

# NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:  
97.5%

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## Star of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 27th January 2017

6MS Charlie Preston  
6C Lucy Parker-Sammut  
6S Lauren Eley  
5M Lexi King  
5V Henry Humm  
5C Mason Thomas  
4P Millie Kingham  
4S Owen Robinson  
4CK Kailen Hart  
3S Harry Medler-Simmonds  
3HM Owen Wheal  
3B Lillie Romero-Boyle  
Mid-day Chloe Whitehead

## Progress on our Single Plan—'Explaining Ideas in Maths'

As we head into an exciting Maths week, I wanted to give you some feedback on the impact that this subject focus has had on improving our school.


### Calculation Policy

The staff have updated our Calculation Policy which is on the school website under the 'Teaching and Learning—Mathematics' section. It includes step-by-step guidance on how we teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have included photos of the real equipment we use too. This can be an excellent resource for parents to refer to when supporting their child at home.

### Open Maths Morning

We have received very useful and positive feedback from the recent Y3 and Y4 open maths mornings. These have been where up to 15 parents have spent an hour with their child during a 'live' maths lesson. Here are some of the comments received:

*"It really helped me as a parent to understand the progress and understanding my child has—really beneficial"* - Y4

*"Extremely helpful—I would certainly attend future sessions"* - Y3 

## Do you want to learn to play a new instrument?



Essex Music Services have let us know that they have an excellent peripatetic cello teacher available in the Chelmsford area for 1:1 tuition opportunities. The school would be happy to host the lessons and they would be charged at the usual Essex Music Service rate. Cellos of various sizes can be offered for hire too. If you would like to register your interest or find out more please contact the school office.

## Book Amnesty Success!

This was the pile of books received back from just one pupil as a result of our recent plea for school library books to be returned. Do you have anymore lurking at home? Please continue to send the books back in to school so that others can appreciate them in the coming years.



## Farleigh Hospice Virtual Balloon Race

The pupils enjoyed an assembly today from Maz Keenan who represents Farleigh Hospice. She announced details of the Virtual Balloon race on Friday 10th March which children can sign up for. Ten Chelmsford Schools are taking part and we would encourage you to support this wonderful charity. Details have been emailed and are on the website.



## Key Dates

**Open Maths Mornings— 9am meet in the Hall if you have been able to book a place.**

Y3—27/01/2017, Y4-02/02/2017, Y5-09/02/2017, Y6-03/02/2017

**6th-9th Feb** Maths Week

**Thurs 9th Feb** Curriculum and Assessment information meeting 7pm

**Fri 10th Feb** Non-Pupil day 4

**Tues 21st + Thurs 23rd Feb** Parent Consultations + No Clubs all week

**Thurs 23rd Feb** 5C Class Assembly—9:10am

**Thurs 9th Mar** 4S Class Assembly—9:10am

**Thurs 16th Mar** 3B Class Assembly—9:10am

**Fri 31st Mar** End of Spring Term

**3rd/4th/5th April** Y6 Easter Booster School

### Non-Pupil Dates for 2017-2018

Monday 4th September 2017 Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

*Please plan your holidays according to the above dates.*