

Essex County Council

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that half term is here. I am pleased to say we have had a much calmer week in school; the children have played well together at breaktimes and have been absorbed in their learning in class. It has been lovely to see the children really thinking about our Christian values of Courage and Resilience and many have tried things that they thought they couldn't do. They wrote those things on the Tree of Courage in our hall.

Internet safety

The children were reminded about keeping safe while online this week on Internet Safety Day. Some of the things we talked about included not sharing personal information (e.g. addresses and photos), cyber bullying (e.g. joining in with name calling online or sending hurtful messages). Many of our children enjoy using TikTok or YouTube so this is also an opportunity for us to remind parents about the hidden inappropriate material which can be hidden on these sites when children have watched a few videos. Some things witnessed by young children have been very graphic. If you would like more information, the NSPCC have a great guide for parents; <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Attendance/Holidays

I have noticed recently an increase in holiday forms going to parents. While I really appreciate your honesty and do understand how hard it has been for everybody over the last two years but we are trying to catch up on two disrupted years of learning. The greatest challenge has been the mental health of our children and keeping them settled in school so please can you be mindful of both aspects if you are booking holidays in term times. For your information, I will not be issuing any fines for the academic year 2021-22 but if your child's attendance falls below 90%, it will automatically be reported to the Local Authority and the Department of Education in our attendance returns.

Happy Book

The children would like to thank the members of the PTFA for arranging the TERRIFIC disco yesterday; Mrs Welch wanted to say well done to Archie for his part in the Saracens Under 9s Festival and also to Poppie, Edith Lucy and Ellen for their wonderful singing and dancing; Dr Claire wanted to thank Finley for encouraging his team mates throughout the game on Monday and I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the team of children who decided to clear up the rubbish around the school at break times.

Achievement from Home and School

Home: Archie was presented with his Learn to Swim Level 7 certificate.

School: The following children have all achieved their **Bronze Athletics** award; Pablo, Ellen, Lucy, Harry, Alfie, Noah, Mya, Elsie-Mae, Max, Mitchell, Tilly, Robin, Joshua, Catherine, Abigail, Aviana, Esmee, Minnie, Patrick, Sonny, Archie and Poppie. Alfie, Noah, Mya, Joshua, Esmee, Patrick and Poppie have achieved their **Silver Athletics** award. Durrington class got the **Mathletics Participation Award** for this half term and Fitzwalter class scored the most points in **Spelling Shed** this with 98,149,616 points. Our **Top 10 Super-Spellers** are Catherine, Joshua, Alfie, Noah, Charlie, Sonny, Patrick, Jacob, Pablo and Mya.

Roll of Honour

Our Learning Heroes this week: Children who are always kind and caring to others

Copeland: Scarlett is always so kind and caring to her friends. She is always on hand to cheer the others up.

Durrington: Lyra is always kind, caring and thoughtful to everyone.

Fitzwalter: Macy is a great role model and a good friend to everyone.

Quickbury: Kenny is always so kind and caring. He is thoughtful and knows just how to help.

Well done children. You are all TERRIFIC!

Mrs Brittain's Star of the Week

My Star of the Week is Poppie for always being so kind and caring to others.

Birthdays

This week we sang the birthday song to Lyra who is 6 years old today and Sonny (6), Teagan and Brody (9) will be celebrating their birthdays next week. Mrs King also is celebrating a significant birthday next week!

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Letters/Parentmail Home

PTFA Smarties challenge

School Dinners – Price Increase

Dates

Friday 11th February: End of first half term.

Monday 14th Feb-18th: Half term

Monday 21st February: Spring half term begins

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day (theme to be confirmed)

Friday 1st April: End of term

Have a good weekend, keep safe.

Mrs Lorna Brittain