

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

perseverance

courage

responsibility

Head of School's Message

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for joining our Parent/Carer Consultation Day. We were delighted with the attendance to the communication day and feel that the format worked extremely well for parents, staff and children. I felt exceptionally proud of the positivity that flooded our school hall. The feedback that I received is that the children have made great progress in all areas of their development and that parents are very pleased with the implementations we have made since the beginning of the academic year – thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

An enormous congratulations must be given to Miss Barber and Mr Fox who passed their dissertations this week - with flying colours! We are very proud of them both and delighted with the expertise and knowledge that they bring to our school. They are fabulous role models of perseverance and courage to our pupils.

On Tuesday, myself and Mrs Osborne led a meeting for prospective parents. The feedback, from the prospective parents, was that the school is extremely warm, positive, well-resourced and that every child was engaged in learning. A thank you to the children for welcoming our visitors and showing great responsibility.

Yesterday, Sarah-Clare (from the Church) led a beautiful, reflective Remembrance Assembly, in school. The whole school joined together to pay their respects and remember the fallen. A special mention to Class 4 who read aloud emotive poems that they had written themselves. The children were very responsible throughout the assembly and were able to reflect and pray – thank you to our whole school community.

Next week, I am meeting with Helen Craig, who is a Church Schools Advisor and Collective Worship Lead for the Diocese. I am excited to meet with her in order to further develop our Collective Worship offer and to explore ideas that she has for our Church School. I will offer you feedback about our meeting in next week's newsletter.

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



PTFA News:

29th November
PTFA Wreath
Making
Workshop

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 and 3 –
well done!**

truth

friendship

creativity

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

Class 1:	Emily	Alfie	Class 2:	Tillie	Hugo
Class 3:	Mary-Rose & Beatrice	Dexter	Class 4:	Ethan	Ruby

Autumn Dates:

22nd November Book Fair

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>

One Planning: Children who require support that is 'different from or additional to their peers' are noted on our Inclusion Register and will be provided with a One Plan.

"A One Plan can help identify who is going to do what, when, how often and for how long. One Planning includes reviewing the child or young person's progress based on their own goals. This is a way to build on what's working and changing what's not. It's a way to address needs that are not met."

- Essex County Council

We are in the process of reviewing and developing our One Planning process. It's important that this process is reviewed strategically and that the impact has the best outcomes for the children. This process will take time. I have arranged for our teaching team to have additional planning time in order to write the One Plans using the new template that I have shared with the team.

Parent and child views are an essential part of One Planning. Therefore, One Plans will be shared with you before the Christmas break. If required, your child's class teacher will invite you to a meeting.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Dear Lord, Thank you for all of the precious children in this world. We know they mean so much to you. We pray you would help us do all we can to protect and give them the start in life they deserve. 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.