

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

perseverance

courage

responsibility

## Head of School's Message

On Tuesday, we welcomed Helen Craig (Schools Advisor for the Chelmsford Diocese). Her role is to support the school's Christian ethos and Collective Worship. Helen was delighted with the school developments this academic year. She noted: calm classrooms, purposeful spaces, proud children, exceptional behaviour and high quality teaching and learning. We thank Helen for her positivity and we thank the children for welcoming her visit so warmly.

Today, **Fun 4 Kidz** have given us notice that they are unable to continue their service at Tolleshunt Darcy School. I'm sure this will come as a disappointment to many. Bethany and Gemma offer exceptional wrap-around care for the children of Tolleshunt Darcy School. To offer parents, carers and children support, I have already communicated this with our Canonium Central Team and we are exploring a number of different options. I will communicate more about this as soon as I have more information.

**Do we have any family members that are tree surgeons or have access to a small digger?** We would be delighted to hear from you! We are exploring options for developing our EYFS outdoor space. We currently have a tree stump and roots that are occupying a lot of space and it would help the children immensely if this was removed. Please let the school office know if this is something you might be able to help us with. We would be very grateful.

**Children in Need:** During our celebration assembly today, we took time to reflect on how fortunate we are to have an education and that we are able to come to school happy and healthy. Together, we learned more about BBC's Children in Need and the work that they do to support children's charity projects across the UK. If you are able to offer a donation, please visit:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

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



### PTFA News:

29<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Class 3 – well done!**

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truth

friendship

creativity

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

Class 1:	Etta	Robyn	Class 2:	Ralph	Ben
Class 3:	Roman	Molly	Class 4:	Millie & Evie	Noah

### Autumn Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> November Book Fair

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.45pm Class 4 Sharing Assembly

29<sup>th</sup> November PTFA Wreath Making Workshop

### Winter Dates:

7<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Nativity 9.20am

14<sup>th</sup> December PTFA Winter Disco

15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch

21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Holidays

## Curriculum Development - writing:

Each Wednesday evening, staff join together for a Continuous Professional Development Meeting. This week, we visited Ardleigh Primary School near Colchester. We focussed the session on writing (teaching of writing, writing progress and writing moderation). Staff, from both schools, were delighted to have the opportunity to share best practice with each other. Teachers were able to discuss what works well for the children and what they might want to try at their school. Ardleigh staff were impressed with the quality of writing and quantity of writing in Tolleshunt Darcy's writing books – well done to our staff and children! Thank you to Miss Baker for your great English leadership.

*Dear Lord, we are grateful that we are able to come to school and lead a happy and healthy life. Please support those children who are less fortunate than us. Help us to support those children who are in need. 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.*