



3rd November 2023

HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Welcome back to what has been a very busy but lovely week in school. Firstly, thank you for ensuring that your child/children are dressed smartly in their school uniform, including on PE days. Please can I remind you that on PE days black hoodies are fine to wear but please ensure they do not have big writing over them.

On Monday, we were joined by a representative from Essex Fire Service on a Zoom. Every class tuned in to learn about how to stay safe on Halloween and Bonfire Night. The children know to only knock on doors that have Halloween decorations up, and not to enter anyone's house for sweets. They were also educated on how to handle and dispose of sparklers safely, and that the safest fireworks are ones at a professional display. Thank you to Essex Fire Service for keeping us safe.

The great news is that we are still currently on track (even ahead!) with the RAAC work and this means that by the beginning of December we should be able to start getting things back to 'normal'. I cannot tell you how proud the resilient of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been! They have adjusted to the change so brilliantly that when they go back to their classes, I know they will be so excited - just as us staff will be! With the warm weather last half term, organisation for PE lessons was easier with the weather being warm. We have been presented with some challenges this week with the rain and the winter weather approaching. I have looked into other halls that we could possibly use for PE lessons as all of ours are in use but so far not been successful. As we are only weeks away from the work being completed (hopefully), if the weather is particularly bad on the day of a PE lesson, we may have to do some indoor, classroom PE - this happened this week for one-year group and the children loved it! I will continue to keep you updated on how the works are going and the plans for getting the infant building back to 'normal' ready for the children to feel happy and safe.

Earlier this week, I sent out a letter about Red Lockdown that will take place in school this coming Friday alongside the teaching of Remembrance Day. Please ensure you have read the letter and any questions you may have, please ask your child's class teacher or myself who will be happy to answer.

Thank you to all the families whose children completed the My Child's Art work. The children's designs will be sent off and a passcode will be shared with you where you can buy personalised Christmas cards and other merchandise with your child's design. The school will receive profit for the number of items sold which we will then be put back into supporting your child's learning and development.

This week in SLT, we started to think about our plans for Christmas. There will be some changes to what we usually do due to RAAC and halls being out of use, however, we want to make sure the children still have a fab time and opportunities they usually would at this time of year. You will see some dates for Christmas events on the calendar (attached to the newsletter) and other events with dates to be confirmed. I will send a letter in the coming week to share all Christmas plans with you.

Congratulations to Mrs Stoffel who will be having a baby in May, today she told her class and then later in assembly Miss Herbert told all of the children who are really excited for her!

Finally, thank you so much to all families who attended parent/carer consultations yesterday. The teachers really enjoyed celebrating and sharing your child's achievements with you and we appreciate all of your support.

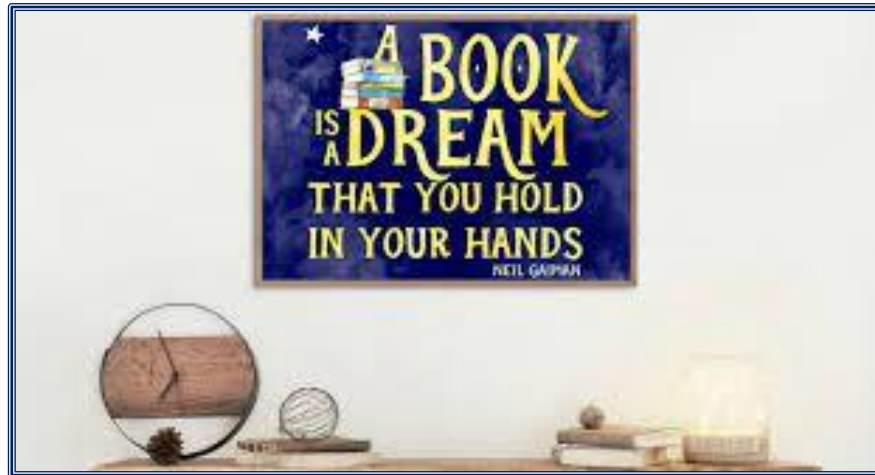
Have a wonderful weekend.

