



Newsletter

Week 36 30th June 2017

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another very busy week in school. On Monday and Tuesday we were visited by two assessors from The School Cooperative Challenge Analysis; several of the children spoke with the assessors and some even had lunch with them. The assessors said that the children were inspirational and were the very best they had ever spoken to! I was so proud of everyone involved in the two days, staff, children and governors shared our school vision with confidence. Reception classes had a wonderful trip on Wednesday, their behaviour was excellent and they represented our school brilliantly.

Year Six have been preparing for their transition week next week, I am sure they will demonstrate our school values and show how well prepared they are for secondary school.

Unfortunately, I need to raise the issue of the dinner money arrears that some families have accrued; we are unable to sustain these debts and I must ask they are paid swiftly to avoid further action.

I must again extend our thanks to the hardworking PFA. We are sure the Summer Bounce event will be a huge success, enjoyed by everyone and will raise much needed funds for the school. Well done to everyone involved in the organisation and running of this event.

Mrs Coates

Reception news

This week Reception have been reading the story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson. On Wednesday we went on an exciting adventure to the stickman trail at North Weald Country Park. We all went on a coach to the park and really enjoyed spotting familiar places in our local area. When at the park Reception had a really exciting time completing different activities such as collecting natural materials, making mud hills and making a long snake using sticks.

One of our favourite parts of the day was making stick men using materials we found in the park, some string and some cloth for his clothes. We all worked really hard to make our stick men and proudly showed them to our adults. The adults who joined us on our trip really helped us to stay safe and learn lots of new things from our trip, we would like to say thank you to everyone who came with us.

We really enjoyed our trip and have spent the rest of the week writing recounts all about our exciting adventures. All of Reception were exceptionally well behaved and were fantastic representatives for the school. Well done to all of Reception!

Year 2 news

During the final half term Year 2 have been learning about space. Recently we have received missions from NASA where they have set us different challenges to complete. So far we have researched different planets, found out about the race to the moon and finally watched the first moon landing. This week we have also learnt about how the moon glows and experimented with different materials, investigating which material is best for an astronaut's space suit. Hopefully we will receive our astronaut status before the end of the year!

School Payments

From September 2017 all school trip and dinner money payments will have to be made electronically via School Comms. You will need to register an account with the email address that we have at school. If you need any help please contact the school office.



Are you ready for the Summer Reading Challenge 2017?

It's starting at East Tilbury Library (in the Village Hall) on Thursday 20th July and runs through to the middle of September. The **Summer Reading Challenge** is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part. Every year the Challenge has a new theme. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross.

For 2017, there's something peculiar happening at the local library – and that's where the Animal Agents come in! As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!

Hope to see you here.

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School Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd—Friday 7th July 2017—St Cleres transition week

Tuesday 4th July 2017—whole school transition day

Tuesday 4th July 2017—new Reception children induction morning

Wednesday 5th July 2017—rescheduled EYFS Sports Day—9.00-11.00am

Wednesday 12th July 2017—staff training day, **school closed for pupils**

Friday 21st July 2017—Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July 2017—last day for all children

Monday 24th July 2017—start of summer holiday

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Monday 4th September 2017— staff training day, **school closed for pupils**

Tuesday 5th September 2017—Staff training day, **school closed for pupils**

Wednesday 6th September 2017—Pupils return to school

Celebration of Achievement

Lola L in 2JC took part in a ballet and tap dancing competition and was awarded a distinction for both. Well done, Lola.



Stars of the Week

RG—Presley-Blu N, RR—Rebecca L, RS—Alfie G, RT—Almos A, 1AA—Rebecca O, 1EG—Isabella C, 1RJ—Desara G, 2AP—Millie D, 2JC—Kira L and 2LF—Aimee B.

Thurrock Catering

There will another themed day from Thurrock Catering on Tuesday 18th July. This time it is 'Picnic Day', with a sandwich, fruit, cake and a drink available to have. Please note there will be no hot meal available on this day. If you would like your child to participate in Picnic Day children just need to let their class teacher know on the day!! Enjoy.

PFA Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th June—Summer Bounce

Friday 14th July 2017—Leavers Disco

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Monday 11th September 2017—PFA Coffee morning for Reception parents/carers

Thursday 14th September 2017—PFA AGM

Saturday 25th November 2017—Christmas Market

WELCOM Forum

The community forum will be holding it's AGM on Thursday 29th July 2017, 7.30pm, at Linford Methodist Church, East Tilbury Road, SS17 0QS. All residents of Linford, East and West Tilbury are welcome to attend and find out more of the work we do within the community. There will also be a AGM for the Community Sports Hall, which is situated at East Tilbury Primary School, during the forum meeting. We would like ideally parents/carers of children who attend the school to come along and volunteer to sit on this committee. Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM's, Marian Kuyper, Secretary.

Snapchat Safety

Do you or any of your children use Snapchat?

If you do, the links below are essential reading to ensure that you are aware of recent changes that could allow anyone to know exactly where you or your children are when posting on Snapchat.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2017/06/23/police-issue-child-safety-warning-snapchat-maps-update-reveals/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/snapchat/> and

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Well done to **3RM** for **achieving** the **highest** attendance with **98.1%**. Well done everyone!! **5VP** followed with **96.8%**, then closely followed by 3HM and 4AF with 96.5%.

The **whole school** attendance has **remained** at **94.2%**.

When children are taken out of school during term time these absences have a detrimental effect on learning, social interaction with friends and peers and the attendance of classes and the whole school.

As you are aware we do not authorise any leave during term time, in addition to this from September 2017 we will be issuing Penalty Notices for any unauthorised leave. We request that parents/carers send in a letter with their request and each will be evaluated individually and a letter sent home with our decision.

KS1 ATTENDANCE – Friday 23rd June 2017 —Thursday 29th June 2017							
RG	RR	RS	RT	1AA	1EG	1JP	1RJ
96.2% ↑	88.7% ↑	96.7% ↑	90.7% ↓	92.6% ↓	90.0% ↓	93.3% ↑	88.2% ↓
2AP	2JC	2LF					
91.4% ↑	91.0% ↑	93.9% ↓					

KS2 ATTENDANCE – Friday 23rd June 2017—Thursday 29th June 2017						
3AP	3HM	3RM	3SH	4AF	4AW	4BG
88.8% ↑	96.5% ↓	95.4% ↑	87.2% ↓	94.8% ↓	86.7% ↓	81.8% ↓
5DL	5KF	5RM	5VP	6CP	6LC	6RM
96.1% ↓	92.5% ↑	92.1% ↑	96.1% ↓	91.1% ↓	86.0% ↓	89.3% ↓