

Essex County Council

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Primary School

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Attendance: 92.55 %

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents,

As we have come to the end of the first term, I would like to share with you the progress we have been making towards our School Development Plan. The 3 main areas of development for this term were reading, handwriting and presentation and behaviour. After introducing a new intervention for reading in KS2 (Lightning Squad) we are extremely pleased with the progress the children have made and they in turn, are very proud of themselves. Through our own monitoring with the governors and the Local Authority, we have also seen a great improvement in the amount the children are writing in every class and how neatly the work is presented. The impact of our new behaviour policy has been noticeable in class where low level behaviour is not disrupting the learning of others allowing the children to achieve more in a lesson.

Today was Mrs Couser's last day, and the children were given the opportunity to say their goodbyes to her. We wish her well and would like to thank her for all her hard work.

School Uniform

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring your children come to school with the correct uniform, especially with the PE kits. However, I have noticed that some of the branded wear has begun to creep back in, mainly with our older children. In line with our School Uniform policy, if a child is wearing something that is not school uniform, we will give them a school top or trousers to wear. Please can you also ensure that the boys (or the girls) are wearing trousers and not jogging bottoms when it is not a PE day unless an alternative has been agreed with me.

Whilst we do not have strict guidelines on hairstyles (apart from tying back long hair), we would prefer that the children do not have their heads shaved or patterns or have lines shaved into hairstyles.

Happy Book

In the Happy Book this week; Elsie-Mae thanked Tommy with her maths work and Oskar for checking to see if she was ok; Miss Goodman thanked Quickbury class for their wonderful nonsense poems which made us laugh; Mya thanked Noah, Teddy, Charlie and Tommy for helping her with her stall at the Christmas fair and encouraging people to come; Maisie thanked Sophia for cheering her up when she was sad and we all thanked the members of the PTFA for organising and running the Christmas Fair on Sunday.

Achievement from Home and School

School: Spelling Shed Superstar is Fitzwalter class with 9,489,760 points and our **Top 20 Super Spellers** are Grayson, Rory, Olivia, Finley, Lacey-Mai, Isabelle, Leia, Owen, Poppy, Tilly, Lyra, Alfie, Rose, Evelyn, Edith, Patrick, Harry, Noah and Noah.

Maths Shed Superstar is Copeland class with 2,761,077 points and our **Top 7 Mathematicians** are Evelyn, Poppy, Grayson, Patrick, Charlie, Avery and Matilda. Ronnie, Otis, Lyra and Sonny were awarded our **Numbots Certificates**. Our **Lightning Squad Champions** are Mike, Max, Ronnie, Oskar, Robin, Teddy, Riby-Lew, Mia, Sonny, Scarlett, Noah and Lacey-Mai.

Roll of Honour

Children who have been offering the greatest gifts to others such as generosity, friendship and perseverance.

Copeland: Harlee used the junk modelling boxes to make a new pot to put the children's names in.

Durrington: Leo is always being generous with his friendships, making sure that they are smiling and having fun.

Fitzwalter: Esmee was very generous with her time when she volunteered to tidy her classmates' desks and Aviana gave her time freely when she helped a friend with their coat.

Quickbury: Isabelle and Bethany have both offered their friendship when their friends have needed help or support.

Star of the Week: My Star of the Week is Mya for her continuous kindness and thoughtfulness towards her friend.

Birthdays: This morning, we sang the birthday song to Charlie, Esmee, Robin and Jude who will be celebrating their birthdays over the Christmas period.

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Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Friday 20th December: Last day of term

Monday 6th January: Spring term begins

Week beginning Monday 13th January: Brittain's Got Talent

Friday 14th February: Non-pupil day

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February: Half term

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day (theme to be confirmed)

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April: Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April: Summer Term begins

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mrs Lorna Brittain
Headteacher