Newsletter Spring Term Date: 11.02.22

An Exceptional Place to Flourish Though your beginning was small, your future will flourish indeed.

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Attendance this week:

Winning year groups:

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93.56%

96.43%

100%

97.33%

97.14%

97.50%

95.83%

96.47%

Year 2

Year 5

Year 3

96%

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Whole school

Gold – 1st

Silver – 2nd

Bronze – 3rd

<u>Headteacher's message – Candlemas</u>

As part of Collective Worship, we celebrated Candlemas on Monday.

Job 8:7

Candlemas commemorates the day, as the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem, 40 days after His birth.

The festival is historically called Candlemas, because this was the day that all the Churches' candles for the year were blessed.

On Candlemas night, many people place lighted candles in their

windows at home.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon.

Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World.



We are <u>really concerned</u> about the attendance figures at school, especially compared with the previous three years for the same period: **1 September – 11 February.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.28%	15
2019/2020	95.83%	8
2020/2021	92.24%	34
2021/2022	92.20%	28









		Value this half-term	
Reception	Year 1	What would the world be like if animals could talk?	COURAGE
Year	2	Would you prefer to be a cat or a dog?	
Year	3	What if no-one had a nose?	
Year	4	You have the chance to meet Willie Wonka. What new sweet would you design? What would it taste like?	
Year 5		What if people had X-ray eyes?	
Year 6		What if your hands were feet and your feet were hands?	

Achievers of the week

		Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Rece	ption	Madison	Archie	Ava	Brooke	Scarlett
Year 1	Year 2	Ralph K	Joey	Sienna	Amelia	Daisy
Year 3	Year 4	Aviella	Cash	John James	Ralph B	Talia
Year 5	Year 6	Emily	Autumn	Mason	Laila	Chloe

	House Points:												
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			Ants			Badger	S		Locust	S		Lizards	•
Recepti	ion	16	+	7	15	+	6	18	+	3	16	+	5
Year 1	Year 2	44	+	7	12	+	17	37	+	10	39	+	12
Year 3	Year 4	62	+	31	50	+	23	48	+	27	39	+	30
Year 5	Year 6	76	+	35	86	+	38	82	+	41	84	+	34
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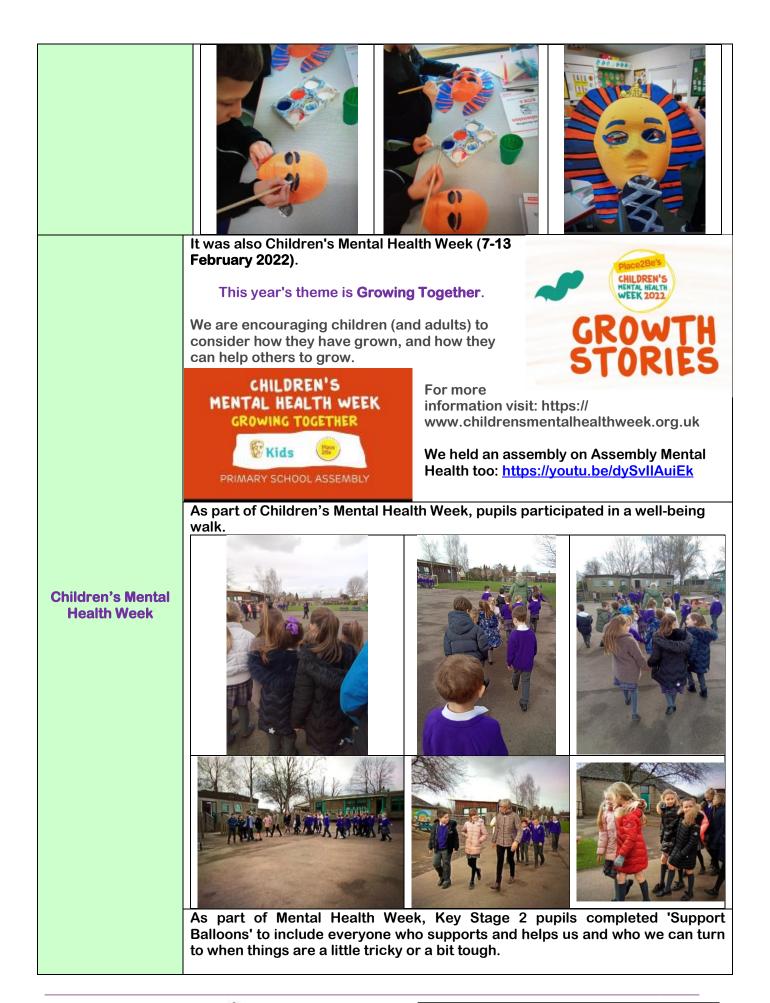






