The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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FUTURE ROCKSTARS!

On Monday some of our amazing pupils stood up in front of the whole school and performed a fantastic rock concert. The courage it took for them to perform not just in front of the whole school, but a lot of parent visitors as well was huge!
You can all be immensely proud of yourselves, and you helped to get our last full week of school off to a 'rockin' start!

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

We have signed up to a Christmas Card Recycling challenge! Our bin has been delivered and when we return from the Christmas break, it will be located in the main reception area. Any birthday, Christmas, thank you and new year cards collected over the break, can be deposited in the recycling bin – including the envelopes – upon our return!
On collection, the bin will be weighed and the school with the heaviest weight recorded, will receive a prize! Please remember your cards and let's see if we can start the new year with prize!

SIMS PARENT APP

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are looking to use the SIMS Parent App to aid us in keeping all our pupil details up to date. In the past we have sent print outs home with every child, asking parent/ carers to check over, amend/ update, sign and return. By using the App, parents/ carers can update as and when needed and as such ensuring our records are constantly up to date.

You can gain access to the system via https://www.sims-parent.co.uk where you will need to create a login etc. All main contacts have been sent an invitation to sign up – please do check your e-mails, including spam and junk folders.

This is a new piece of technology for all of us, so glitches are expected. However, if you experience any issues at all please do contact the school office and we will do our very best to sort any issues you may have.

FSM SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Those in receipt of free school meals should receive their food vouchers by next Monday, 18th December. Please keep a check on your junk/spam e-mail as notifications have been known to drop in there.
As this is the last time vouchers will be allocated for school holidays, each child in receipt of FSM has been awarded £60 and parents are advised to stretch the use of them for as long as possible, in order to help with food costs into the new year.

Key dates – 2023-24	
December 2023	
19th	EY & KS1 Carol Concert 9:15am KS2 Carol Concert 10:15am (Both at St Andrews Church)
20th	Christmas lunch Last day of Term!
January 2024	
4th	First day of Term! Induction day for new Nursery Starters
5th	First day of term for Nursery Children.
February 2024	
15th	Break The Rules Day!
16th	Non-Pupil Day
19th – 23rd	Half Term Break

MEDIA STARS!

Keep your eyes peeled for our KS1 nativity superstars in next week's Daily Gazette! All being well, they should be appearing in the Christmas supplement on Tuesday 19th December.

NURSERY RETURN AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please note that Nursery children will return on Friday 5th January after the Christmas break. On Thursday 4th January the nursery will only be open for new starters.

Attendance champions

Congratulations to **3W** class whose attendance were an amazing **99%** for this week!!
WELL DONE!

ESSEX LIBRARIES WINTER READING CHALLENGE

This year's challenge invites children aged 4-11 to take part in various activities supporting literacy and creativity, whilst earning stickers to fill up their special reading challenge booklet.
Children can follow the challenge storyline on Essex Libraries social media, where they will travel around the world with Lyra the penguin, meeting different, endangered animals and learning all about them.
https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge

NO TUCK!

Please note there will be NO TUCK AVAILABLE on 19th or 20th December next week for KS2 pupils. (Tuesday and Wednesday)

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

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

Inspiring all children to create and achieve

Well done for working so hard!

Robbie Burlton – For working brilliantly with Mrs Pudney and completely some great writing.

Violet Minors, Constance Ismay, Flori Wood and Stefan Webb – For showing kindness, patience and sensitivity during play rehearsals and performances.

AMAZING FUNDRAISING FOR GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL

You may be aware of one of our school family's who have been doing some amazing fund raising for the wonderful hospital that is Great Ormond Street. To date the Dale family have collected 80 presents for poorly children whilst also raising some money as well. We know this will mean so much to those children who sadly need to be in hospital over the Christmas period.

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CHRISTMAS CAMP 2023

CALLING ALL "FOOTBALL LOVERS" THIS CHRISTMAS!!!

Are your kids looking for one last activity this year, before Christmas hits? Are you a parent that needs to do some last minute shopping? Or do your kids simply just love football? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES", then get booked in with FITC Academy.

VENUE	DATES	TIME	AGE	PRICE
BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE PANFIELD ROAD BRAINTREE CM7 1FF	Thursday 21st December & Friday 22nd December 2023	10am-3pm	5 -13	£25.00 (1 day) £45.00 (Full Camp)

Our camps are jam packed with competitions, challenges, matches, tournaments, games, fun activities as well as lots of high level technical coaching.

IF YOU ARE A BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5-13 AND LOVE FOOTBALL, THIS IS THE CAMP FOR YOU.

Each child, at the end of the camp will receive a developmental certificate to merit their achievements and encourage further participation. We will also be giving out prizes, medals and trophies.

COME AND JOIN US FOR TWO DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN IN A SAFE, RELAXED AND DEVELOPMENTAL ENVIRONMENT.

To book a place please go to https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk and click on the camps section. We will only be able to accept children that are booked onto the camp online prior to the camp starting. The camp will have limited spaces available to ensure that the children all get fair and adequate attention.