The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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CHILDREN IN NEED 2022

It's been amazing to see so many children in school today in spots supporting Children in Need !

We didn't ask for donations on the gate this morning and instead are asking for those who would like to make a silent donation, please use the below link:
https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9649

3PR LAUNCH!

On Tuesday we launched our new 3PR parking initiative with the NEPP (North Essex Parking Partnership). We were joined by local councillors, our friendly local policeman 'Spike' and a large green robot to help launch our new school travel initiative.

So, with this new 3PR zone outside of the school from this week, we can walk, scoot and cycle to school from various locations around the village. A map of the various available parking options has been sent home with every child and is also available on the school website. We ask that wherever you park at pick up and drop off times, it is done with due care and consideration at all times.

Those pupils who come to school either on foot, by scooter or cycle will receive a token. These will be counted up each week, added to a totaliser and termly prizes awarded to the winners!

Our aim is to help provide a safer and greener school journey for everyone and we feel this initiative will help us to make the changes needed for our pupils and community making it a safer environment for everyone and most importantly, keep everyone safe.

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

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

Key dates – 2022-23	
November	
23rd	Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
29th & 30th	KS1 Nativity – afternoon performances
December	
1st	Reception Nativity performance
2nd	Friends and Village Christmas Fayre, Non uniform and bottle donation
9th	Christmas Jumper Day
14th	Christmas Dinner
16th	Carol services in the church - parents welcome
20th	Last Day of Term
January 2023	
23rd	NHS Height & Weight Check (Reception & Yr 6 Pupils)

Well done for working so hard!

Gallana Galvez – A beautiful piece of work around remembrance and the four types of remembrance poppy. So well presented.!
Olivia Robinson – Fantastic conversion of imperial and metric measurements.
Violet Minors – A fantastic recount of the Year 1 Toy Workshop activities, including exclamation marks!
Emmy Jeffreys & Mattie Bolton – Solving some really tricky, maths word problems. Great job.
Jackson Hallam & Edie Nunn – A brilliant map with verbs showing what happens where.
Blake Curtis – Mastering the part, part whole technique of addition and explaining it to Mr Woodcock.
Rex Smith – Outstanding work about the history of his Earls Colne home

Attendance champions

Congratulations to **3H**, **5K**, **6AP** & **6S** and classes whose attendance was a brilliant **98%** for the week commencing 7th November – 11th November 2022.

YEAR 1 TOY WORKSHOP

Last Friday our Year 1 pupils took part in a Toys workshop run by History Off the Page. The whole day was spent learning about, and playing with, toys from the past and was a great experience that really helped the children learn. This day couldn't have happened without the support of the 'army' of Year 1 parents who came in and helped run the different activities. We also received great feedback from Patrick who ran the day and was very complimentary about the children.

RECEPTION TAKE A STROLL TO CHURCH!

Our Reception children took part in their first school trip last week when they visited St Andrew's Church. They were met by Rev Payne who welcomed both Elephants and Monkeys classes to the church and showed them around, explaining what the key areas of the church are and showing them some of the things he wears when he is leading a service. This will be the first of many visits that they will take part in during their time at Earls Colne and I'm sure they will enjoy them as much as this one.

TICKETS FOR KS1 AND RECEPTION NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Letters were sent home on Monday with details of how to request your tickets for the forthcoming nativity productions.

There will be an initial allocation of **two** tickets per family. Additional tickets can be requested via the school office and will be issued after the initial allocation.

Unfortunately, we are not able to have additional children or babies in the audience and tickets must be shown on arrival. There will be no additional/ extra seats available on each date and bookings will close on Thursday 24th November

CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKINGS

Just a reminder that you can now book the school Christmas lunch via ParentPay for Wednesday 14th December!

It remains free of charge to those pupils in KS1 or in receipt of free school meals with a charge of £2.50 to those pupils in KS2.

The Christmas lunch, or vegetarian option, will be the only choices available for that particular day, alternatively you can send your child with a home packed lunch which you can make as festive as you wish – wrapped in Christmas paper or maybe include a festive surprise!

All bookings MUST be made by Friday 7th December.

REPORTING ILLNESS/ ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

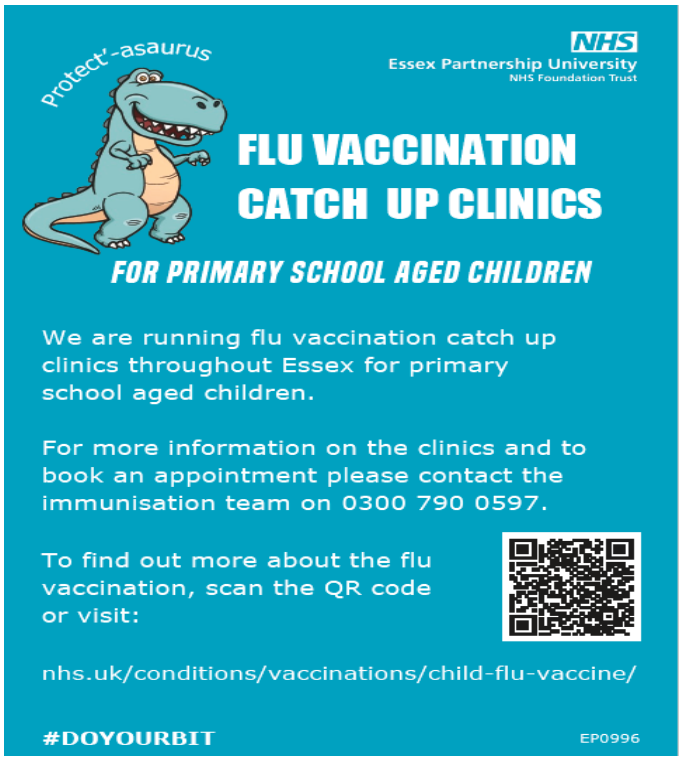
A reminder that if your child is absent form school due to illness, or for any other reason, you MUST call the school office by 09:30am each morning. An answer phone facility is available and messages are regularly checked.

If you child has sickness and/ or diarrhoea, they MUST stay away from school until 48 hours has passed after their last episode.

If you are called during the day to collect your child due to illness – please make your way to school as quickly as you can.

If your child is ill, this is recorded as such on the class registers and is not considered when looking at unauthorised absences in terms of attendance.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friends are extremely excited to be running our first Christmas Fayre on December 2nd 2022 from 3.30-6pm!

To ensure our school community has a magical afternoon we need volunteers to help our team set up throughout the day, assist the Elves with activities during the Christmas Fayre and help spread a bit of magic dust to help us clear up! …Quite simply, without volunteers we will be unable to run this event…so please see our link in the poster below and help us kick start a magical month of festivities!"