The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

JAKKI SIBLEY HEADTEACHER **06TH OCTOBER 2023**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Some of our pupils have been achieving great things outside of school!
Our very own Year 5 pupil, Erin Heap competed at the British Riding Clubs 'National Preliminary Dressage to Music Final' on Saturday 30 September, where she came 3rd in the Country against other riders who were aged up to 18 years old!!

An amazing achievement to say the very least and we are all very proud of her – well done Erin!

More great news, one of our Year 3 pupils, Hugo James, has WON the Essex Libraries Summer Poetry Competition for the 4-8 year group!

Another amazing achievement – well done Hugo! What a great poem, we are really proud of you!

HEADLICE

We have had several reported cases of headlice across the school. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat as needed. Guidance for treatment can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

PACKED LUNCHES FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

As you may have noticed from the letters sent home regarding school trips – there is always an option for your child to have a school packed lunch as opposed to taking a home packed lunch. If you choose to have a school packed lunch please can you make a note and remember you have done so. For our Year 2 trip to Hedingham Castle this week, we had **10** unused school packed lunches due to pupils bringing in home packed lunches although a school lunch had initially been requested. If you request a school packed lunch, please remember- we hate to waste food and are conscious of the costs.

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are **6AK** Class!

Key dates – 2023-24	
October 2023	
9th	Parent Evening for Reception parents ONLY
10th	Parents Evening 4 – 7pm for ALL years
11th	Parent Evening for Reception parents ONLY
12th	Parents Evening 4 – 6:30pm for ALL years
16th	Height, Weight & Vision Checks for Reception Pupils
17th	Year 5 trip to West Stow
18th	Friends Halloween Party – Reception and Years 1 & 2
19th	Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo Friends Halloween Party – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
23rd – 27th	Half Term break
31st	***NEW DATE***– School Photographs
November 2023	
4th	Friends Fireworks!

Well done for working so hard!

Robyn Bowles – Absolutely incredible writing about a lost teddy!

Ollie Walker – For incredible written work and a fabulous start on his Year 6 journey!

Edward Franklin – For a fantastic drawing of a roman soldier. Such great detail!

Attendance champions

Congratulations to **Monkeys class** whose attendance was a fantastic **100%** for this week!

(In fact, every class was over 91% this week – keep up the excellent attendance everyone!)

Agents of CHANGE

Over the past week our Agents of Change have been busy working hard to make a difference in their own lives and in the community.

Our budding Jamie Olivers have been chopping, slicing, stirring and serving some delicious looking meals for their families: spaghetti bolognaise, sausage casserole, sweet potato curry and an omelet. They all looked amazing but sadly nobody brought any into school for us to try!

The village is definitely looking a bit tidier this week after one of our boys in Year 4 decided to go on a litter pick last weekend and collected a lot of rubbish!

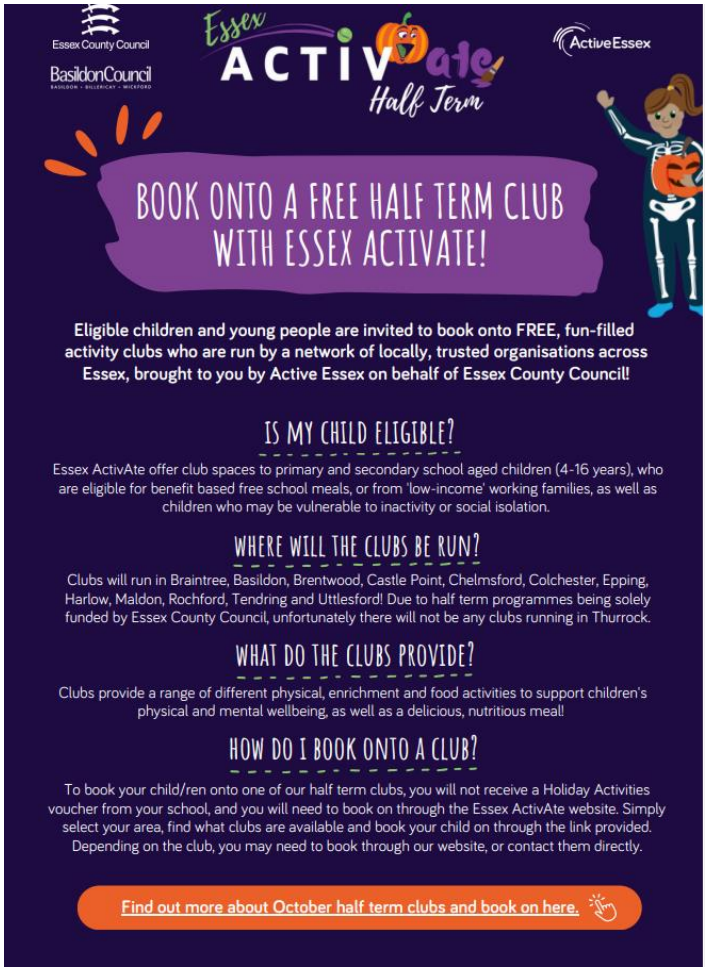
A big box of toys has been donated to 'It takes a village' following a clear out by one of our children in Year 2.

All of our pebbles are still on display in the Churchyard and we have noticed many of you still visiting them after school. Excitingly, they have put a smile on faces throughout the village and we have received some lovely comments from parishioners:
-What a lovely thing for the children to do, so wonderful to see a picture of their creative pebbles in the churchyard
-Loved seeing the children out of school and in the churchyard placing their beautiful painted pebbles
-Love the rockery - it's nice and a bit quirky
-This is an amazing thing for the children to be involved in, look forward to seeing what they get up to

Thanks once more to https://www.cedstone.co.uk/ for donating the pebbles and making this possible.

On top of this other completed projects include:

- A dance playlist inspired by Mrs Pudney
- A letter to James Cleverly asking for help to create a safer school crossing
- A list of things to look forward to
- An amazing poster explaining what autism is and how we can support children and adults with this condition (nearly 300 people have seen this on Dojo)
- Poems to inspire ourselves and other written by the whole school during the visit by Word Guerrilla last week
- Looking after ourselves by visiting somewhere we love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BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!
Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!
IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?
Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.
WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?
Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.
WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?
Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!
HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?
To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.
Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here.

A Performing and Creative Arts workshop
Commotion in the Ocean
Explore the impact of climate change and pollution on the oceans.
• Open to pupils in Year 5
• Saturday 14 October 9.30 am to 11.30 am
• Registration: 9.15 am
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4th November 2023.
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Fireworks from 6:30pm and 7pm
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