

Dear Parents,

Thank you for coming and taking the trouble to make child care arrangements for the Parents' Evenings this week. I know it can be really difficult. Thank you too, to all the teaching staff for their time and commitment. The atmosphere on both evenings was very positive and the children were very excited that you were having the opportunity to look at all their books. It is a nice way to end the half-term.

The children in St. Bernadette's house enjoyed a celebration today - what a nice end to the half-term for them!

On Wednesday 14th February it is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Ashes will be distributed in all our parishes so please do try and take the children along. Each child has been given a Lenten Calendar today. As always I ask you to put the calendar in a prominent place and to look at each day with your child. We will be following the calendar at school each day when we return too.

A huge thank you to the great number of parents who came in the cold and the wet to count skips this week. It is a great help to us.

Have a lovely week and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

S. Rainford.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

☆ Thibaud Racon Class 1 ☆


☆ Samuel Connolly Class 2 ☆

☆ Amelle Ellis Class 3 ☆

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KARATE STARS

Joshua McCann - Class 9



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 Galahad Given & Zachary Nicoll

Class 2 Juliet Kavanagh & Myla Timlin

Class 3 Theo Pearson & Apollo Pop

TAG RUGBY

Eugenie Dearmer - Class 7

Oba Samuel - Class 8



Well Done to St. Martin's House for being this week's winner

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
St. Bernadette	73	330
St. Clare	107	424
St. Francis	87	330
St. Martin	***109***	371

P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK

Aimee Kerrins	Class 4
Arush Pandav	Class 5
Lorelai Doige	Class 6
Dylan Watters	Class 7
Felicity Hart	Class 8
Dominic Walls	Class 9

KITCHEN CORNER

Monday 19th February

Menu Week 2


Attendance League Table Spring Term

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of the Spring term.

Class	%
4	98.40
2	97.82
8	97.55
9	97.44
3	96.60
1	96.16
5	95.32
7	93.11
6	94.84


MULTI SKILLS STARS

Ella Fagan - Class 8



BASKETBALL STARS

Max Hudson - Class 7



YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

Please note that there is no homework set for half term but please do continue enjoying Mathematics and Bug Club or perhaps you could visit the library.

Thank you to the School Governors Michael Newman, Louise Broadbridge, Helen Harding and Fiona Miller who turned up for Parents Evening on Tuesday and Thursday to make the refreshments. It was appreciated by everyone on such cold evenings.

BOOK WEEK – BEDTIME STORIES - THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

Our theme for World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2018 is Bedtime Stories.

The children can wear pyjamas and a hat (school hat/cap/woolly hat/sun hat) on that day. Please send in your child's favourite picture book. We would also like the children to bring in a photo of themselves reading in their favourite place which will be displayed in school.

The School Council suggested a donation of £1 per child to be brought in on World Book Day to raise money for CAFOD's learning to read scheme.

We are really excited to see the children enjoying sharing their favourite picture books, in their pyjamas and hats on World Book Day! Thank you for your support.

The English Team

Late Arrivals

There were 5 late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. every morning.

YEAR 2

ENGLISH - This week we have been writing newspaper articles to catch The Enormous Crocodile or writing interviews for the Enormous Crocodile. We have also been writing a report all about our school.



MATHS - Some of the children have continued to look at division and explored what would happen if it doesn't divide equally and identifying remainders e.g. $19 \div 6 = 3 \text{ r}1$. Some of the children have been looking at fractions of a shape.

COME AND SEE - We have started our new topic of Thanksgiving. The children have created thank you cards.

YEAR 1

ENGLISH - We have spent this week focusing on vowels and how they sound when they are on their own in a word (making a 'short' sound e.g. tip) / next to another vowel (the first vowel makes a 'long' sound e.g. in tie) / split di-graph (when 2 vowels have been split up by a consonant e.g. tile).

MATHS - The children have enjoyed shopping for items, as they have learnt the value of coins to 10p. With most things being paid for on plastic, it would be very beneficial for the children to play shops at home with real money or to allow them to hand over cash in shops.



After half term we will be teaching the children about the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities. We will be looking at the physical and human features of each area. e.g. river, town, house, city, canal.

FOUNDATION STAGE

This week in English we have been focusing on our sounds. We have learnt **igh**, **oi**, and **ow** (as in now). Try to spot these sounds in words and practise blending the sounds together eg. l - igh - t = light.

We are working on 3d shapes at school. See if you can spot these shapes in the environment during the holidays - cube, cuboid, sphere, pyramid and cone.

We have also focussed on Castles as part of our topic on traditional tales. Perhaps try to visit a castle in the half term break. Colchester Castle is a great day out.



Finally, thank you to all of our Mystery Guests over the past term, this has been a very successful venture for all the children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Date & Time			Event	Details	
19 Feb	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m.	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
21 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 8 Assembly	Class 8	Parents of Class 8
22 Feb	Thurs	2.30pm or 7.00pm	Year 1 Reading Information Sessions	All Year 1	Parents of Year 1
28 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 6 Assembly	Class 6	Parents of Class 6
1 Mar	Thurs	All Day	World Book Day	All Years	Children only
1 Mar	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.35pm	Book Look	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
2 Mar	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
5 Mar	Mon	During School Day	School Photographer	All Years	ALL YEARS
7 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 2 Assembly	Class 2	Parents of Class 2
14 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7	Parents of Class 7
15 Mar	Thurs	TBC	Year 2 Activity Afternoon	Classes 7,8 & 9	Only 1 Parent for each child. No siblings
26 Mar	Mon	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Palm Sunday	Classes 1,2 & 3	Parents of Classes 1,2 & 3. Children DO NOT finish early.
27 Mar	Tue	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Maundy Thursday	Classes 4 & 9	Parents of Classes 4 & 9. Children DO NOT finish early.
28 Mar	Wed	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Good Friday	Classes 5 & 7	Parents of Classes 5 & 7. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	9.30am (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Easter Sunday	Classes 6 & 8	Parents of Classes 6 & 8. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	10.45a.m	Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle	All Years	Children will need an Easter Bonnet from home. For Children ONLY. SCHOOL CLOSURES AT NORMAL TIME 3.20p.m
EASTER HOLIDAYS - Fri 30 Mar to Mon 16th Apr (inclusive)					
SUMMER TERM 2017					
16 Apr	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
17 Apr	Tue	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS