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Friday 21st April – Summer Term Issue 1

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope everyone had a relaxing break with family and friends. Thank you to everyone for helping the children settle in so quickly following their Easter break. It is a pleasure seeing them all learning with enthusiasm and the happiness they get from being with their friends.

I would like this week to mention our collective worship as it has highlighted many positives for me. On Tuesday Rev'd Sarah Clare lead our school worship on our Christian value: Courageous. She talked about Baby Moses and the courage of his mother and sister in saving him. She then asked the children about a time they had been courageous or felt that they could be. I have been privileged to be able to lead several assemblies this week; and can say with great pride how well the children have shown respect for myself and each-other. It makes my job that much more enjoyable when I can share in such times with the whole school. As I mentioned to the children in this morning's celebration assembly – this cannot happen without their super attitude. Thursday's assembly was particularly poignant as we heard the story of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani lady who grew up in incredibly difficult circumstances and stood up for the right for girls to have education, despite the risks doing so would have for her. It was an inspirational story that certainly struck a chord with some of our children.

Aside from collective worship, I would like to mention a few things that have made me smile this week. It was lovely to spend time in Class 1 finding out about their scientific learning about the parts of the body; Class 2 completed some fantastic prints based on Incan patterns; Class 3's learning about the water cycle was fascinating and I look forward to seeing the results and Class 4 have shown utter and impressive dedication to their education during their run up to SATs. A special mention must also go to Ralf in Class 3, who showed complete and unprompted kindness when I saw him helping one of our children up when they had fallen over during break. Again, I think on those smaller things that make a difference.

This term is very busy with events. We are planning Coronation celebrations with the PTFA, SATs for years 2 and 6, House games, School netball matches, family picnic and sports day as well as a new 2 Johns Internet Safety day of Workshops. Please keep checking newsletters, ParentMail and our Website for further details of school events.

Our amazing PTFA have announced that they are paying for every child in school to go on a whole school trip to Colchester Zoo on Monday 5th June. Coaches will depart and return to school during normal school hours. Please join me in thanking them for organising this exciting adventure. Please see attached poster, and there will be further details on ParentMail in due course.

Unfortunately, Class 3's assembly next week has had to be postponed until Wednesday 24th May. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and look forward to welcoming their friends and family to come and share in their learning then.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Deputy 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.





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PTFA News

Friday 5th May 12 – 2 pm Coronation Street Party with Events Families are invited.

Friday 19th
May
Non-Uniform
for a Donation

For further details of all events please see the attached posters.





Certificate of Achievement Winners

Class 1: Albie

Archie

Class 2: Rory

Kira

Class 3: Evelyn

Noah

Class 4: Sophie

Lillian

House points

This week's winners are:



Weekly Statistics

Class	Attendance %	Lates
1	91	2
2	99	0
3	94	1
4	95	1

School Week – 95%

Whole School Academic Year – 93% (Target 97%)

Well Done to Class 2 for attendance and for punctuality!

Fun 4 kids



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

www.darcyschool.co.uk/fun4kids

Diary dates

- Wednesday 26th Class 3 Sharing Assembly POSTPONED to 24.5.23
- 5th May PTFA Coronation Family Street Party and Events
- 9th 12th May SATs week
- 24th May School v. Heybridge Netball
- 5th June Whole School Trip: Colchester Zoo
- 9th June Whole School Sports and Family Picnic
- 12th June 2 Johns Event
- 19th 23rd June House Games

Inset Days

26th May 2023 30th June 2023

Dear God,

Thank you Lord for all that we have. Be with those who are suffering. Give us courage in our daily lives.

In Jesus name

Amen

Christian Value: Courageous







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