The Buzz

Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin

Earls Colne PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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GOODBYE YEAR 6!

Today we say goodbye to a group of wonderful children who we would really love to keep for many more years! We know you will spread your wings and flourish at your new schools. You will be greatly missed but will always be part of the ECPS family.

SCHOOLS OUT!

As we come to the end of the school year, we wish all our families a relaxed summer break. Long may the sun shine!

We thank you for all your kind words throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all in September!

KIDAROUND MAGAZINE

Please copy link below for a digital version of KidAround magazine.
https://anyflip.com/btwyj/fgrd/?_sc=NDAxNzE3NCM0MDc5

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.

A document is attached to this newsletter with more details.

NEW CHARGES FOR MEALS AND TUCK

A reminder that from 1st September 2024 the cost of a hot school meal will be £2.50.
Tuck will be 40p per item.

Headteacher's Award

Well done for working so hard! **Lizzie Parker, Kiki Lawrence** – for writing superb, balanced arguments for wearing uniform. **Harry Piper** – amazing sewing skills! Fantastic! **Rosa-Leigh Byrne, Oscar Finch** – amazing maths work! Such a great start to Tuesday! **Millicent Foxhall** – such a great start to ECPS and has 'wowed' us with her writing skills this week. **Jessica Knowles-Reeves, Scarlet Saunders** – writing fantastic poems and reading them beautifully.

THE FOUR COLNES SHOW

Saturday 17th August 2024

At the Earls Colne Sports and Recreation Club
Outside activities from 11am,
Hall opens for viewing at 2pm (approx)

FREE ENTRY

Competition classes include:
Fruit & Vegetables; Arts & Crafts; Baking;
Photography; Painting & Drawing.
Separate children's classes.

Entrants in Fruit & Vegetables (section A of the Schedule) and Flower Classes (section D of the Schedule) can collect a £10 Kings Seed voucher, redeemable at Olivers Plants, at the end of the show.
Many thanks to Olivers and Kings Seeds for their generosity

On the field:
Fun dog show; stalls; ice cream;
food vans and much more
Tea, coffee & homemade cake from the WI
Bar courtesy of the Rec Club

Schedule & entry forms available from Earls Colne Library, Ecolnes Refillery, Olivers Plants, Ziel & the Recreation Club
or online: www.fourcolneshorticulturalsociety.com

Entry forms to be submitted by 14th August

Here is a selection of the amazing artwork produced by the children to brighten up the waiting area at our local Doctors surgery.

THANK YOU FRIENDS TEAM

A huge thank you to Ms Ayres, Ms Warrior, Mrs Patrick and the team for all their hard work organizing so many fundraising events throughout the year. All the members of Friends give up their free time to arrange event to support funding of activities in school. The Panto, supporting the cost of running the school pool, subsidising school trips and many other activities.

Key dates – 2024-25	
Sept 2024	
2nd	Non-pupil day
3rd	Children return to school
20th	Friends Autumn Fete 3:00 – 6:30
Oct 2024	
8th	Y2 Hedingham Castle
15th	Y5 Trip West Stow
24th	Y4 Colchester Zoo
28th	Half-term
Nov 2024	
4th	Non-pupil day
5th	Return to school
18th	Flu Immunisations

Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Sunday 28th July 2024
Tuesday 13th August 2024
Sunday 25th August 2024
10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)

Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station, Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.