

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Believe

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Head of School's Message

We have all enjoyed a fabulous first, full week back at Tolleshunt D'arcy School. The teachers have been working hard to ensure they build great relationships with the children. This will ensure the teachers are able to support your child to achieve their fullest potential.

I would like to start with a special mention to our youngest learners in Class One. Our reception children have blown us away with their enthusiasm to learn and come to school. We are very proud of them and we cannot believe that they have only been at school for seven days! Maxine, our Catering Manager, would like to second my special mention to our reception cohort. She has explained that her school meals have been very popular with the children and that they have used great manners and table etiquette in the dining hall – well done Year R!

Our Teacher Presentation Meetings were extremely well attended – thank you. I hope that they answered any questions that you had about the coming year. I've received great feedback from many of you regarding our wonderful team and the great start to the year. This is a pleasure to hear. We understand that it wasn't achievable for everyone to attend the meetings and therefore the teachers will blog their presentations.

Thank you to Mrs Powell, who lead a Phonics Parent Meeting, to support parent understanding of how we learn Phonics at school – it's different how adults were taught to read! So, thank you for coming. I hope the Twinkl Go, for Rhino Reader books, is something that children and parents enjoy reading together. Your feedback is always appreciated so please do let us know.

The safeguarding of children is our absolute priority. This includes online safety. Please have conversations with your child about how to be safe online (including applications such as WhatsApp) and we will continue to do so at school. The 'online world' can be overwhelming! If you would like additional support and advice as to how to keep your child safe online, we highly recommend exploring the 'Two Johns' website: <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

We are very excited that 'club nights' begin next week! There are some more details below.

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing weekend,

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

Today, the PTFA are holding their AGM which will include arranging exciting extra-curricular opportunities for the children and finalising dates for events.

Excellent Punctuality:

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

Class 2 – well done!

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

Class 1:	Nevaeh	Amelia B	Class 2:	Meyer	Kira
Class 3:	Jasmine	Annabelle	Class 4:	Sophie B	Ewan

Diary Dates:

Next week:

Tuesday 19th September: Netball, ICT, Multi Sports and Book Clubs begin!
Thursday 21st September: Football, Art, Chess and Gardening Clubs begin!

Please accept my apologies. There has been a slight delay in finalising some of the dates that we would like to inform you of for this academic year. I will get these to you ASAP with plenty of notice for necessary arrangements to be made. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

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

Clubs: Resource Donations

If you have any of the following items that you are able to donate to the school, we would be delighted and will gratefully received them to support our ‘club nights’.

- New pairs of gardening gloves
- Complete chess sets
- Art aprons or shirts
- Different types of paper for art (eg. tissue paper, crepe paper, newspaper etc)
- Unused (but safe) gardening equipment

Please drop these at the school office and Mrs Fowler will kindly deliver these to the club leader. Thank you in advance.

Dear Lord. Thank you for supporting us to have a positive first, full week back at school. Thank you for the support and kindness of our teachers. Help us to continue our responsible and respectful attitudes to learning. **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.