William W
- Tulip Class— Hallie F
- Lavender Class— Taylor P
- Orchid Class— Max R
- Sunflower Class— Rocco R
- Birch Class— Suzie-Lou G
- Hawthorn Class— Kobi K
- Pine Class— Obi U
- Ash Class— Rihana S
- Beech Class— Danny C
- Maple Class— Dylan W
- Olive Class— Jonnie P
- Sycamore Class— Olanna O
- Willow Class— Jazmine M
- Elder Class— Dylan B
- Elm Class— Felecia T
- Oak Class— Sarah S



Talk it topics

Talk it topics are an opportunity for children to discuss and issue or idea throughout the week, at play or lunchtime, during the daily mile etc. It encourages children’s communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We will be covering a different topic in school each week. This weeks topic will be—

What makes a good role model?.....



Reminders

Thank you to all the parents that donated unwanted annuals and books, if you have any spare word / reading games e.g Junior Scrabble, Wordsearch they would also be very much appreciated.



Lost property—we have lots of lost property again, please check the storage boxes outside main reception if your child has misplaced an item. At the end of term anything not named will be donated to charity.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that **children arriving after 9.05am will now be marked down as an unauthorised absence** which can result in a referral to Essex County Council 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. We would ask that you also try to arrange doctors/dentist and other appointments outside of the school day as we have an increasing number of children being collected early or throughout the day. This has a knock on effect with your child’s learning and also can disrupt the class. The classes with the best attendance this week were—KS1 Lavender Class with 99.3% and KS2 Olive Class with 99.2%. The overall school attendance this week is 94.1%. Our attendance since September is 94.6%, we would appreciate your help in trying to raise this further to meet our target of 96%.



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

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



Times Tables Rockstars

KS1 Most Correct Answers (in last 7 days):

- 1) Evren C (Lavender)
- 2) Annie F (Sunflower)
- 3) Sena T (Lavender)



KS2 Most Correct Answers (in last 7 days):

- 1) Kenzie E (Sycamore)
- 2) Jazmine M (Willow)
- 3) Jacob F (Oak)

Battle update:

Sunflower	2029		Ash	2802
Pine	12935		Elm	12202
Birch	6365		Olive	8309
Hawthorn	9916		Sycamore	26401
Maple	14280		Oak	11809
Lavender	2544		Beech	5646
Orchid	334		Pine	12935

Battles finish on Thursday 29th March.

Keep the battles going!