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	Pupil Progress reports are sent out today.
	This will indicated your child's progress and attainment over the last three half-terms, compared to national are related expectations.
	The school has invested in standardised NFER tests to support Teacher Assessments in comparing our pupils' attainment with those nationally. Year 2 and 6 pupils are also using previous SATs tests.
	Please have a look at the school's website for the age related expected National Curriculum objectives.
Pupil Progress reports	We appreciate that COVID has had a direct negative impact on pupils' attainment. We therefore are very committed to see our recovery curriculum being used in support of closing the attainment gap for many pupils.
	It will mean that pupils will have to practice their stamina towards a learning ethos in school, being balanced with the very nurturing and caring disposition of the school as part of well-being.
	We are using CGP booklets for Reading Comprehension, Maths and SPAG to support pupils in school.
	 We will appreciate it if parents can support pupils at home by: Making sure they read daily at home Practice times tables Practice weekly spellings
	Practice handwriting and phonics (letter-joint app).
Next Parent consultation	 We will have two parent consultation evenings from 15.30-18.00 on: Tuesday, 1st March and Monday, 7th March.
meetings	More information to follow regarding the booking of appointments.
	Parent workshops will be offered after the holidays for:
	Phonics
	Maths and
	English.
Parent workshops	These sessions will be delivered after school. Dates to be confirmed after the holiday.
	This will be an opportunity for collaboration between staff and parents and also to support the school's Development Plan. The main focus of these workshops will be to get ideas and tips to support your child at home with their learning.
COVID update	Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test
200 0 sta	positive for COVID-19.
COVID-19	 Self-isolation has been reduced to 5 days. From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19
	will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if
Update	they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and
ATAN AN A	day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test
	negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
	• The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation
	period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results



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	 should be 5. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. If anyone has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to take a PCR test, not an LFD test. If someone with symptoms has already taken an LFD test for any reason and the result is positive, they do not need to take a follow-up PCR test.
Updated policies	 The following policies have been updated and will be available on the school's website: Behaviour Policy Complaints Policy Drinking Water and Toileting Policy School Uniform Policy Pupils will be asked to bring with them to school a labeled water bottle with their name on, filled with water. As we are promoting healthy lifestyles, fizzy drinks are not allowed. Juices are also not allowed, as these are not a healthy choice – unless for medical reasons, e.g. diabetes.
	If there is anyone with good sewing skills, please let the office know, as we need volunteers to help with sewing on curtain heading tape.
Year 5 & 6 Swimming	Swimming is a national curriculum requirement and it is an important part of KS2 education. Year 5 & 6 pupils will be having swimming lessons at Ongar Leisure Centre. The last swimming session has been re-arranged as follows: • 21 st February
Year 6 booster sessions	 Our first sessions will start the week after half-term up until the week of SATs (9th May). We will be running the following sessions: Wednesdays 08:15-08:45 – 9 sessions Thursdays 08:15-08:45 – 9 sessions Fridays 15:30-16:30 – 9 sessions Dr Lawson be delivering Mental Arithmetic on Friday afternoons and Mrs Dean and Mrs Vorster, SPAG and Comprehension during the morning sessions. Morning sessions are offered to not to clash with after school clubs. For the morning sessions, your child will be expected to arrive at school by 08:10 at the latest.
Parent questionnaire feedback	Thanks for the comments on the parent questionnaire. The following strengths were indicated (strongly agree and agree responses):





