



**Newsletter 3**  
**Spring Term 2016**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been busy getting to grips with using our Learnpads; investigating and evaluating some of the many tools and resources available. This week they enjoyed talking into the devices and asking Google questions to find topic related information on the internet. Mrs Hedges is grateful to all of the Digital Leaders who are enthusiastic and always willing to help each other within the group.

E-safety

Our School website is incredibly useful and contains a range of information that parents find extremely useful. As well as key information and newsletters, there are helpful hints about E-safety and websites you can visit to support your (and your children's) understanding. There is a new app called Cybersense and there is another website called [www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org) that are extremely helpful.

Staffing

We were all truly delighted when Miss Rainford announced that she was expecting her first child. We all knew that, at some point, she would be leaving us and that time has nearly arrived - her last day at school will be next Friday when she begins her maternity leave. I speak for the whole school community when I wish Miss Rainford and her family the very, very best and we cannot wait to meet her new arrival. Miss Rainford is a truly fantastic teacher, leader and manager at the school and we are incredibly lucky, and grateful, that she has remained with us for so long...long may it continue! We have advertised for a teacher to work in Class One and we have also spoken with a teaching agency that will help us employ a member of staff.

Homework

Children make better progress when supported in partnership with home and school. Please ensure that homework activities are completed on time and books, folders etc. are returned to school on the correct day for each class. Reading regularly at home is also vitally important because children's sight vocabulary, sentence construction and writing will improve.

Email Communication

We are looking to decrease the amount of paper that is sent home to you and would like to email parents wherever possible. If you would be happy to receive more school information in this way, please complete the form that Mrs Murphy has sent home; we will continue to provide paper copies of letters to all other parents in the usual manner. Letters can also be downloaded from our school website.

Building Work

There will be a public consultation on the school's proposed building project on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall. This will take place from 3pm to 8pm. Representatives from Essex Local Authority will present the plans and will be available to listen to feedback.

Science Club

We are very pleased to be hosting a Science Club that will start on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The 'Mad Science' team will be running a (paid) Science Club for years 1- 6 for 6 weeks during this term. To book a place visit [www.madscience.org/east](http://www.madscience.org/east); if you have any difficulties, please call 01245 363 670.

Music Lessons

Essex Music Services are also visiting the school to teach keyboard lessons. These are paid sessions and places are still available. Please contact the school if you are interested.

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 (again!) who had the best attendance for the previous week. Their attendance rate was 99%, which is fantastic!

Parents' Evening

If you have received an email regarding Parents' Evening, please complete the form and email back to us with your preferred meeting time. Thank you.

Reminders

Alec Hunter Frogs are holding an Indoor Boot Sale on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 11am – 1pm.

If you have any outgrown PE kit (shorts/t-shirts/plimsolls) Key Stage 1 would welcome them for their spare kit box which is running low.

Members of staff need to have access to and from the staff car park throughout the day. Please do not park across the entrance/or in the car parks as this causes disruption and inconvenience to staff. Thank you.

The PFA Quiz Night takes place next Friday evening . There are still places available should you wish to enter a team. This is always good fun and I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the event. Contact [alanheadworth@btinternet.com](mailto:alanheadworth@btinternet.com) for further details.

Behaviour of Adults

I have become increasingly concerned and disappointed with the behaviour of some adults who visit the school. Their general conduct and behaviour leaves a lot to be desired, particularly their choice of language. If any adult behaves aggressively and/or uses inappropriate and offensive language, they will be asked to leave the school site and their right to enter the school grounds may be withdrawn.

### Stars of the Week

Class R – Scarlett Cook for being focused in guided reading.  
Class 1 – Priscilla Smith for being a phonics superstar.  
Class 2 – Keriss Treloar for reading at home each morning.  
Class 3 – Leiah Melamed for being so kind, considerate and caring towards others.  
Class 4 – Bradley Elsey- Seaman for independent work using ladder multiplication and doing more for homework.  
Class 5 – Aidan Clancy for showing consideration and support towards others and for having such a positive outlook.

Well done to all of these children for impressing their teachers this week!

### Mathletics

#### **Bronze Certificates (5 house points)**

Saskia Stumpo, Luke Roberts, Harri Hoste, Samuel Hales, Eden Stobbart, Ashton Shepherd, Kyra Hedges, Zak Hedges.

#### **Silver Certificates (10 house points)**

Ellis Hearnah, Aidan Young

If you are unsure of your child's log in details please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to help.

### Word Millionaire

The latest positions:

**Class 2** –Alistair Mizon, Amie Rice and Honor Gandy

**Class 3** –Ellis Hearnah, Oliver Mizon and Amber Moffatt

**Class 4** – Kyra Hedges, George McCaigey and Madison-Paige Brazier

**Class 5** –Grace Denny, Zak Hedges and Ameila Gandy

**Overall** –Grace Denny, Zak Hedges and Amelia Gandy.

### House Points

Lots of house points have been collected across the school this week for achievement and good behaviour, the champions this week are the **Saxons** with **123 points** - well done!

### Diary Dates

#### Term dates

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Easter break** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Half term** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

**Summer break** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Science Club begins for 6 sessions

#### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February (5pm to 7.30pm) and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February (3.30 to 6pm)

#### **Non-pupil days**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Next week, we will be on **Week 1** of the menu. School dinners cost £2.10 per day (KS2). All meals must be paid for in advance please.

Mr S Caplen & Miss N Rainford