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Welcome Back

First of all welcome back after the Christmas Break to everyone. I very much hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year and have come back ready and eager for the new term.

A New Year is a time, seen by many, for fresh starts and new beginnings. To put behind you the things that didn't go quite as well last year and to look ahead with a bit of optimism as to what could be achieved.

For me, I'm very much holding onto this Peanut's cartoon as far as the New Year is concerned—apart from the sleeping/resting in the afternoon bit—chance would be a fine thing!



Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.

Grapes/Tomatoes

Please could I remind parents—especially of our younger children, that the advice given to schools is that children who bring in grapes/tomatoes as part of their packed lunch or snack should have them cut up.

Please could all parents with younger children take an extra minute to cut up grapes/tomatoes for their children before putting them in a pot.

Many thanks.



Danbury

Year 4 Parents please be aware that the next Danbury payment of £30 is due by Friday 19th January.

Christmas Card Recycling

Please remember that the big yellow wheelie bins at both sites are being collected this coming Wednesday.

Any cards—big, small, bright can go in the bin and white envelopes.

So if you have got any at home and need a bit of a post Christmas clear out—then we have just the receptacle for you—or more specifically, for them (a big yellow wheelie bin!)

Toys

We have had an increasing number of children bringing all manner of small and large toys into school over the last week or so.

Please could I ask parents not to allow children to bring any toys into school for whatever reason. There is no end of trauma involved when toys go missing or get broken and there is really no need. We have a plethora of small toys and stuffed toys in school that the children can have and do have access to.

Many thanks.

Awards

STAR—Lottie (MM), CHARIOT—Jaxon (MM), JUMBO—Ella-Rose (CC).

EAGLES—Jessica (MM), ROSES—Zahil (MM), CIRCUS—Darcie-Rose (RREX).

MERCURY—Hollie (RREX), CLAUDIUS—Noah (MM), ROMANS—Edward (MM).

DUTCH—Skye (MM), ICENI—Tessie (MM), PAXMAN—Charlie (MM).

CASTLE—Heaven (MM), GARRISON—Alice (MM), CAVALIER—Isaac (MM).

OYSTERS—Ronnie (RROX), RAED—WALD—Kiara (MM), MAGNETS—Victor (CC).

TRINOANTES—Tabitha (MM), CYMBELINE—Markas (MLM), LATHES—Riley (MM).

ATTENDANCE—Romans

Team Points

Mr. Bates and Mr. Kelly have been busy totting up the Team Points totals for last term. After being verified by several adjudicators—the Team Points totals for last term are as follows.

COLNE 14,275

PRIORY 13,710

SIEGE 12,907

ABBEY 12,271

TEMPLE 11,298

So, very well done to Team Colne. Your victory prize for gathering and being awarded with the most Team Points is a Non Uniform Day.

This will be on Friday 26th January—so two weeks time



Term Dates

Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer Term

Monday 6th May. Bank Holiday—The School is Closed

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Friday 19th July—last day of Summer Term

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th January @ 2.00p.m. PTA meeting @ AF. We have a new PTA committee and this will be their first meeting. Please come along if you can to get involved and share any ideas you might have.

Tuesday 16th January @ 2.30p.m. @ AF. Bikeability are giving an assembly to both Year 5 parents and children. Year 5 Parents please come along if you can to find out a little bit about 'Bikeability' and what your children will be involved with.

Friday 19th January. EYFS—Percy the Park Keeper and Woodland Friends Dress up Day.

Friday 19th January @ 2.00p.m.—Nick Butterworth is giving a talk to all parents on reading in the AF Hall. Please come along if you can.

At 3.15 there will be an opportunity to purchase some of his books and have them signed.

Wednesday 24th January—Height and Weight Checks for EYFS children

WB 29th January—Maths Week

Friday 2nd February—NSPPCC Rocks Number Day—Non Uniform Day—£1

Friday 16th February—Purple Pinkie Day—Non Uniform Day—supporting Rotary Club—End Polio Now—£1.

Monday 22nd April—Thursday 25th April—Year 4 Residential—Danbury

Assembly Theme for WB: 15/1/2024—Responsibility

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 22 (refugee children) If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children

Winter Reading Challenge

The Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge is still going on and does not finish until Saturday 3rd February.

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-11. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library. They will join Lyra the penguin as she travels around the world with her magic book to find out more about endangered animals. Children will complete 6 challenges (from a list of 12), and it's FREE to take part.

Visit your local library to sign up. Your child will: • Receive their Challenge folder • Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12) • Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete • When they've complete 6 challenges they will receive a certificate and, whilst stocks last, they will also receive a packet of seeds and a free book from Penguin Books. • Over the winter we will also be releasing videos about Lyra's journey so keep an eye on our YouTube Channel ([Youtube.com/essexlibraries](https://youtube.com/essexlibraries)) and social media channels (@EssexLibraries).

