

If you know someone who struggles to access the newsletter, please let us know so we can help them.

I can't believe its nearly half term already! How time flies! It is also just about a year since we had our 'Good' rating from Ofsted!

We have had a busy half term here; the children have all painted stones for Colchester Zoo, we have had teams representing football both internally and externally, a group of Y2's took part in a cricket event, there have been road safety talks and activities in both EYFS and in Y5...the list goes on!!

We would like to say a BIG thank you to **Haltermann Carless UK Ltd**, who were incredibly generous with a donation for us. We will be using the donation to source a shelter for our Forest School area. Thank you to Keith, Trevor and Mark who presented the donation to our school councillors.



We also need to thank **Mrs. Powell** and the charity group '**Warm Baby Project**', who knit for good causes, who have kindly knitted us a range of hats, gloves and scarves to support Forest School in the colder months! Well done and THANK YOU!



World Book Day –Thursday 2nd March 2023

Once again, we will be participating in World Book Day and participating in different events linked with Reading across the day. As usual, we are asking you to join in the fun by dressing up as a **book character!** Here are some ideas to get you going...



Diary Dates

- 13th-17th February:** Half term
- 2nd March:** World Book Day
- 7th & 8th March:** Parents Evening (10-minute appts) 3.30-6pm
- 8th March:** Author visit, James Campbell (opportunity to purchase his books)
- 14th, 15th & 16th March:** Mothers' Day Event (invitations have already been sent)
- 29th March:** Roving Book Store visiting
- 31st March:** Break up for Easter holiday
- 17th April:** Return for the start of the summer term

School Dinners

THANK YOU to everyone who has remembered to order their school dinners in advance!!

So far, this is working well, with only a small handful of families needing reminding.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRE-ORDER ALL LUNCHES!!

All school meals should be booked via MCAS the week before they are required (by Saturday evening at the latest). The office staff have been spending hours each day, adding 70+ dinners into the registers where parents have not pre-booked their child/children's lunch. This can't continue, least of all because of the time it is taking AND the ARREARS which are building up. **All parents** should pre-book lunches via MCAS whether your child/children are entitled to Free School Meals or you are paying.

As a result, from the first week back in January, we will no longer be adding any school meals to the registers that are not already booked. We will be calling parents to bring a packed lunch for your child/children if the dinner choices are not selected.

And please make sure your child knows whether they are school dinners or packed lunch too!

Thank you!

School Council Fundraising

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHALLENGE!!

School Council would love to revamp the school garden area therefore we have come up with a fundraising idea that can involve everyone! Each class has been given a Pringles Tube. Can you help fill it to the top with as many coins as possible? Any amount will be really appreciated, no matter how big or small.

We can't wait to see how much we raise as a team!

Can your class fill the Pringle Tube?

School Council would really like to raise some money to revamp the school's garden area.



Work as a team to fill the Pringle tube with as many coins as you can. You can bring in 1p's, 2p's, 5p's, 10p's, 20p's, 50p's, £1 and £2 coins.

You have until February 9th to collect as many coins as you can.



The class that collect the most money will get to choose an afternoon treat with their teacher as a thank you! This could include an afternoon of OPAL, Golden Time, an arts and crafts session or a film!