

## Friday News 27.09.2024

What another busy and exciting week in school this week. We welcomed parents in years 3, 4 and 6 to join in with a No Outsiders lesson. Once again, this was very well attended and we thank you for your support. I know the children really enjoyed welcoming you into the classroom. As I am writing this, Africa and Oceania classes are at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester to watch a performance of The Gruffalo. They were lucky enough to secure front row seats! We cannot wait for them to return to hear about the magical time they had. It is such a pleasure to be able to take our children to experience the awe and wonder of live theatre.

### Parent / Guardian Consultations

These are to be held in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Bookings are open for these from today and can be booked via Arbor.

### Harvest - donations please

All classes will be heading to the church on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for our harvest festival. We would also love to be able to take some donations for distribution to the local community. Reverend Faith has said that tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, rice pudding, tinned fruit would all be very welcome donations as many of the elders in the community have meals on wheels delivered but are missing out on those sweet treats!

We will start collecting any donations from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

### Attendance policy

Just a reminder that Miss Prall as Attendance Officer and I will be holding an information session for parents on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9am** to explain the new policy. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions and seek clarification on this new process.

### Attendance

We achieved **95.9%** attendance this week which is an increase on last week.

Year 2 are our attendance champions again with **98.35%**, well done Year 2! They were followed closely by Year R with 97.45% and Year 1 with 95.8%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Midday Supervisor and 2 x part time Learning Support Assistants to join our team. Please see our website for more information [Vacancies](#)

### Autumn Term Key Dates

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Attendance meeting with Miss Prall and Mrs Baker in the hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Whole school to Church for Harvest Festival (children only)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Oceania (Y2) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Africa (Y1) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents' Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - North America (Y5) to Fitzwilliam Museum

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Antarctica (YR) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2:30pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half Term

Monday 4th November - PD day no children in school

Saturday 9th November - Open morning 9:30 - 11:30 for parents and children who are due to start school in September 2025

Friday 15th November - Individual school photos

Friday 6th December - Christingle in school

Tuesday 1st December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm

Thursday 12th December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Happy Weekend



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**“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”**