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## FRIENDS QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to the quiz night on Friday. We made an amazing £591.30 for Friends, which all goes towards experiences, trips and equipment for the children at the school. A big thank you to Mrs Woolgar who organises the quiz for Friends and to Keith the quiz master, who gave his time for free to raise money for the school.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteers are needed to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on 4th April. If you are able to help during the event and/or clearing away after, please contact Candace Boulton or leave your details with Mrs Jones at Reception.

## LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD READ

It is important that parents listen to their child read regularly. Reading regularly will have a huge impact on a child's progress and is a fundamental life skill that will assist in other areas of learning. In addition to the school reading books your child will enjoy reading comics, magazines, information books and visits to your local library.

## INCLUSION DROP IN

Mrs Woolgar, our Inclusion Leader, is holding a 'drop in' afternoon on Tuesday 26th March between 1:30 and 3:00pm. If you would like to book a slot with her, please call the office.

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted that Mr Andrew Emerson will be joining the Governing Body. He has two children in the school. Mr Emerson already does lots to support the work of Friends and also volunteers as a Scout Leader. Please note as there was only one nomination a ballot was not required.

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to 4FR class whose attendance was **99.63%** for the week commencing 11th – 15th February 2019.

## WELL DONE FOR WORKING SO HARD!

**Charlie Hermon** – wonderful home learning project showing where his Great Grandfather travelled to.

## NICK BUTTERWORTH VISIT

Nick Butterworth will be visiting in the morning on Monday 25th March and delighting us all with his stories and pictures. He will be visiting children in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Parents will be sent a list of titles to purchase. He has also offered to sign any books of his that the children already own, although one only please, otherwise he will be here for a week!

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March 2019, the Upper Phase of Earls Colne Primary participated in four Harry Potter themed activities (one with each Year 5/6 teacher). However, before they could do that, the pupils were sorted into their corresponding Hogwarts houses to pupils in red house (Dolphins) were in Gryffindor; people in blue house (Otters) were in Ravenclaw; people in green house (Eagles) were in Slytherine and people in yellow house (Wolves) were Hufflepuff.

One of the activities they took part in, which was led by Miss Smy, involved the pupils designing their own Patronus using chalk and black sugar paper. Mrs Knights activity involved making 'Grindylow sting relief potion' and 'Hippogriff throat potion'. Mrs Atkinson's activity was making a brand new Nimbus 2000+ with extra features and updates. Mrs Pearce's activity was Arithmancy (foreseeing the future and our personalities).

Written by Toby Wheal, Dominic Pope, Emma Thomas

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

A girl's only football session (Wildcats) will start on Wednesday 24th April at Halstead Leisure Centre astro from 5-6pm. The sessions are aimed at ages 5-11 years. The first week is free then £3.00 per session. For more information please contact kane.hipkin@epcoaching.co.uk or telephone 07523 337893. Bookings should be made via the following link https://www.essexprofessionalcoaching.co.uk/event/halstead-sse-wildcats-centre/

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 5th March, a girls and boy team for each year group (from KS2) went to Ramsey Academy on a coach to participate in a Cross Country Competition.

Each Team ran a separate race. There were about eight schools so that means approximately fifty children were in each race. At the end of each race, every child was given a numbered ticket; this showed what place they came. Depending on where you came, you would get a certain number of points. The Y4 boys team and Y6 girls team and a few individuals have qualified for stage two of the competition, which will take place on Wednesday 27th March. I know I speak for a lot of people when I say 'We can't wait!'

| Key dates – 2018-19 | |
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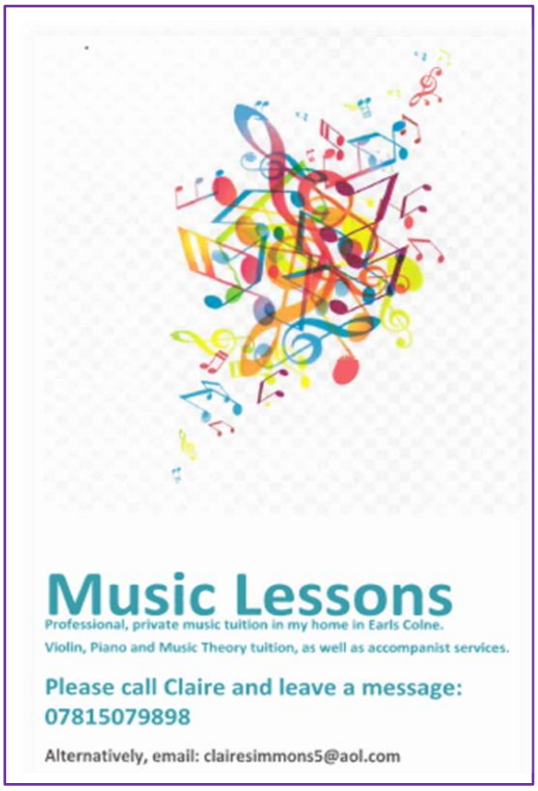
| **March** | |
| 15th | Red Nose Day |
| 25th | Nick Butterworth visit |
| **April** | |
| 2nd | Y3/4 Production 1:45pm. |
| 3rd | Y3/4 Production 6.30pm |
| 4th | friends Easter egg hunt |
| 8th – 22nd | Easter break |
| **May** | |
| 6th | Bank Holiday |
| 7th | Y6 extended visit meeting – 7:00pm |
| 13th – 16th | SATs |
| 20th | School photographs |
| 27th – 31st | Half-term |
| **June** | |
| 3rd | Non pupil day |
| 5th – 7th | Y6 extended visit to Mersea Outdoors |
| 21st | Summer Fete |
| 25th | New Reception intake meeting – 7.00pm |
| 28th | Reception/KS1 Sports Day |
| **July** | |
| 3rd | Reception 2019 intake day 1 |
| 11th | Y5/6 production – 7:00pm CHANGED |
| 12th | Y5/6 production – 1:30pm CHANGED |
| 12th | Reception 2019 intake day 2 |
| 15th | KS2 Sports Day |
| 23rd | School discos |
| 24th | Y6 Leavers assembly |
| | Big picnic |



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