

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

RESPECT

PERSEVERANCE

FRIENDSHIP

Head of School's Message,

It's been an incredibly exciting week for us all at Tolleshunt Darcy School...

PTFA: On Monday, we reflected (gratefully) on the hard work and care from the PTFA who ran a wonderful Mother's Day Afternoon Tea last Friday. The Mother's Day Tea and Mother's Day Shop raised £255 and the children really enjoyed spoiling their mother figures. Thank you to everyone involved in the special events – your support is greatly appreciated. You can see the beautiful photos of happy, smiling faces on our blog: <https://darcyschool.co.uk/blogs/class-1-blog/2024/03/mothers-day-afternoon/>

Reading: Following on from the excitement of World Book Day, Miss Kate joined us on Monday. Miss Kate led drama sessions and story telling from stories around the world. The children had a great time celebrating the love from reading from different cultures. Thank you to Miss Kate for helping us make great memories! There is a video from Miss Kate on our blog along with photos of our children having a fabulous time learning: <https://darcyschool.co.uk/blogs/class-1-blog/2024/03/stories-around-the-world-with-miss-kate/>

Values: Through working with our Diocese School's Advisor, the children, parents, staff and governors we have reset our school values. The votes are in! There was a (very nearly) unanimous vote for respect – this was followed closely by perseverance and friendship. I think our school values represent our school very well and we look forward to living our values through everything that we do.

Book Fair: The Book Fair arrived this week. Already, lots of children have enjoyed choosing a new book. You are welcome to visit the Book Fair after school including Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you to Miss Baker for arranging this and thank you for your continued support.

Assessment Week: The children have been working hard to show us their great progress in their learning. There are times throughout the year where the children are asked to sit formal assessments to show us what they know, their progress and how we can adapt the teaching to meet the needs of every child. The results will help us form part of the end of year school report. They also help us to prepare the children for their next stages of learning and to prepare them for the future.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend – let's hope the beautiful sunshine stays out!

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

27th March 2024:

[Easter Event](#)

Excellent Punctuality:

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

Class 1 well done!

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

Class 1:	Amy	Dolly	Class 2:	Brooke	Penelope
Class 3:	All in	Class 3	Class 4:	Albie S	Olivia

Spring Term Dates:

13th March – 20th March – Book Fair
29th – 12th April **EASTER BREAK**

Ofsted:

Yesterday, led by HMI Karen Stanton, Ofsted visited our fabulous school! This provided us with a great opportunity to show them how wonderfully the children are learning and to show our great teaching. The inspectors really enjoyed their visit. They asked me to offer their sincere thanks to you for responding to the Parent Survey and for meeting them at the gate. Ofsted appreciated speaking to the children and watching them learn. They have submitted a report that requires quality assurances.

We cannot wait to share it with you as soon as we receive it. This is likely to take 30 days.

I am extremely grateful for your unwavering support. Thank you for your best wishes, kindness and care.

Dear God, for the children, thank you to the adults who endeavour to offer them the opportunities to be the best that they can be! 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.