



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher

### REQUEST FOR SAFE AND LEGAL PARKING



We know that parking can be difficult (as in many schools), but please could parents think carefully about where they park – a number of parents are parking in places which are:

- Dangerous to pedestrians, i.e. restricting the view of pedestrians crossing the road at the designated crossing points;
- Illegal i.e. double yellow lines and on the zig zags outside the school;
- Upsetting our neighbours by parking across driveways, etc.
- Endangering children by letting them out of vehicles on the roadside rather than the pavement side.

**Please think before you park!**



#### Attendance champions

Congratulations to Giraffes whose attendance was **99.4%** for the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



#### Well done for working so hard!

**Dominic Pope** – master of drawing angles. **Thomas Glaser-Kokoszko** – a very impressive diary entry. **Dominic Powell** – a clever game using conkers.

#### Online Safety

The social network app TikTok which used to be called Musical.ly has often caused concern because of the way it is used by children to generate and share their own short videos and lip sync to popular audio clips. Tiktok has new features, and now includes live streaming. Although the app has an age limit of 13 years old, in practice younger children may be using it, and the content may not be suitable.

Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content posted can be seen by anyone within the app. There is also some focus on themed challenges, such as making a video of themselves performing trending dance moves.

More information can be found at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>



We would like to remind parents that you can pay for your child's meals, clubs, nursery fees and trips on Parent Pay.

If you have not activated your account and cannot find your activation letter, please contact Mrs Shuttlewood in the school office.



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From the Essex Record Office

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Key dates – Autumn 2018	
December	
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
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2019 online applications open
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas break
January 2019	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-pupil day

**Collection arrangements**

If you know in advance that someone else will be collecting your child, the information can be written in your child’s Home School Log. When the arrangements change at short notice, please ensure you telephone the school by 2.30pm at the latest.

**Be part of the Christmas Magic**

This year we are collecting new teddies, games and toiletries in support of the Emmaus appeal and Colchester Food Bank, to provide Christmas gifts for families in the local community who are experiencing financial hardship. Please bring any unwrapped donations into school to be placed in the box near Mrs Jones in the reception area **by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**, so that we can deliver them to Emmaus before the beginning of December.

**Christmas jumper day**



Children can wear a Christmas jumper on 14<sup>th</sup> December, however, please note this is not a non-uniform day.

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**NURSERY**

**Spring 2019 – 30 hour Codes for Working Parents**

We would like to remind parents that 30 hour codes for working parents of children age 3-4 must be “Eligible From” **on or before 31/12/2018**. Parents with eligibility codes expiring or expired must complete reconfirmations to HMRC for the extended hours **NOW**. Parents may reconfirm from 4 weeks before the eligible to date. **Codes Eligible from 01/01/2019** or later are **not valid** for the Spring 2019 term.



**POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 94.46 was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely

Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £ 9,387.28

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