

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

Head of School's Message

Today, I write my seventh newsletter, as Head of School, with a magnificent sense of pride as we head into the half term break. The children, staff, parents and the wider community at Tolleshunt Darcy School have worked extremely hard this half term and achieved an incredible amount in such a short space of time.

I have received lots of feedback from the community, which has been incredibly positive, about the calm, happy and hard working atmosphere that is felt at school. We have high expectations of the children and they have adapted incredibly well to any changes that have been made – we are proud of them all.

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Open Door event yesterday. The feedback I've received is that the event was a great way of communicating learning, knowing your child's classroom environment and sharing their achievements – I'm really pleased that it was effective. We shall arrange some more Open Door events! I understand that it is not always practical for everyone to attend at this time so we look forward to welcoming you all to the Parent Consultations that will be held on Wednesday 8th November 1.30pm – 7.30pm.

A special mention and thank you to our PTFA for arranging the fabulous Halloween Discos! The children really enjoyed the chance to dress up and dance with their friends (some 'interesting' dancing from the teachers too!). The event raised nearly £400, a fabulous sum, which the PTFA have kindly agreed we can spend on creating a sensory/regulation room. As we are a smaller school than some, this will be a brilliant addition to the building allowing children an area to regulate when they need to. We will keep you updated on the developments. The PTFA also arranged a colouring competition – the entries were great! A winner from each class was presented with a goodie bag during our celebration assembly today.

A polite remind to park safely on the roads surrounding our school. It's really important that the safety of our children is priority amongst the community. Thank you for your support with this matter.

I wish everyone a well deserved, safe and relaxing half term in preparation for another fabulous half term of learning after our break. It's important to recharge 'our batteries' and spend time making memories with loved ones during this time.

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

**Friday 3rd
November 2023:**
Non-uniform day.

(Appropriate clothing to be worn. No football shirts please).

**Halloween
Colouring
Competition
Winners:**

*Penelope
Rosie
Maia
Ethan*

Excellent Punctuality:

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

**Classes 1 & 2 – well
done!**

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

Class 1:	Dolly	Robyn	Class 2:	Jonny	Albie H
Class 3:	Annabelle	Tommy	Class 4:	Henry & Albie S	Joe

Autumn Dates:

- 3rd November PTFA non-uniform day
- 8th November 13.30 – 19.30 Parent Consultations
- 22nd November Book Fair
- 15th November PTFA Bingo
- 23rd November 2.45pm Class 4 Sharing Assembly
- 29th November PTFA Wreath Making Workshop

Winter Dates:

- 7th December KS1 Nativity 9.20am
- 14th December PTFA Winter Disco
- 15th December Christmas Lunch
- 21st December Christmas Holidays

Fun 4 Kids:

Fun 4 Kids have some availability!
Breakfast Club Mon-Fri
After- school Club Mon & Thurs
Healthy, light snack offered alongside fun themed activities.
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:

Details about our vision and values had been uploaded onto our website.

Vision: *to give every children the best education possible.*

**Perseverance, Courage,
Responsibility, Truth, Friendship,
Creativity**

Prayer: Today, we prayed for any innocent person who is caught in conflict and war. We send our strength and love to them. We pray for courage and kindness.

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.