The BUZZ
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LOCKDOWN 2

As we enter 'Lockdown 2', we appreciate it can be an unsettling time for parents and carers. Current government guidance is that schools and nurseries will remain open. It is important for children to attend school to support their wellbeing and education.

A range of measures are already in place to keep children and staff safe whilst in school and minimise the spread of infection. Any changes to guidance will be closely followed.

VIDEO PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents Consultations are next week. If you have not already booked an appointment with your child's class teacher, please visit: https://earlscolne.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Please note that although you will book 15 minute appointments, **these will actually be 10 minutes** to allow time for teachers to take notes prior to their next appointment. If you would prefer to receive a telephone consultation, please enter 'telephone call' in the comments box, together with a contact phone number, when making your booking. Telephone calls from teachers will say 'no caller ID'.

Video appointments are via the parents evening system, **not Zoom or Teams.**

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Attendance champions

Congratulations to Lions class whose attendance was **98%** for the week commencing 19th – 23rd October 2020.

BRAINTREE FOODBANK

Every year at Earls Colne Primary School, we support different charities who help families in various ways. Often at Christmas we have filled shoeboxes, which have been sent to children across the world. Last year we collected presents for Emmaus, a charity supporting homelessness in Colchester. This year, we would like to support the foodbank, which provides parcels to families who are not able to buy essential items. We would like each class to try to fill a box with food, which will be collected and taken to the foodbank. Please see below for a list of the food that is accepted. **It is very important that each item has at least 6 months of its 'use by date' left,** otherwise your donation cannot be used.
Children should take donations to their classroom **by Friday 4th December**. Thank you.

Cereal Bars	Sugar 500g
Chocolate Bars	Coffee (small jars)
Jam	Breakfast Cereal
Tinned Sponge Pudding	Packet Soup i.e. Cuppa Soups
Rice Pudding	Rice
Long Life Fruit Juice	Warmed Tinned Meat
Tinned Potatoes	Christmas Chocolate
Instant Mash	Christmas Pud (small)
Washing up Liquid	Dried Pasta
Washing Detergent (gel)	Tinned Meat
Tea (40 bags if possible)	Tinned Fish
Pasta Sauce	Shower Gel
Tinned Fruit	Deodorant
Tinned Tomatoes	Shampoo
Tinned Spaghetti	Toothpaste
Sponge Pudding	Soap

Well done for working so hard!
Lenny Williams, Marnie Barrell – brilliant progress in writing.