

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance
97.4%

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Stars of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 15th January 2016

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| 6P | Edward Groves |
| 6C | Jonathan Watts |
| 6S | Thomas Hutchinson |
| 5CH | Christabel Akerele |
| 5S | Katie Copping |
| 5C | Jack Bundock |
| 4P | Toby Hooper |
| 4T | Mitchell Powell |
| 4CK | Jake Maton |
| 3S | Din Besic |
| 3RS | Anusreya Kar |
| 3V | Harvey Durham |
| Mid-day Star Cameron Thompson | |

Parent meetings

Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend last week's meeting regarding the new assessment arrangements. We hope you gained a breadth of insight into the matter and that it was helpful to have this information in advance of parents' consultations. We were pleased to welcome all parents into school this week to discuss pupil progress and it was good to have positive feedback, from both these meetings and today's Parent Voice meeting, that the new way in which we share information with you is helpful and clear. We look forward to using our new assessment record-


Academic Year and INSET dates for 2016-2017

The Governing bodies of both the Infant and Junior Schools have agreed on the five INSET dates for the next academic year and we wanted to communicate this to you at the earliest opportunity:

Friday 21st October 2016 Thursday 5th January 2017

Friday 6th January 2017 Friday 10th February 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

You will find on the reverse of this newsletter the Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, to which we are required to follow and to which these INSET dates should be added.

Clubs

Our full and busy clubs provision begin once again next week and run until Friday 18th March. Two additional, free, parent-run clubs are also being offered:

Scrabble Club: Mondays 3.15-4.15pm *from 1st February*

Mr Hart is running this exciting new club that will use the popular board game 'Scrabble' as a basis for fun with language and which will also explore other word-based games. This is open to all year groups but there is a limit on numbers, so please contact the office soon if your child would like to attend.

Italian club: Fridays 12.30-1.00pm

Mrs Ebdon-Bruni will be recommencing her popular Italian club next week on Friday at 12.30pm. This is open to all year groups - please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

Other club information

Coding club: Wednesdays 8.15-8.45am

Our very popular coding club - run by Mr Russell, one of our parents - is in need of an extra helper. If you are able and willing to spare time to assist Mr Russell on Wednesday mornings between 8.15-8.45am, please let the office know. No previous experience of coding is necessary - only a willingness to learn and to help others!

11+ club (Year 5 only): Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm

Children who wish to join this Year 5-only club may do so, subject to available spaces, by talking to Mr McIntosh or Mrs Cole before next Thursday. The club is directed solely towards 11+ test preparation and is not an additional tutoring session or booster club. Parents who have already enquired about this last term do not need to get in touch again.

House Points Update

Congratulations to Pegasus House who were our Week 2 winners.



Author visit

As mentioned in a recent letter, Jack Trelawny will be visiting the school tomorrow (Fri 22nd Jan) to speak with the whole school about his work as an author and his novels, and to sign copies of his books. Please see the office if you need a duplicate information letter.

Other Key dates

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| Mon 25th Jan | Clubs begin for 7 weeks |
| Wed 27th Jan 4pm | Essex Libraries Book Bus 2.30- |
| Thurs 4th Feb | 4T Class Assembly |
| Fri 12th Feb | INSET Day 4 (non-pupil day) |
| Thurs 25th Feb | Calculation Workshop 6pm |
| Thurs 3rd Mar | 3S Class Assembly |
| Thurs 17th Mar | 4P Class Assembly |
| Friday 25th Mar Spring break | Good Friday—school closed for |
| 4th-6th April | Y6 Easter Booster School 3 x a.m. |
| Mon 11th Apr | Summer Term begins |