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The following are s	ome of the points raised and how we are addressing them:
Newsletters: Too long or a lot of irrelevant information	The newsletters are there to keep the whole school community informed, as it is shared with parents, staff and governors. This is to aid strong communication. Some aspects might be irrelevant to individuals, however it is difficult to personalise newsletters. We will trial a different newsletter approach after half-term and sign post parents more to the school website. E.g. the school menu will not be published in the newsletter weekly.
More communication	 School ment with not be published in the newsletter weekly. The parent survey indicated that 90.4% parents agree or strongly agree that the school liaises and communicate regularly with parents. We are trying to engage and communicate with the community in different ways. It is not possible to give the same amount of commitment to all the different forms of communication. The newsletters are the main form of communication, as indicated as the preferred choice, by the survey completed. Parents are invited to participate in consultations and surveys. The office sends specific emails. Twitter is used to celebrate some activities in school. Parents can contact the school office for more information. The school website is updated with relevant information. Parents can have a quick informal chat with staff at pick-up time. Teaching staff is available on request to schedule mutual meetings if needed.
More commination on pupil progress	 We had a two parent's consultation evenings last term. Pupils' progress and attainment report cards to be sent home 11.02.22.





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	Suggestion regarding PE tops Behaviour Ensure pupils drink plenty Pupils to have more reading and spellings	 Next parent consultation on 19th April. Pupils with SEND have termly One Plan meetings. Parents can request a discussion with the class teacher if there are any questions or concerns. We acknowledge that some parents could not attend the Autumn term's evenings due to COVID. We will make a telephone call to parents if parent consultations have not been attended, moving forward. We have adapted the school uniform policy to allow for a black polo or t-shirts to be worn as an alternative. The school's Behaviour policy has been updated and parents were consulted on it. This is now available on the school's website. A Toileting and drinking Policy is now available on the school's website. Spellings is part of weekly homework. We have also published a list of expected spellings pupils should know for their age on the school website under CURRICULUM. We are working with the English hub to further develop our Phonics and English in school. We have also implemented support for all year groups with the recovery curriculum
-		with a focus on reading comprehension (two sessions per week additionally on top of the taught English lessons). Some activities were reduced due to COVID and also
	Sports outside of school	additional Risk Assessments and staffing capacity. We have started with the Cross Country competition this week. We are hopeful that we will be able to participate with more of the sports activities on offer. A few has been agreed an in the process of being arranged. We will need to ask parents to support in transportation to and fro the locations.
	Wider variety of clubs	At the moment we have three afternoon clubs. We will be looking into this, with external providers as staff is limited to provide clubs at the moment. We do need to follow the necessary checks for providers who are in regulated activities with pupils, which included DBS checks and insurance policies. Three staff will be providing year 6 booster sessions after half term.
	Certain foods pupil cannot tolerate	We cannot force pupils to eat specific foods, but do encourage them to make healthy options. We have participated in the "Eat them to Defeat them" initiative last year. We will be taking part in this again this term. The school menu is published online and in the newsletters for parents to decide whether you want your child to eat the food on offer or not. It is not always possible to provide individual alternatives, unless your child has a confirmed allergy.
	Changes in school regarding drop- off in the mornings	Changes to the day-to-day running of the school is necessary and done due to ongoing Risk Assessment. The decision to use the main entrance was due concerns raised about the walkway, congestion and also weather conditions of frost and possible snow, making the walkway unsafe. The walkway is not school property and therefore we do not have capacity to keep maintaining it as our





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	caretaker works part-time. The main entrance was previously used before the black gate was installed.					
	COVID and	COVID and Remote Learning packs are available website. Staff also will liaise for addi				
	More teaching assistants / SEND support	The school on the scho school's bu the school. school. The Schools rec numbers on support thro place in cla differentiati with parent	is small and additional s ol's budget. Staff is prop dget and needs of pupils Contexts of schools diffe school does not offer a ceived funds from the Df n roll. Pupils with EHCP a	bortionate to the s within the context of er from school to resource provision unit. E based on pupil are entitled to additional ditional support is put in tions through SEND team will discuss as part of One Plans and		
			king into this and have lia e company.	aised with our grounds		
Thank you	infection still within I am so very proud of times.		hity.	The last year has been very challenging. A big thank you to all parents and staff who have been going above and beyond to support and ensure that our pupils are safe, cared for and nurtured in reaching their potential. It has been very stressful at times, in what remain very difficult times given the levels of		
Parent Survey	Have a wonderful ha	alf-term brea	ak!			
Important term dates	Start		Finish	Half-term		
TERMI DATES	4 January 20)22	1 April 2022	14-18 February 2022		





