

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

Head of School's Message

Friday the 13th is unlucky for some but not for us at Tolleshunt Darcy School as we've enjoyed an exciting Cricket Engagement Day! Chloe Dack from Essex Cricket Club led an assembly to prepare everyone for the day and then each class enjoyed an hour of cricket supported by her fabulous cricket skills. Thank you to Mr Collingwood for arranging this event. If your child is interested in joining a local club, please email Chloe at: chloe.dack@essexcricket.org.uk – she would be delighted to help.

A special mention to Miss Barber and Mr Fox who are in their final days before becoming qualified teachers. They are both working extremely hard to meet the requirements of their course whilst supporting the children. Miss Barber and Mr Fox are managing this exceptionally well and we are very proud of them.

Our current learning code is to be: ready, respectful and safe. In order for the children to be ready for their learning, please support them in wearing appropriate uniform. This helps limit distractions to their learning and helps them to feel ready for the day as well as ensuring safety at all times. We politely request that the uniform agreement is adhered to. You can find this on our website under 'uniform'. It explains that: *Jeans, leggings, cycling shorts, trainers, high heels, jewellery and make up are not allowed.* Thank you for your support with this.

We are continuing the development of our SEND provision. We are delighted to announce that after half term, we welcome Mrs Johnson to our Learning Support Assistant team. Mrs Johnson has a wealth of experience in supporting children with additional needs and I'm confident she will have a positive impact on the children at Tolleshunt Darcy School.

On Thursday 19th October at 3pm, we are inviting you to 'Open Door'. As promised, we wanted to invite parents and carers to see their child's learning spaces. Hopefully, you will see that the walls have been painted; we have new teacher walls; there has been large investment into reading books and the spaces are intentionally neutral, calming and decluttered. The children will also show you their favourite pieces of learning that they are most proud of. Please be aware that for safeguarding reasons, parents are not permitted beyond the classrooms such as into toilets, corridors etc. All classrooms can be accessed from external doors. If you have more than one child at school, please visit each classroom but enter and exit via the external doors only. Thank you for your support with this. We hope you find the event a useful way to further communicate the great things happening at Tolleshunt Darcy School. Next week, we will open the booking system of Parent Consultations that will be held on Wednesday 8th November 1.30pm – 7.30pm.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, **Miss Reece**



PTFA News:

Thursday 19th
October 2023:

KS1 Disco @ 13.15

KS2 Disco @ 14.00

Halloween fancy
dress!

£2 suggested
donations

£2.50 goody bags

Tuck Shop

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:	Lavinia	Zoe	Class 2:	Dexter K	Annie
Class 3:	Arlo	Hollie	Class 4:	Lacey & Isabel	Mia

Autumn Dates:

16th – 17th Bikeability Y6
19th PTFA Halloween Disco (School hours)
19th Open Door Event 3-3.30 pm (parents invited to see their child’s learning)
23rd – 27th HALF TERM
8th November 13.30 – 19.30 Parent Consultations
15th November PTFA Disco
22nd November Book Fair
23rd November 2.45pm Class 4 Sharing Assembly
29th November PTFA Wreath Making Workshop

Fun 4 Kids UPDATE:

Fun 4 Kids have some availability!
Breakfast Club Mon-Fri
After- school Club Mon & Thurs
Healthy, light snack offered
Alongside fun themed activities
October Themes consist of: Harry Potter, Autumn, Space and Halloween!
Register your child today so you are ready in case you ever need an ad-hoc booking!
<https://www.fun4kidscolchester.co.uk/contact-us>

Our Vision and Values:

In discussions with our children, staff and governors, we have been looking at the school’s vision and values. Our current Christian values remain and underpin how we flourish together:
Perseverance, Courage, Responsibility, Truth, Friendship, Creativity
They help us to meet our school vision: *to give every children the best education possible.*

Our vision is inspired by this poem:

*Come to the edge
Come to the edge.
We might fall.
Come to the edge.
It’s too high!
COME TO THE EDGE!
And they came,
And he pushed,
And they flew.
by Christopher Logue*

To meet our vision, our children will need:

- To be articulate with strong literacy skills
- Resilience (with inclusivity)
- Readiness for the future
- To be part of a strong community with a Christian ethos

More details will be published on our website soon. Parent views are extremely important to us. If you have any feedback in regards to our vision and the school’s values, please email Miss Reece via the school office.

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.