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We have had a great start to the new half term - thank you for supporting the children to settle in so quickly after the break.

The week started with the children exploring the Christian Value: Truthful. After reading the story of Moses and the 10 Commandments (Exodus), the children thought about what it means to be truthful. I am proud of their responses and their understanding around interpretations of the truth.

On Tuesday, George spoke to us about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent. We thought about what good deeds we could do to help others during Lent. Thank you George for your time and support.

Thank you to Mrs Baulch, our piano teacher, for donating a flute, guitar and keyboard to our school.

We all had a wonderful time on Wednesday with our visitor, Simon Firth, from Gripping Yarns. He hosted two story time sessions. The first with Classes 1 and 2 and Ooo-oo's Tales; the story of a baby chimpanzee (puppet) and helping him understand emotions and feelings. Classes 3 and 4 had the story, Bluebirds. This covers the Home Front in WWII and life during/after and the effects on family life. Thank you Mr Este and Mrs Fowler for organising this.

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Thinking Day event on Wednesday. You all looked incredibly smart in your different uniforms. Keep working hard on your badges and making your units proud.

Last night, the governors held their termly meeting. The governors are a supportive team who work with the school to monitor and raise standards for all. There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor. Please speak to the office or a governor directly if you would like further information about this role.

Next week the teachers are holding their parent consultations during which you will receive your child's report. Please book your appointments and speak to the teachers if you require any changes or alternate times. These meetings are an essential part of pupil progress and we appreciate your support.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, with a copy of that book, if possible. If they do not wish to fully dress up, they can accessorize with an item or two, i.e. Harry Potter glasses and/or Hogwart's scarf with their uniform instead.

We are still awaiting information on whether the Teacher's Strike will go ahead next week. We will keep you informed if your child/ren are affected.

L. Eastbrook

Headteacher

Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.



PTFA News

**Mother's Day
Gift Sale
Thursday 16th
March £3.50**



**Afternoon Tea
on Friday 17th
March £2.50**



**Non-Uniform
Easter
Donations**

**Further details
of all events to
follow**



Jesus said "Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)
Courageous Creative Friendly Persevering Responsible Truthful



Certificate of Achievement Winners

Class 1: William
Harry H
Class 2: Rory
David
Class 3: Jasmine
Elana Rose
Class 4: Daniel
Adam
Isabel
Playleaders: Rory
Annalise

House points

This week's winners are:

D'Arcy

Weekly Statistics

Class	Attendance %	Lates
1	88	4
2	88	2
3	90	0
4	92	2

School Week – 90%

Whole School Academic Year – 93%

(Target 97%)

*Well Done to Class 4 for attendance and Class 3
for punctuality*

Fun 4 kids



**Are now running Themed
Fridays. Please see website
for details.**

www.darcyschool.co.uk/fun4kids

Diary dates

- Wednesday 1st March - Parents Consultations
- Thursday 2nd March – Parents Consultations
- Thursday 2nd March : World Book Day
- 6th-10th March – STEM week
- Wednesday 8th March – Class 1 Sharing Assembly
- Thursday 16th Mother's Day Gift Sale
- Friday 17th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Inset Days

26th May 2023

30th June 2023

Dear God,

Help us to be kind and truthful. Help us respect others.
Amen

Christian Value: Truthful

