The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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8TH DECEMBER 2023

THIS WEEK WE HAVE……!

Put on 2 amazing nativity productions!

If we didn't feel Christmassy before, we certainly do now! Well done to all of the KS1 and Reception pupils for putting on some brilliant performances! Each one of you has been amazing with your singing and acting this week.

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents/ carers who came along to watch and provide support.

Key dates – 2023-24	
December 2023	
11th	Rock Steady Concert – 9:30am
14th	Santa's Grotto & Crafts – St. Andrews, 4 - 6:30pm
15th	Christmas Jumper Day!
19th	EY & KS1 Carol Concert 9am KS2 10:15am (Both at St Andrews Church)
20th	Christmas lunch Last day of Term!
January 2024	
4th	First day of Term!

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL AND REPORTING ABSENCES

Unfortunately we are seeing more and more children arriving late to school. This is a reminder, that should your child be late to school, you cannot just leave them at the main school door and go – an adult/ parent MUST sign the pupil in providing the reason for their lateness.

On the topic of attendance – a polite reminder that ALL absences MUST be reported to the school office on the day of absence. We are having to contact far too many parents to find out why pupils are not present in school. Messages can be left on the voicemail facility if needs be and would be most appreciated rather than no call at all.

Attendance champions

Congratulations to both **Monkeys** and **5E** class whose attendance were a brilliant **97 %** for this week!

THE 2 JOHNS ONLINE SAFETY SESSION

The 2 Johns are running another Online Safety session on Sunday 10 December at 7pm to launch the Essex Safeguarding Children's Board (ESCB) online safety week. The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also via The 2 Johns Facebook page. This will be followed by a week of online safety messages and advice on the ESCB social media accounts. To find out more, use this link to the campaign.

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **3H** Class!

Inspiring all children to create and achieve

A DOUBLE WIN FOR ERIN!

Our Year 5 pupil Erin Heap entered the National Schools Education Association online dressage competition for November on behalf of Earls Colne Primary School and landed a double win!!!

It is a 4 month long league competition with the winner gaining an automatic place at the NSEA National championships in May, which will be held at the International Hickstead venue. The monthly national online competitions are held for children competing on behalf of their school. This can include 6th form students and our year five pupil Erin beat them all to take 1st in the Walk and Trot test and also the Prelim! Amazing achievement – Well Done!

THANK YOU OLIVERS PLANTS!

A very big thank you to Olivers Plants for our beautiful Christmas tree. Very much appreciated as always.

Well done for working so hard!

Zoe Britannia and Maya Hales – Incredible maths progress over their recent unit of work. Incredible!!

Maya Girt-Izod, Gabriel Hood, Edie Clark, Alfie Hedges, Quinn Pitt and Elliott Field – For great progress in arithmetic – all of these children have worked so hard and their results are proof! Well done!

COMING SOON……!

Keep a look out for our Christmas Card re-cycling campaign – details will follow next week.

Christmas Jumper day next Friday – 15th December!

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 20th December. Make sure you book yours by midnight, Wednesday 13th December!

Launch of the SIMS Parent APP enabling you to update your child's contact details directly onto our system. Details for setting up will follow next week.

Agents of CHANGE

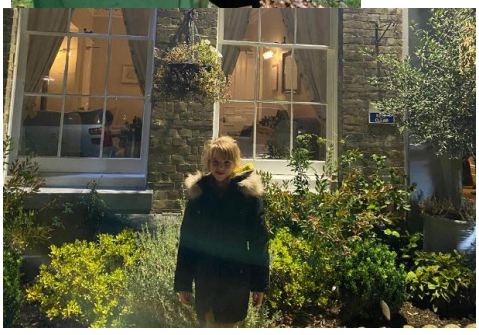
There is one thing that we don't often do but in order to keep us as healthy as possible we really should.

It is vital to 'CELEBRATE YOURSELF'.

We want everyone to think about what their superpowers are and to let us know what impact that has on them and the people around them.

Do you change the lyrics to songs to make your friends and family laugh?
Do you run as fast as Sonic the Hedgehog and help your friends in games?
Or have you turned a label into a superpower?

We have been inspired by Tom Stoltman and that is what he said he did. He was diagnosed with autism at the age of 8 and he decided to turn that 'label into a superpower', channeling his focus into becoming the World's Strongest Man!

If they come to our Agents of Change display children can celebrate their own superpowers by writing them down and popping them in the jar to earn their 'Celebrate Yourself' stamp.

As always, our Agents have been busy making all sorts of changes to themselves, where they live and to the lives of others.