The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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17TH NOVEMBER 2023

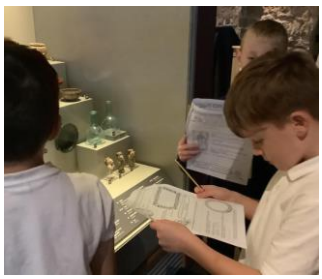
THIS WEEK WE HAVE……!

Visited Colchester Castle!

Year 3 pupils had an amazing day visiting Colchester Castle this week! They had a tour underneath the castle and heard all about how the castle was built.

They enjoyed making a roundhouse and Roman villa, working together as a team.

For many, the highlight of the trip was the burnt bread roll hunt the tour guide sent them on. They had to find the artefact that had been burnt during Boudicca's revolt!



It was such a great day and everyone was so engaged and did ECPS proud.

CHILDREN IN NEED – BEARPEES!

WOW! We have had the BEST fun today trying to do as many 'Bearpees' as we possibly can in aid of Children in Need!

See our Agents for Change Page for how many Bearpees each class managed to do!

Key dates – 2023-24	
November 2023	
20th	Flu Immunisations – Whole School
23rd	Year 1 trip to Hollytrees Museum
24th	Keyboard Assembly 2:30pm
December 2023	
5th & 6th	'Prickly Hay KS1 Nativity' - 1:45pm
7th	Reception Nativity – 2pm
11th	Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am
14th	Santa's Grotto & Crafts – St. Andrews, 4 - 6:30pm
19th	EY & KS1 Carol Concert 9am KS2 10:15am (Both at St Andrews Church)
20th	Christmas lunch Last day of Term!

Well done for working so hard!

Pearl Freear – For taking great pride in her English work and making great progress

Jaml Kabbani – For great improvement to handwriting – it 'wowed' me!

Callan Randall – For some brilliant maths workings -so well thought through. Brilliant!

Bonnie Blackwell – For a fantastic instructional text – so detailed it made Mrs Sibley squeamish!

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **Zebras** Class!

Attendance champions

Congratulations to **Monkeys, Lions, 4F, 4M** and **6S class** whose attendances were all a brilliant **97%** for this week!

BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

A reminder that the lunch menu for the last week of term is available on School Grid and includes the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December. The Christmas lunch meal will be at an increased cost of £2.50 for all KS2 pupils.

As with all meals, please book as soon as possible with the cut off being at midnight on each Wednesday of the week before.

WARM CLOTHING

Due to the time of year and change in weather conditions we strongly advise children being sent to school in warm coats and appropriate PE kit. We are seeing too many pupils coming up to the school office, cold, without coats and in short sleeves.

Providing the weather is dry PE will still be held outside, but pupils must have long, warm sleeves and bottoms.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

A polite reminder that ALL pupil absence MUST be reported to the school office on each day of absence. Messages can be left on the voicemail facility, but without a reason provided for an absence, or any communication from home, the absence is recorded as unauthorised.

Requests for absence forms are located in the school reception area and these should be used whenever you would like to request an absence for your child.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2024

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. with 99% of parents in Essex applying online last year!

All of the application information is available on the above, mentioned website, where you can also find a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories which contains details of all school admission policies.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS

We have noticed several children, during pick up and drop off, playing in the staff car parks on their scooters and bikes. These are not play areas and we would be very grateful if you could ensure your children stay on the pavements at all times and do not stray into the car parks, for everyone's safety.

We would also like to remind parents/ carers that staff cars park are not for use by anyone other than school staff members. This includes the blue badge space at the top of the main car park. If you have a specific need/ reason to have to use the car park, please contact the school office. Parent/ carers are only permitted to use the car park at the Head teacher's discretion and without having gained prior permission, you will be asked to move. This applies to when collecting pupils from after school clubs as well.

SANTA'S COMING TO VISIT EARLS COLNE!

