



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

RESPECT

PERSEVERANCE

FRIENDSHIP



*"Pupils are happy and attend school regularly."
"Children enjoy learning in the calm and purposeful atmosphere."
"Staff know and care for pupils."*

- Ofsted March 2024

Head of School's Message,

It's been another exciting week at Tolleshunt Darcy School...

Ofsted: on Wednesday, we shared with you our delight in being graded a GOOD school by Ofsted. In September 2023, as a community, we embarked on a new journey for Tolleshunt Darcy School and we are overjoyed that the success has been recognised by Ofsted. It was a rigorous inspection but the inspectors were extremely personable and put the wellbeing of pupils and staff first – we are very grateful. The inspectors loved meeting your children! They commented on how respectful the children are and all with a great sense of humour and a passion for learning. Thank you for kind messages! We have received many thanks from our school community.

Class 3: On Thursday, Class 3 ventured to Layer Marney Tower, dressed in Tudor attire, to experience what life was like in Tudor times. Thank you to Miss Baker for arranging a fantastic learning trip for the children and thank you to Mrs Fowler who works hard to make sure that everything is ready for a fabulous, safe trip! Thank you also to all of the staff who supported the trip, to the parents for contribution to costs and to the PTFA for your generous donation – we are all very grateful. You can find out more by visiting Class 3's blog:
<https://darcyschool.co.uk/blogs/class-3-blog/2024/04/class-3-making-memories-at-layer-marney-tower/>

Class 1: Class 1's Sharing Assembly was a pure delight! As always, Miss Taylor directed a hilarious assembly whilst showing off all of the exciting learning and excellent progress the children have made. Our youngest learners were extremely confident as they told us all about their fabulous learning experiences in all areas of the curriculum. Thank you to Miss Taylor, Miss Warden and Mrs Russell for ensuring that the children work hard but have fun everyday! Thank you to the parents and carers for supporting your children. I appreciate it's not always possible to attend these events during school time so please keep an eye on the school blogs to update you.

Forest School: You should have received a timetable and information all about Forest Schools. I would like to highlight that the sessions are in year groups, not classes, with the exception of Year 1 which is split in to: Class 1: Year 1 and Class 2: Year 1. If you have any questions, please contact me via the school office. Thank you to Mrs Russell and the PTFA for making the sessions possible!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece



PTFA News:

PTFA Summer Fete Auditions – see below

17th May PTFA Non-Uniform Day

PTFA Summer Fete 1st June 24

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 well done!

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

Class 1:	Archie	Dolly	Class 2:	Tillie	Joseph
Class 3:	Class 3		Class 4:	Lacey & Phoebe	Noah

Summer Term Dates:

May:

May 6th May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

13th – 16th YR6 SATs week

17th PTFA Non-Uniform Day

27th – 31st HALF TERM

June:

3rd INSET DAY – School Closed

5th KS2 Running Race Finals (KS2 Parents invited) 1.30-3 pm (change of date)

12th KS2 Production (KS2 Parents invited) 9.15 am and 3.30 pm

13th PTFA Father Figure's Day Shop and 14th PTFA Father Figure's afternoon

28th Family picnic / Sports Day (All parents invited) 1.30 – 3 pm

July:

July 10th Family picnic / Sports Day (**alternative date** in case of bad weather)

TBC PTFA End of Year Disco

16th Leavers Celebration Afternoon (Year 6 parents invited) (school time pm)

19th Final day of the academic year

22nd INSET DAY – School Closed

23rd INSET DAY – School Closed

24th SUMMER BREAK

PTFA Summer Fete Prince and Princess audition:

Our fabulous PTFA are arranging a Summer Fete on the 1st June 24. They thought it would be lovely to have a Summer Fete Prince and Princess from each Key Stage. Please complete the Google Form below if your child would like to audition to be this year's Prince or Princess:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQGgIlzFf083do3vo2HQwgwoZs3L_vG2LGNyMtY-J84PtzEA/viewform?usp=pp_url

*Dear God, thank you to all of the adults that provide us with such wonderful learning opportunities. We are extremely grateful. Help us to understand that not all communities are as fortunate as us. Help us to give our time, our love and our kindness to **everyone**. 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.