




Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, Art Solutions visited our school and helped us create three fantastic hall displays based on our 4 houses; Wolves, Otters, Dolphins and Eagles. As you can see, the results are spectacular! The whole school community including children, staff and volunteers all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A massive thank you for all the newspaper and plastic tub donations and volunteers on the day – we couldn't have done the project without you!



 **Well done for working so hard!**  
**Eloise Court** – outstanding explanations in maths.  
**Carter Warren** – for working so hard to improve his handwriting.

**Pass to walk home**  
Parents of children in Y5/6 wishing for their child to have a walk home pass must apply in writing to Mrs Jones. The pass is valid for one academic year only. If your child was issued with a pass, for the previous academic year, you will need to apply again for this year. If your child does not have their pass, they will not be allowed off the premises and you will receive a telephone call to confirm that you give them permission.

**School dinners**

 Meal choices need to be booked by 23:59hrs on a **Wednesday** for the following week. This enables the catering staff to order efficiently. If you are entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (KS1) **YOU MUST STILL MAKE A CHOICE ONLINE** although no payment will be required.

**Support group for children with ASD**  
A parent support group for children with ASD (ARK) is running at The Acorn Centre, Halstead on the following dates: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



**Absence due to Illness**

If your child is unwell and in order to avoid unnecessary spread of infection, in accordance with Health Protection Agency guidelines please note the following:

Infection	Recommended period to be kept away from school/ nursery
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	<b>48 hours</b> from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Measles/German Measles	5 days from onset of rash
Hand, Foot & Mouth	None
Slapped Cheek	None
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered

**Medication in School**

If children require medication to be administered during the school day this must be handed in to the school reception and a medication administration form completed and signed by a parent/carer. If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, please ask the G.P. to time the doses so that the medication can be taken before and after school, where possible, or at lunchtimes. It is also advisable to keep your child at home for 24 hours following prescribed antibiotics.

**Head Lice**

Please could we remind all parents to check their children’s hair regularly, by thoroughly combing through the damp hair from the roots with a fine toothed comb, or a head lice detector comb (available from the local chemist) over a pale sheet of paper or a towel. If your child has long hair, please ensure this is always tied back for school. If live lice are found, please treat before sending your child back to school.

**Earls Colne Library event**

Earls Colne Library are holding a ‘Fun Palace’ event this Saturday from 10am-12noon. The theme is ‘Musical Marvels’ and they are encouraging people of all ages to come into the library and get creative with music. There will be the chance to try new instruments or bring along your own. They will also be creating instruments from recyclable materials.



Key dates – Autumn 2018	
<b>October</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Chocolate Day – all day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations 3.40 -6.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Castle workshop
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultations 4.00-7.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
22 <sup>nd</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	October half term
30 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC assembly and workshops
31 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 SATS meeting – 2.30pm EYFS reading meeting -7.00pm
<b>November</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS reading meeting 2.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest celebration assembly
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fireworks
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 visit to Hollytrees museum EYFS parents’ lunch
9 <sup>th</sup>	100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Open week
<b>December</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 nativity – 2.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS nativity
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas break (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> non-pupil)