

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

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Belong

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Head of School's Message

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope that everyone had a fabulous Summer Break. I am absolutely delighted to begin Tolleshunt D'Arcy's Academic Year as Head of School. Thank you for the many congratulations that I have received – your support is very much appreciated.

Despite being a shorter week than usual, we have started the year as we mean to go on – respectful, ready to learn and excited. There has been an air of calmness yet a buzz of positivity as the children get to know their new teachers. I am thrilled with the responsible attitudes of the children (and staff!) and their enthusiasm to learn after a well deserved rest.

There has been lots of improvements to the school environment over the summer holidays. When we have settled back, I will invite you to see the new classroom spaces. We have new 'classroom walls', brand new 'Smartboards', lots of new reading books and Mrs Bowling has been working hard to paint the classrooms to ensure the children have come back to a calming and welcoming school to learn in.

Thank you to those who were able to attend this morning's presentation from Mrs Osborne (Canonium Trust's CEO) and myself (Head of School). We hope this supported your understanding of the dedication we have to provide the very best possible education to the children.

I am finalising dates for the academic year and will ensure they come to you next week so that you are able to make necessary plans, for the academic year, with plenty of notice.

Next week, 'Teacher Presentations' will provide you with the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about school expectations for the year. A special thank you to our new teaching team who have ensured that the pupils have settled back in with confidence and encouragement. The new team brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and I am confident that this will ensure that our shared purpose of learning is our core focus.

Here's to a fantastic school year, working together, to ensure that the children have the best year yet!

Wishing everyone a wonderful, sunny weekend.

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

AGM
Friday 15th
September at
1:30 pm

Please see
ParentMail for
full details of the
AGM and how
you can get
involved with
the PTFA this
year.

Excellent Punctuality:

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

**All classes – well
done!**

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

Class 1:	Jenson	Isla-Rose	Class 2:	Rosie	Milo
Class 3:	Elliott J	Arlo	Class 4:	Zachary	Ella

Diary Dates:

Next week:

- 12th Sept – 9:05 Class 1 Teacher Presentation
- 13th Sept – 9:05 Class 2 Teacher Presentation
- 14th Sept – 9:05 Class 3 Teacher Presentation
- 14th Sept – 2:30 Twinkl Phonics and Rhino Readers Presentation
- 15th Sept – 9:05 Class 4 Teacher Presentation

This Academic Year: dates to be finalised and shared 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

Canonium Learning Trust:

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! This week began with our annual Canonium Conference, where teachers and leaders from eight different schools joined together to share best practice and gain new ideas. Part of this included a collaborative Google Workspace session, as we prepare to distribute over 150 new Chromebooks across four schools, including Tolleshunt Darcy. Over the summer break, the Canonium Central Team have been working hard to further enhance the learning environment at Tolleshunt Darcy with the installation of four new ‘classroom walls’ and brand new EYFS furniture. These will support our mission to ensure that Tolleshunt Darcy has clutter-free, calming and purposeful learning environments – there are some photos below. Thank you for attending our presentation this morning. Your feedback following the meeting was incredibly positive and it was a pleasure to share the improvements we have made so far and our vision for the future. The team here at Tolleshunt Darcy have had a wonderful week welcoming the children back to learning. We have no doubt that it will be a highly successful and enjoyable year for all!

Lois Osborne



Dear Lord. Thank you for bringing us back to school safely. Help us to continue our positivity and encourage us to have a fulfilling academic year ahead with patience, resilience and kindness. **Amen.**

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.