

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

perseverance

courage

responsibility

## Head of School's Message

I'd like to begin this week's newsletter with some personal, staff celebrations. **Mr Collingwood is getting married tomorrow** – we wish with him and his family all the happiness in the world. Congratulations! A second congratulations goes to **Miss Reed who passed her driving test this week** – a fantastic achievement and role model of our values of courage and perseverance.

A special mention must go to the whole of **Class 4** and their adult teaching team. Yesterday saw the first of our class sharing assemblies for this academic year. Class 4 showed us their tremendous learning so far – WOW! They have learnt so much and are clearly enjoying seeing their progress. I think we have some future scientists, authors, geologists, poets and rappers in the making! We are proud of each and every one of you for speaking in front of the whole school community. You are great role models to our younger learners. **Thank you to the parents and carers for joining us.**

When we think of our value of friendship, we think of kindness towards others. Thank you for the kindness and generosity that everyone has shown towards the **British Legion Poppy Appeal**. We raised a fantastic £219.28 – an incredible amount for a relatively small school. Thank you. To find out more about how your donations help, please visit: [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)

The **Book Fair** is going really well. Thank you to Miss Baker and Mrs Fowler for making this happen. We want to promote the love of reading and all purchases made offer the school extra funds towards new books for the library. Our final sale will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please join us in the school hall, on Monday after school, if you are able to. Mrs Fowler will open the Book Fair after school today.

Thank you to the **PTFA** for arranging the Christmas cards and gifts – these will be sent home to you today. We appreciate the hard work that goes into arranging these personal touches – it means a lot to our families and whole school community.

For Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Baulch has arranged a **piano recital**. Parents and carers of the children who take piano lessons are welcome to attend the recital and Mrs Baulch will have contacted you directly - we look forward to supporting our pianists.

Following the news that **Fun4Kids** are no longer able to continue at Tolleshunt Darcy, read on to hear more about our exciting plans for **wrap-around care**.

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 4 – well done!**

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

Class 1:	Hazel	Emily	Class 2:	Hubert	Harry R
Class 3:	Freddie A	Elliott W	Class 4:	All of	Class 4!

**Autumn Dates:**  
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

## Tolleshunt Darcy’s Wrap Around Care Development:

As you will be aware, we were given limited notice that Fun4Kids are unable to sustain their provision at Tolleshunt Darcy School, from January 2024. Therefore, we have had to offer a fast response in order to support our school community.

I am delighted to announce that, as a school, we will provide a new wrap-around care offer to primary school age children. There are several things to consider when offering this service but plans are already underway. At this stage, I can provide you with reassurance that both before and after school care will continue throughout the week (excluding Friday afterschool). As soon as possible, more details will be released.

I’ve had some verbal feedback from parents/carers that two prices would be preferred for after school provision and if we could reduce the costs slightly, parents/carers would be more inclined to use the provision. We are finalising details to support this feedback.

To enable your future arrangements, the timings for the wrap-around care will be as follows:

- Early Breakfast:** 7.15am to 8.45am
- Breakfast:** 7.45am to 8.45am
- After School:** 3.15pm to 5.15pm
- Later After School:** 3.15pm to 5.45pm

I’d like to thank to Canonium Trust Team for supporting this new opportunity. We have explored the wrap-around care that other provisions offer and we are confident that this is an exceptional arrangement. Any profits that are made from our new wrap-around care will be used to directly benefit the children’s teaching and learning.

As promised, more details will follow soon. *Miss Reece*

*Dear Lord, help us to see challenge as opportunity. Helps us with to find solutions to our problems with positivity. Thank for the families, friends and colleagues that continue to support us. 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.