

Newsletter

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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7

Headteacher's message / notes

Attendance

There has been an increase of requests for holiday during term time. Please be advised that this **cannot be authorised**. The governing body has instructed that we will now be considering penalty fines for these, as pupils are missing out on very valuable teaching time, following all the distractions we had throughout the pandemic.

This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings which may include issuing each parent with a Penalty Notice for £120, reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days or referring the matter to the Magistrates Court whereby each parent may receive a fine up to £2500 and/or up to 3 months in prison.

The new Secretary of State for Education has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. This is particularly true for children who were **persistently absent** before the pandemic or who are at risk of becoming persistently absent. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance.

Missing White Lines Top of Houchin Drive

Parking and speeding in Walker Avenue is continuing to be a problem. There have been a couple of near misses lately so please take care. We have now contacted the Highway Agency.

For parents that park at the village hall, please be aware that when you are leaving the village hall car park, that you must give way to cars coming down from Walker Avenue and onto Houchin Drive. The white lines that should be at the top of Houchin Drive, have almost completely worn away and people may not be aware that it is a 'Give Way' junction. The Highways Agency is aware of it, but are being very slow to paint them back.

Our school attendance target is:

96%

Attendance this week:

Reception	94.25%
Year 1	97.14%
Year 2	98.57%
Year 3	82.5%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	92.5%
Whole school	93.75%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1st	Year 2
Silver – 2nd	Year 5
Bronze – 3rd	Year 1

Achievers of the week:

		Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Reception		-	-	-	-	-
Year 1	Year 2	Charlie	Daisy	Henry H	Kai	Cassidy
Year 3	Year 4	Diggy	Talia	Archie B	Gabby	Teddy D
Year 5	Year 6	Harrison M	Alby	Tommy	George	Freya G



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Value this half-term



Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	What came first the rain drop or the sea?
Year 2		Do you think wearing uniform is a good thing or not?
Year 3		Are humans more important than animals?
Year 4		How could you help to make the lives of people around you better
Year 5		Is war the most effective way to beat the enemy?
Year 6		How could you encourage people to recycle more things?



Virtual Crucial Crew Workshop

Year 6 were invited to participate in a virtual workshop, hosted by Crucial Crew. They commissioned a multi-award-winning theatre production company to develop a bespoke production based on child exploitation, including a focus on grooming, county lines and knife crime.

Child exploitation linked to gangs and county lines is an issue that affects the whole of Essex, including Epping Forest District.

Incidents of violent crime are on the increase across the County with intelligence suggesting a rise in the number of young people carrying a knife.

Pupils gave the following feedback:

- They were shocked at how young children are, who are targeted to become bag runners and how scary it is that they can't get out of it.
- They didn't know it could happen here and in one case thought it only happened in London.
- It made them think about who they talk to and who they should trust if approached by someone older than they are.
- It also came as a shock to be told that from the age of 10 children are criminally accountable and saying they didn't know what was in the bag is no defence.



MacMillan Cancer Awareness



Thanks to all staff who contributed to a "staff cake sale" in aid of raising funds.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Staff have raised: £92.24
Parents/cares: £33.82
Total: £126.06



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Harvest assembly

Thank you for all the donations received. These will be taken to a local Church's food bank.



We celebrated Harvest Assembly as part of the Friday Celebration Assembly!

What is a harvest assembly?

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. Celebrations giving thanks for our food happen in many countries around the world.

In Britain, harvest festivals are often celebrated in churches by bringing baskets of food to give thanks to God. People enjoy singing, praying, listening to stories and decorating the church.

Harvest festivals were initially only celebrated by the Church during the Victorian times, starting in 1843. This festival is a result of various different traditions, from the Anglo-Saxon times to the West Country tradition of "Crying the Neck", when crop reapers would call out to the others when the last bundle of corn was cut. (Source: Twinkl)

Pupils have also been learning two new songs to celebrate Harvest this month.



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Winners of the MacMillan cupcake designs

Alice
Cake Sale Cupcake Design

Design a delicious cupcake for a cake sale.

Name your cupcake _____

Flavour _____

Cost _____



Name: HEARUR BIVE

Class: Orange- Yellow

My design of a cupcake topper.



Alice - reception

Henry R – year 2

McMillan Fundraising Event
Design your cupcake!



Name: Sienna

Class: Blue Year 4

Sienna – Year 4

McMillan Fundraising Event
Design your cupcake!



Name: Charlotte E

Class: indigo / year 5

Charlotte E – Year 5



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RE: Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon

We will be completing the Mini Marathon over the week beginning 18th October. This as a fundraising event. The money raised, will be used towards buying a tablet for each class. Please liaise with Miss Adams and Mrs Eyo for more information.



Information and Reminders

- Dr Lawson will be available for an informal Headteacher and parents meeting for **year 1** parents on Wednesday, 20 October. This will be at 15:00-15:15 in the school hall.
- **Parent consultation evenings** next Tuesday, 19th October and Wednesday, 20th October after school.
- **Pupil individual photos** - These will be taken on **10th November**.
- **Open evenings for prospective Reception pupils:**
 - Thursday, 18 November at 17:00
 - Thursday, 2 December at 16:15
- School uniform – Ciel Uniform has a link to purchase school uniform. They offer tartan skirts and kilts for the girls. <https://www.cielschooluniform.co.uk/dr-walker-primary-school/>
- We have signed up to The Daily Mile, please see Get To Know Essex Maps on our school website.
- A kind reminder that pupils need to be wearing the appropriate PE kit to showcase our school's pride in uniform. We appreciate that the supplier is struggling to provide all of the appropriate school uniform. This will be monitored. Pupils wearing studs in their ears, need to have these removed prior to the lesson as they are a health and safety hazard.
- A kind request to refer queries to the class teacher in the first instance before asking the Office staff to speak to the Headteacher.



Bible verse of the week

So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do to you,
for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12



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Menus

WEEK A commencing 18.10.21

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta	Sausages Herby Diced Potatoes Vegetables	Chicken curry Rice Naan Bread	Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips
<i>Vegetarian option:</i> Quorn Vegetarian Balls in Tomato Sauce Pasta	<i>Vegetarian option:</i> Vegetarian Sausages Herby Diced Potatoes Vegetables	<i>Vegetarian option:</i> Quorn curry Rice Naan Bread	<i>Vegetarian option:</i> Macaroni Cheese Sweetcorn	<i>Vegetarian option:</i> Fish Fingers Baked Beans Chips
Cheese baguette	Ham wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham baguette
Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar	Salad bar
Winter Berry Meringue	Artic Roll	Iced Sponge	Angel Delight	Oat Cookie & fruit wedge
Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt or selection of Fresh Fruit

Bread, Milk, Water and Fruit Juice is available daily.



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New menus for after holiday break

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 Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with 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

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WEEK TWO commencing 8.11.21, 29.11.21, 10.01.22, 31.01.22, 28.2.22 & 21.3.22

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.

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

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