Santa will be visiting us nice and early this year, with a pop into the Essex Air Ambulance center on Earls Colne Airfield on Saturday 25th November! To make sure he receives your list before the big rush, please use the following link, which will take you straight to the ticket sales website where you can purchase tickets to see the happiest man on earth! All proceeds made will go to the Essex Air Ambulance, a much deserved and needed service for both ours and the wider Essex community.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/essexhertsairambulance/1029321

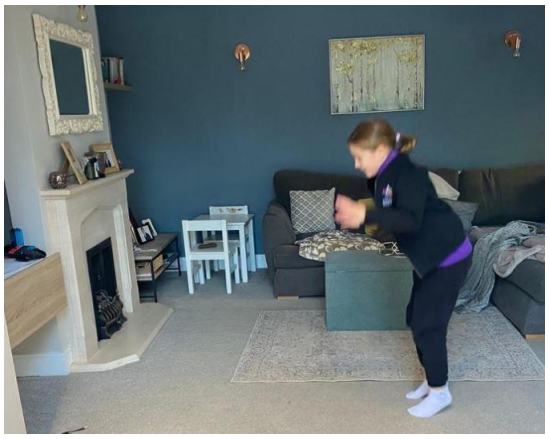
Agents of CHANGE

This week our Agents of Change have been focused on taking on the challenge that was laid down by Joe Wickes:

To beat the 1000 'Bearpees' that he has been doing over the course of this week!

When we talked about this in assembly all of the children were super-excited to take on the challenge and were determined to beat him.

We have had lots of pictures and videos of children practising the Bearpees at home- including some that included some very confused pets!



In our PE lessons this week Mr Lloyd has been overseeing the challenge and the results of the challenge are clear:

The Earls Colne Agents of Change are officially better than Joe Wickes!

The totals are:

Elephants	1015 Bearpees
Monkeys	1050 Bearpees
Tigers	1034 Bearpees
Lions	1020 Bearpees
Giraffes	1531 Bearpees
Zebras	1027 Bearpees
3W	1713 Bearpees
3H	1169 Bearpees
4F	1136 Bearpees
4M	1591 Bearpees
5W	1027 Bearpees
5E	1054 Bearpees
6AK	1394 Bearpees
6S	1319 Bearpees

Now that all the hard work has been it is time for children to collect the money pledged to them on their sponsorship forms and ask you to give it Children in Need using this ParentPay link https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12542

Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Sunday 26th November 2023
Sunday 17th December 2023
10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)

Visits must be pre-booked via:
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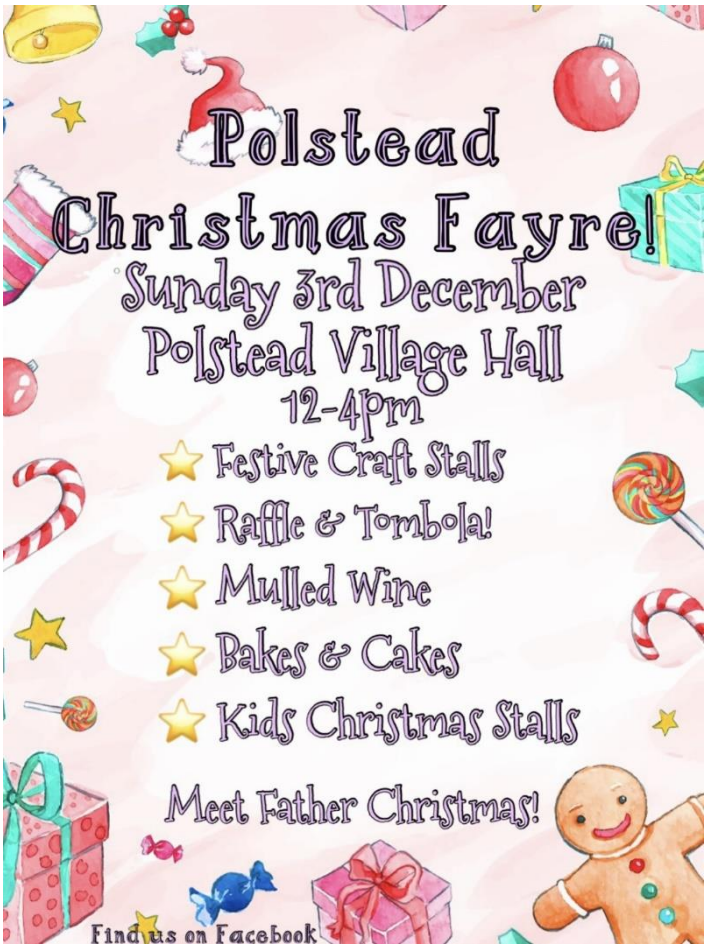
Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station, Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS