

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

perseverance

courage

responsibility

## Head of School's Message,

It's always a joy to walk through our calm, purposeful and happy school. This week I have particularly enjoyed reading the stories of Rama and Sita written by Class 1 and Class 2.

**Class 2:** a special mention to Class two for sharing their excellent learning with us on Tuesday. We saw a broad and balanced curriculum being taught and the children thoroughly enjoying their learning. Thank you to Mrs Jiggins and the team for offering the children such a wide range of opportunities. Thank you for the support of our parent and carer community – your positive feedback was wonderful to receive. Class two impressed us all with the courage to speak to the whole school community and share their great experiences.

**Lunchboxes:** we have noticed an increase of sugary snacks in lunchboxes (e.g. crisps, biscuits etc) and less whole foods that offer long acting energy release food. Here is a useful link that offers some ideas for healthy lunchboxes: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/> This will support your child's concentration, attention and learning. Thank you for your support with this.

**Can you support the Wilderness Project?** Recently, we have secured places at Wilderness Project for additional wellbeing support for some of our learners. They are a fantastic charity who I have referred pupils to for a number of years. They are low on funding at the moment and have requested that we share their link to offer contributions. Thank you for your support in this matter. <https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/donate/>

**Thank you:** An enormous thank you to the Wellen family for sourcing and donating our new Forest School Shed. The support from our wider community is very much appreciated.

**ACL:** We appreciate that parenting can sometimes be met with challenging situations. ACL offer free Family and Community support sessions that cover a range of situations such as: sleeping, eating, SEND, mental health and wellbeing. I thought it would be supportive to share the link with you: <https://aclessex.com/community-family-learning/>

**Safer Internet Day:** On Tuesday, we celebrated safer internet day. We learnt about ways to stay safe online and raised the awareness of how children and young people can make responsible choices when using the internet. Each class has written a blog to share the day with you.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Miss Reece*



## PTFA News:

**Thursday**  
**15<sup>th</sup>**  
**February:**

**Non-Uniform**  
**Day for a**  
**raffle**  
**donation**  
**and**  
**Friendship**  
**Disco**

(school hours)

## Excellent Punctuality:

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

**Class 2 and 4 well done!**

truth

friendship

creativity

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

Class 1:	Lexi	Alfie	Class 2:	Ben	Jonny
Class 3:	Rory	Joshua	Class 4:	Charlotte & Mia	Zach

### Spring Term Dates:

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Open Door 3pm – 3.45pm

15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - PTFA Non-Uniform and Disco

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 HALF TERM

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Parent/Carer Presentation (Miss Reece and Mrs Osborne) 9.10am

4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – PTFA Mother's Day Shop

6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Parent/Carer Learning Conferences

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – World Book Day

**Our Values:** After communications with Helen Craig, our Diocese School Advisor, we have been reviewing our school values. We would like this to be a process that involves the whole school community. Next week, I will send a Parent Mail with the details of how you can share your thoughts about our Christian Values. The children and staff have chosen the top nine values that are most important to them. The advice from Helen is that we conclude with three or four. We will be asking our governing body their thoughts too. In the meantime, here are the 18 Christian Values for you to have a think about. Thank you for your support.



*Dear God, we give thanks to our parents and carers who keep us safe and support our education. Help those who do not have the opportunities that we do. 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.