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PLEASE REMEMBER—READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN 5X A WEEK AND LOG IT ON Boom Reader (Formerly GoRead).

Older Children can do this for Themselves.

Boom Reader logs reading recorded from Saturday morning to Saturday morning.

Operation Christmas

Following the success of previous years, we are proud to announce we have partnered once again with Colchester Foodbank to distribute gifts for children in Colchester.

Please help us spread the magic of Christmas by donating any of the following:

- Unopened and unused toys
- Stationery
- Books
- Luxury toiletries
- Sweets
- Gift vouchers



Science Home Challenge

Miss Cook joined the Year 1, 5 and 6 children this week in assembly to inspire them with the Science Home Challenges. She was accompanied by Taylor, in Year 1, who had made a balloon powered car and demonstrated how this works. For more inspiration, here is the clip that was shared with the children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=957N-vh0C>

A big well done to Charlie, Ryan, Edward, Imogen, Lydia and Daniel for sharing your experiments and findings with us. It is fantastic to see the children embracing the

experiments and having lots of fun!

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Please remember that, for this year, we are supporting Emmaus 'Operation Christmas Appeal' for our Christmas Shoebox appeal. They work locally and will give the packages to local children to add a bit of sparkle to their Christmas.

So into a wrapped shoe box could go • Unopened and unused toys • Stationery • Books • Luxury toiletries • Sweets • Gift vouchers

But really, anything that will bring a smile. Although you have until Friday 9th December to drop off your shoebox—the first collection is this Monday (5th December).

If you do have a few spare pennies and are happy to put some things in a box, please drop it off at either School Office.



PTA Christmas Market

Huge thanks to everyone who was able to come along to the PTA Christmas Market last Saturday. It was brilliant to see so many people milling around and enjoying the company and entertainment on offer.

A special thanks as well to the school's PTA, Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Taylor and all school staff for their massive efforts and enthusiasm and who brought it altogether and made sure everyone was where they needed to be. In total, £3,300 was made for the PTA, which is an amazing total.



Please Remember— Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

Running from Saturday 26 November 2022 to Saturday 28 January 2023, the challenge will follow the journey of Lyra, the plucky penguin as she learns how others celebrate the winter months. Made up of six tasks, there are prizes to all who complete the challenge, as well as a special prize to those that finish early! For more information, visit the Essex Libraries website.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge-2022/>

Or better still, pop into the local library.



Saturday 26 November to
Saturday 28 January

Six Core Strengths

Dr Bruce Perry in his research has identified the 6 core strengths that children need to be humane. A child who can form and maintain healthy emotional relationships, self-regulate, join and contribute to a group and be aware, tolerant and respectful of themselves and others will be more resourceful, more successful in social situations and be more resilient. Problems arise when one or more of these strengths did not develop normally. These core strengths are progressive, starting with attachment and together these strengths provide a strong foundation for a child's development.

Significantly, Perry's research has discovered that children with these core strengths rarely become violent and in fact, recover more quickly when exposed to violence.

No 1—Attachment: being a friend

Attachment is the capacity to form and maintain healthy emotional bonds with another person. It develops in infancy as a baby interacts with attuned, loving, responsive and attentive parents and caregivers.

Why it is important: this core strength is the corner stone of all the others. Healthy attachments allow a child to love, to become a good friend, and have a positive and helpful model for future relationships. A securely attached child will be a better friend, student and be more capable to learn in school or a provision.

Next Week—No 2.

The Big Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period—Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Differences.

Term Dates

Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term

Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th December

NO PLAYGROUP today—sorry.

Tuesday 13th December

School Christmas Lunch for children in EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2.

Wednesday 14th December.

a.m.—EYFS Christmas Nativity—'A Bundle of Joy.'

p.m.—Year 2 Christmas Production—'Our Happy Christmas.'

API Reports to Parents & Open Evening. 4.30p.m.—6.30p.m. AF & T.

Thursday 15th December

a.m.—Year 2 Christmas Production—'Our Happy Christmas.'

p.m.—EYFS Christmas Nativity—'A Bundle of Joy.'

School Christmas Lunch for Children in Year 3, 4, 5, 6.

Friday 16th December

a.m.—EYFS Christmas Nativity—'A Bundle of Joy.'

p.m.—Year 2 Christmas Production—'Our Happy Christmas.'

Non Uniform Day for Science Challenge Entries.

Monday 19th December

p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Songs

PLEASE LOOK AT THE CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DIARY DATES FOR EYFS/YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.

Our Assembly Theme: Identity, Community, Diversity.

Article

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Christmas Post Boxes

We have had it confirmed that our Christmas Delivery Elves will be back in school from this Monday, ready to hand deliver across the school any Christmas cards that children want to send.



There will be post boxes in the library areas at both AF and T.

If children want to send Christmas cards—please remember to write on the envelope the recipient's first name, last name AND class. Otherwise it gets very difficult for the elves to track down who to deliver to. Class lists are available from either school office—should your child be going all out!

Ho, Ho, Ho.

Who delivers presents to baby sharks? "Santa Jaws!"



Why does Santa go down the chimney? "Because it soots him!"

What music do Santa's elves like the best? "Wrap music!"

Awards

STAR—Aiden (MM), CHARIOT—Scarlett (RR), JUMBO—Tyler (MM).

EAGLES—Preston (MM), ROSES—Veronika (MM), CIRCUS—Max (MM).

MERCURY—Freddie (MM), CLAUDIUS—Anastasia (RROX), ROMANS—Nala (MM).

DUTCH—Henley (RROX), ICENI—Santiago (MLM), PAXMAN—Jordan (MM).

CASTLE—Lexi (MLM), CAVALIER—Aidan (MLM), GARRISON—Leah (MLM).

OYSTERS—Mia (RR), MAGNETS—Sudheshna (RR), RAEDWALD—Inez (MM).

TRINOVANTES—Trae (RR), CYMBELINE—Emily (MLM), LATHES—Nisaam (RR).

ATTENDANCE—Roses