Katie Herbert





If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in school and would like to volunteer to read with the children in school, please contact the school office or Miss Vickers



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to your child who received a celebration certificate this week



Logan & Sienna (N. Ireland)
Jaxon & Gracie (Wales)
Peaches & Max D (Italy)
Rhys & Darcy (India)
Arthur & Vinnie (Kenya)
Phoebe & Jack (Brazil)
Daisy & Anshek (Egypt)
Eloise & Matthew (USA)
Lennie & Lacie-May (Mexico)
Evie & Raheem (Greece)
Joey & Thomas (China)





Whole School Attendance for
last week

91.79%

ATTENDANCE WEEK

N Ireland 95.38%

RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

This is to certify that class
ITALY
are Attendance Heroes
for achieving 97.59% Attendance
in School last week



Miss Triggs is a



WELL DONE

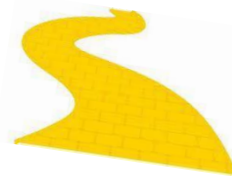
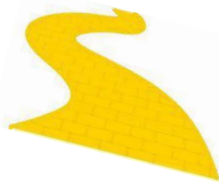
keep up the good work!!



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving
100% last week

Jimmy (Scotland)
Tugra (Italy)
Marley (India)
Emily (Egypt)
Archie (Mexico)



KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class
MEXICO
are Attendance Heroes
for achieving 98.46% Attendance
in School last week



Miss Knowles is a



WELL DONE

keep up the good work!!



Great news...South Essex Academy Trust is now on social media!

If you are happy to, please follow us and like/comment on and share our posts. It will help to promote the trust/schools and share with you and the school communities what we are getting up to!



https://www.instagram.com/south_essex_academy_trust?utm_source=qr

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088042883442>



The Dinner Menu for w/c 6th November 2023 will be Week 2 from the new menu. Cold packed lunches are required to be ordered in advance.



Please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes Nutella and Kinder products.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
PENN UK**

**15 Kent's Hill Road, Benfleet,
SS7 5PN. Tel: 01268 751724
<https://pennuk.com/>**



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The new a primary (reception) school place starting September 2024 can be made between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

Before you apply

You should:

check you live in the [Essex administrative area](#)

read the [primary school admissions booklet](#).

You may want to check [the priority admission catchment area schools](#).

You can also watch our video on applying for a primary school place.

Contact the School Admissions Team

Telephone: 0345 603 2200

Email: admissions@essex.gov.uk



**DRINK YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH. DRINK WATER, STAY HYDRATED
REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE!**



On Friday 17th November we will be fundraising for Children in Need!

Children in Need is a fantastic charity that support children all over the UK and make sure that every child has the childhood they deserve and the support they need to thrive.

This year we have decided to invite the children to come to school in their pyjamas! We are asking for a voluntary £1 donation which can be made at the following link:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Please note: children will not be allowed to wear slippers for the day and will be required to wear sensible footwear suitable for outdoor use.



CALENDAR

Monday 6th November	Y3 Essex Fire Services in class
Tuesday 7th November	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 15th November 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Thursday 16th November	Y6 Essex Police Anti-social behaviour talk
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Friday 17th November	Basketball Y5 & 6 event at Deanes (selected pupils)
Wednesday 22nd November	Tag Rugby event KS2 (selected pupils)
Friday 24th November	FoWG Christmas Fete
Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December	Travelling Book Fair in LVH
Tuesday 28th November 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 6th December 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Wednesday 6th December	FoWG KS2 Christmas Cinema Evening
Thursday 7th December	FoWG EYFS/KS1 Christmas Cinema Evening
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December 13:30	Nursery Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Christmas and New Year holiday
Thursday 4th January 2024	School Reopens
Wednesday 10th January 9:00	Open Morning for reception Intake 2024/25
Monday 15th January 2024	Young Voices O2 Trip
Wednesday 7th February	Athletics Hall event Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Friday 9th February	YEP Photography in for individual child's photos
Wednesday 14th February	Badminton event Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February	February Half Term
Monday 26th February	School reopens
Wednesday 13th March	Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)
Monday 1st April to Friday 12th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 15th April	School Reopens
Monday 22nd April	Mini tennis event Y5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 23rd April	Y4 Swimming Lessons start
Monday 13th to Thursday 17th May	Y6 SATS
Wednesday 22nd May	Rounders event Y6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	School Reopens
Wednesday 26th June	Quad Kids event Y3, 4, 5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June	Induction days - King John, The Deanes and the Appleton School
Monday 1st to Thursday 4th July	Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre

