The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Welcome to the Earls Colne Primary and Nursery School Newsletter.

Well done everyone!
We raised £484.04
For Children in Need.

As you may be aware, the village of Earls Colne is twinned with the small town of Nonancourt in Normandy, France. The link began almost 50 years ago and has been going strong ever since, with the exception of the 2 Covid years. Our members are all ages, couples, singles, families, including the Girt-Izod children and parents (Maya who is in Year 4 at ECPS and Emily who is now at The Honywood School). *There is no requirement to reside in Earls Colne itself*.

We alternate our visits: in even-numbered years, our partner families in Nonancourt come to stay with us for the 'twinning weekend,' and in odd-numbered years our members go over to Nonancourt where their partner family hosts them for a weekend. The twinning weekend includes cultural excursions to experience the local language, history and traditions of the area.

We are keen to enlist more members, especially those with school-age children as there are families in Nonancourt that would love to link with Twinning members here and make friends.

If you would like to know more about Earls Colne Twinning Association please do call or email:

Contact details: Mina Preston – Secretary – (01787) 829843 or yasminpreston@outlook.com

Key dates – 2024-25	
November 2024	
Monday 18th	Flu Immunisations
December 2024	
Tuesday 10th	KS1 Nativity performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 11th	KS1 Nativity performance (1.45Pm)
Thursday 12th	Reception Nativity performance (2pm)
Thursday 19th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th	Last day of term!
January 2025	
Monday 06th	First day of term!

Attendance champions

Congratulations to Giraffe **class** whose attendance was a fantastic 98% for the week beginning 11th November 2024.

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. 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.

Well done for working so hard!

Cemre Almas and Robbie Burlton for excellent collection of ideas and writing all about Autumn.
Leo Anslow for brilliant writing and thoughtful use of vocabulary – a well worded letter!

ROAD SAFETY – MOBILE DEVICES

We have recently been made aware of an incident involving one of our students crossing the road whilst on their device and having a near miss with a car this was reported by a member of the public.
Please ensure all children are aware of road safety.

COVID VACCINATIONS

This is a quick note to let you know that we have two further Covid vaccination clinics booked for children with additional needs aged 5-17
Martlesham Pharmacy
9 The Square
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk IP5 3SL
23rd & 30th November 2024
09:00 – 13:00
14:00 – 18:00
Note – these clinics can only be accessed via a pre-booked appointment.
To book an appointment parents/carers of eligible children can either phone the pharmacy direct on 01473 623 332 or email pando@snee.nhs.uk

ADMISSIONS

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 4 November 2024, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

COLCHESTER
PREP AND HIGH SCHOOL

9th

"Dare to Dream"

A Performing and Creative Arts Workshop

- Open to Pupils in Year 5
- A morning of Dance, Music and Art exploring your child's dreams for their future
- Saturday 23 November 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Registration 9.15 am
- To book - admissions@colchesterhighschool.co.uk or call 01206 217 116

STEAM Powered. Future Ready.

Essex Fire Museum November

Free entry, but booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.
Contact us to book: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk or 01376 576847.

Open Day

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

Date: 24th Of November

Earls Colne Christmas Event

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A celebration of Christmas & our community

11am - 4pm	**Bingo Trail** Cards available from independent High Street stores Collect yours and follow the trail around the village
11am - 4pm	**Earls Colne Primary School** **Village Hall Christmas Fayre:** Meet Santa (pre-book via PTA) Watch festive films with your friends & enjoy the fayre
11am - 4pm	**Four Colnes Horticultural Society** **Village Hall Craft Fayre:** Explore a variety of food & craft stalls from local producers
5.15pm	**St Andrew's Church** Carolling outside the church followed by a procession up Earls Colne High Street to the Village Hall
5.30pm	**Earls Colne Parish Council** **Village Hall Raffle, Santa, Film & Food:** Say hi to Santa, enjoy a complementary bite to eat, watch a Christmas film from 6pm, and have your raffle tickets ready for the draw at 7pm.

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FRIENDS EVENTS

07/12 Christmas Event / Santa's Grotto at The Village Hall

06/01 Smarties Challenge

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Event at the Village Hall on 7th December, 11-4pm! Entry to the event is FREE, there is lots to see and do throughout the day.

Friends are excited be putting on;

- "Meet Santa" who will read you a story and give you a gift. An exciting treat bag will be included and not to be missed!
- The amazing "Popolo Ceramico" will be helping you make personalised Christmas decorations! (not included in ticket price)
- Come and play some "Friends Favourites Christmas games" including our much loved Bottle Tombola! Ranging from £1-£2
- Drinks Hatch
- Get your "Bingo Card Stamped" as part of the village Bingo Trail.

Find us in the small hall... Santa will be accessed from here.

FIREWORKS

A HUGE thank you from all of us, we had an incredible night that wouldn't have been possible without everyone involved.

From our amazing volunteers, brilliant vendors, incredible sponsors, of course all the hard work put in by the Friends team but most importantly everyone who came and bought a ticket.

All the money raised goes straight back to our school community and our children.

MONEY RAISED

Colouring competition £113

Fireworks over £7,500

2024/25 Total raised so far... over £8,500!

OCTOBER ROUND UP

Nick Butterworth; Friends provided funding for the children to have a day with Nick Butterworth, what a treat.

Halloween; The children got into the Halloween spirit with our Colouring Competition. We loved seeing all the entries, they were fantastic! Thank you for taking part and well done to all the winners.

Fireworks; Although the fireworks were in November, the Friends team worked hard to get the event together!

NICK BUTTERWORTH

On the 21st October we had a very special visitor come into school. Nick Butterworth spent the whole day and evening interacting and inspiring both parents and children alike. The events that Friends put on contribute or fully fund extra curricular activities such as this, which is part of the reason our school is so special as I'm sure you agree!

JOE WICKS

Asda are still running "Cash Pots for Schools" until 30th November 2024. Every time customer shops with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot!

Cashpot for Schools | Parentkind

Use the link to get set up.

USEFUL LINKS

Christmas Tickets; www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofecps

Christmas Volunteers; www.volunteersignup.org/A99WP

PTA Donations; https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QPTXLQD3

Friends Facebook Group; https://www.facebook.com/groups/1010542999369 37

Ceramico Popolo Facebook page; https://www.facebook.com/popoloceramicchelmsfordandepping

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