

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Believe

Belong

Achieve

Head of School's Message

We've had another exciting week at Tolleshunt Darcy School...

This week saw the introduction of our 'Club Nights'. They were a resounding success! We've had some wonderful feedback from both the parents/carers and the children. The team love to receive feedback – it's motivating and we really appreciate you offering your time to tell us how things are going. I would like to thank all of the staff who have started to run a club in their own time. The staff care tremendously about the children's academic success and personal development.

I would like to add a special mention and thanks to Miss Reed. Miss Reed is an apprentice and she is incredibly eager to run a club alongside the teaching staff – thank you Miss Reed! This is over and above. Gardening Club was fabulous! Thank you to parents/carers for your contributions and donations. This will ensure the clubs have all of the resources they need in order to have maximum impact and fun!

You may recall a message before the Summer Break regarding the Parish Council's Competition. The Parish Council are keen for more entries. Children are encouraged to design a safety poster in support of drivers lowering their speed when driving in the village. We have extended the closing date for entries to Monday 25th September. Please pass these on to Mrs Fowler in the office.

On Friday 29th September, the children and staff are invited to a Harvest Festival at the Church. If possible, we would appreciate donations of non-perishable food and drink to support the Village Larder. We invite children to bring their donations on Friday and we will take them to Church. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions, we are unable to invite parents/carers to the event but we will be sure to add lots of photos on the blog.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

Thank you to the PTFA who held their AGM last Friday. The PTFA have made arrangements for many events and dates will reach you soon.

Excellent Punctuality:

Excellent learners attend school on time. We celebrate punctuality. Each week, the class with the top punctuality will be noted below:

Class 1 – well done!

Stars of the Week: These learners have been awarded a certificate for their outstanding conduct this week:

Class 1:	Lilly B	Harry H	Class 2:	Harry D	Grace
Class 3:	Ralf	Montana	Class 4:	Sienna	Ted

Diary Dates:

Next week:

- Monday 25th September – entries close for Parish Council Safety Competition
- Thursday 28th September – School Photos
- Friday 29th September – Harvest Festival (donations of non-perishable foods are appreciated)

Academic Year – please see Parent Mail coming early next week

Fun 4 kids

Spaces available Monday-Friday Breakfast Club and Monday, Thursday and Friday After School Club - please sign up using the link: <https://www.fun4kidscolchester.co.uk/contact-us> - we look forward to welcoming your children into our setting. For more information on what we offer, please contact: tolleshuntarcy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk

Enabling Environments:

We are continuing to develop our learning environments. Yesterday, Class 1 was presented with their new ‘forward facing bookcase.’ There is lots of research behind forward facing bookcases promoting the love of reading as books are easily accessible; the front covers of the books are more enticing and the amount of books is more manageable to choose from. Classes 4, 3 and 2 will receive theirs very soon. We have also invested in some more exciting, new books for the children.



Start the children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

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.