

Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have written some fabulous recounts of their time in the snow last week! It is good to be back in school this week, I am sure that you agree. It was an absolute pleasure to lead Celebration Assembly this morning and I am incredibly proud of all of the children whose achievements were recognised. Pupils were awarded with pen licences, Accelerated Reader Trophies; Star Mathematician certificates; Start Writer certificates and a special certificate was awarded by Mr Mayes to Taylor, for winning the competition to design the cover of the music CD that will be recorded next week! Well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jane Sendall
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance 94.9% (National Target 96%)

Mrs Beal is leading a team of staff at school to improve our attendance rate. She is looking forward to working closely with families on this very important priority.

Sport Relief Monday 19th to Friday 23rd March



Today the children will be bringing home a Sponsorship form for Sport Relief. We plan to have different activities during break and lunch times, over the week. In addition, on Friday 23rd, every class will take part in a sponsored skip, for five minutes. We hope that you can help your child to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

Calendar

March

Thursday 22nd March - Year One Colchester Zoo trip

Monday 26th March and Tuesday 27th March - Parents' Evenings - more details to follow

Thursday 29th March - Year Six Evacuation Day

Thursday 29th March - last day of term

April

Monday 16th April - first day of the summer term



Friends of Place Farm Easter Egg Raffle

The much loved Easter Egg raffle is returning this year. On Thursday 29th March, we will be visiting the children in their classrooms to sell raffle tickets costing £1 per strip, but in order to do this, we need to ask for donations of Easter Eggs. We would be grateful if you could donate a boxed egg of any size and bring it into school on Friday 23rd March and place it on the line in the playground: we will be holding a competition to see which year group can bring in the most eggs and that year group will win a prize.

In previous years, we have been fortunate enough to receive enough eggs to give each class about 10 eggs for their individual class raffle. This year, we would also like to help children who are stuck in Addenbrookes Children's Wards over Easter and would like to try and support the Addenbrookes Easter Egg run. So, if we are fortunate enough to receive more than 10 eggs per class, we would like to donate them to these children.

For those new to the school; each class will have their own raffle, drawn by the class teacher at the end of the day. We will sell tickets to the children during the morning and each class will have their own Easter Egg prizes. Previously, we have been lucky enough to be able to give around 10 Easter Eggs per class.

We hope that you will be able to support us, and please remember that all of the profits from the raffle are used to purchase additional items or experiences for the children at Place Farm.

World Book Day



With the snow day causing the school to close on World Book Day (Thursday 1st March) last week, at Place Farm, we ensured that we did not miss out on the celebrations and rescheduled the event to this week. On Thursday 8th March, children and staff alike were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to mark the occasion. From Matilda to The Mad Hatter to Wally, to Little Red Riding Hood, the school was full of vibrant colours and costumes! Everyone looked fantastic. Throughout the day, the children also had the opportunity to share their favourite book with their peers in other classes. It was a fabulous day that truly celebrated the importance and enjoyment of **reading!** We would like to thank our parents and carers for their support with the event.