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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

Happy New Year and welcome to the Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery Newsletter. We are pleased to share with you our new brand. The star brings together all of our learning phases, under one umbrella. All of the parts work together to make our school what it is. Our new school logo depicts ECPS as vibrant, strong and caring – the qualities we want to instill in the children that attend our school.

You will see the new ECPS logo around the school; our school uniform also carries the new logo and is available from a new supplier, Anglia Sports and Schoolwear Ltd. Uniform can be ordered from their website: <https://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/earls-colne-primary-school-225-c.asp>. Sweatshirts are £9.50 for sizes 26" – 34", larger sizes £11.50, Cardigans 26"-34" £11.75, larger sizes £14.00. Orders placed before 12 noon will be dispatched next working day. Uniform is currently shown 'out of stock' on the site due to the uniform being in the embroidery process. More items will be added to the site in due course. There is absolutely no requirement for parents and carers to purchase the new uniform until they need to do so. The old style logo can still be worn and passed down to younger siblings.

Trainers in school

We would like to remind parents that trainers are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn during the school day. If your child is unable to come to school in their school shoes, please write a note in the home school log for the class teacher to explain why they are not wearing the correct shoes.

ADMISSIONS 2019

You are probably aware that the statutory national closing date for applications for Reception places for the school year that starts in September 2019 is **15th January 2019**. Please note late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which can dramatically reduce parents' chances of being offered a place at their preferred school.

Applications must be made online by the closing date. Please do not assume that a place will automatically be offered. Visit www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

MUSIC LESSONS

The school is very fortunate to have peripatetic music teachers who come in each week to teach a range of musical instruments (saxophone, clarinet, flute, guitar, keyboard, etc.). Currently we have:

Mrs Stopp on Mondays, Music for Schools;
(Woodwind/Brass players)
Mr Tyler on Wednesdays (Guitar);
Mrs Watt on Fridays (Flute/Clarinet/Keyboard).

If you are interested in your child taking up music lessons, please contact the school reception.



Attendance champions

Congratulations to Tiger and 4FR class whose attendance was **100%** for the week commencing 17th-19th December 2018.

SANDWELL WELL-BEING PROJECT

Children in Years 5/6 were sent home with a permission slip, to enable them to complete a brief questionnaire in school. Please would you sign and return these **urgently**, to help us with our project!

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Woolgar.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We try to promote healthy eating in school and ask parents to provide a healthy lunch and snacks for their child's break time and lunch. Please do not send your child into school with crisps, chocolate bars or sweets.

Messy Church

Earls Colne Baptist Church

Sunday 13th January 2019 4 pm



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Attached is the Spring timetable for after school clubs. For Golf, please see Mrs Jones for a consent form. Parents must complete a consent form for clubs marked *

Key dates – 2018-19	
January	
16 th & 17 th	Y5/6 Planetarium
February	
4 th	Y4 Roman workshop
5 th	Y3 Roman workshop
11 th	Parents evening
13 th	Parents evening
April	
4 th	Easter egg hunt - tbc
18 th – 22 nd	Easter break
May	
6 th	Bank Holiday
7 th	Y6 extended visit meeting – 7.00pm
13 th – 16 th	SATs
27 th – 31 st	Half-term
June	
3 rd	Non pupil day
5 th – 7 th	Y6 extended visit to Mersea Outdoors
25 th	New Reception intake meeting – 7.00pm
28 th	Reception/KS1 sports day
July	
3 rd	Reception 2019 intake day 1
10 th	Y5/6 production – 2.00pm
11 th	Y5/6 production – 6.30pm