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10 Top Tips for Respect Online: **INSPIRING CHILDREN TO** DG BUII

Our ability to communicate with anyone in the world, at any time, via the internet has grown at breakneck speed. For teachers and parents, it can feel impossible to keep up. Worrying about our young people is understandable, and not unjustified: in 2020, for example, one in five 10- to 15-year-olds experienced bullying online. Our tips highlight ways that adults can support young people's positive online behaviours: by adopting and following 'netiquette', we can show them how to avoid getting into difficulty as they learn to negotiate the continually evolving digital landscape.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

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PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

SHOW COMPASSION

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10 Top Tips for Respect Online: A DIGITAL WORLD FOR EVERYONE

Even before lockdowns inflamed the situation, one in every five 10- to 15-year-olds was experiencing bullying online: abusive messages, having rumours spread about them or being excluded from group chats, for example. Through smartphones and tablets, we're used to being able to communicate from anywhere, at any time – but digital devices became commonplace so quickly that it caused a problem: as a society, we haven't properly adjusted to how different they've made life. Our tips can help you to build positive relationships online and avoid some of the potential issues.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

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PROTECT YOURSELF

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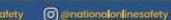
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WakeUpWednesday

RSE at Home: Primary

Relationship and Sex Education workshop created especially for Essex parents and carers, of Primary school aged children.

Talking to young people about their sexual health can be a challenging experience. In this training, we draw on our 55 years of expertise of talking to young people about their sexual health and provide a comprehensive overview of the information that you need to know.

Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore;

- How the new legislation will impact on your child
- What it means for primary school students
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

Mon, 14th February 2022 18:00 – 19:30

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rse-at-home-withparents-primary-essex-only-tickets-256105487407

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<u>Menus</u>

WEEK ONE commencing 1.11.21, 22.11.21, 13.12.21, 24.1.22, 21.2.22 & 14.3.22

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Curry with Naan Bread	Shredded Pork in a Yorkshire Pudding (Optional gravy)	Spaghetti Bolognese	Bubble Coated Fish Fillet
Rainbow Pizza (V)	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry With Naan Bread (V)	Meat-Free Meatballs in a Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Optional gravy)	Quorn Bolognese (V)	Egg & Vegetable Wedge (V)
Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with		Jacket Potato with	Jacket Potato with
Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Tuna		Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Beans
Sweetcorn Carrot & Sultana Salad Cucumber Slices	White & Wholegrain Rice Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower & Broccoli Florets	Homemade Cheese & Onion Bread Green Salad	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Healthy Fruit Day	Vanilla Sponge & Strawberry Custard	Coconut & Cranberry Cookie	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate Brownie

Bread, Milk and Water is available daily.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fish Finger Wrap	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Beef Pasticcio	Chipolata Pork Sausages
Meet-Free Meatball Wrap	Vegetarian Sausage Twist	Sage & Onion topped Quorn fillet	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
White & Wholegrain Rice Cucumber Slices Grated Carrot & Shredded Lettuce	Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Shredded Cabbage	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli Florets	Peas Mixed Garden Salad	Mini Potato Waffles Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Lemon Drizzle Cake	Healthy Fruit Day	Flapjack	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate Crispy Cake

Bread, Milk and Water is available daily.

WEE	WEEK THREE commencing 15.11.21, 6.12.21, 17.01.22, 7.2.22, 7.3.22 & 28.3.22							
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding	Nacho Chicken	Jumbo Fish Fingers				
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun	Sage & Onion topped Quorn Fillet (V)	Nacho Quorn (V)	Cheese Quesadillas (V)				
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans				
Garden Salad Peas	Green Salad Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Carrots Shredded Cabbage	White & Wholegrain Rice Broccoli Florets Mixed Salad	Chips Peas Baked Beans				
Fruit Crumble & Custard	Healthy Fruit Day	Angel Delight Mousse	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate & Cinnamon Shortbread				

Bread, Milk and Water is available daily.









