



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



## Headteacher's Comment:

Well done everyone for completing the first full week back at school. It has been very successful and the children are already very settled. We have had 36 more children join us in Reception since last Friday and they have started school really smoothly. Welcome to those families.

The sense of 'normality' continues this week and long may it. Both Year 3 classes have been swimming, sporting fixtures are in the diary and a clubs letter will be out next week. I attended a meeting earlier in the week in which the director of Public Health Essex was present and talking about COVID. He was very positive about the situation with the virus and how we should all be getting back to normal. It was very reassuring.

### Dates for your Diary

The provisional list of dates for the year should be ready to come out to you at the start of next week, but it is worth updating you on a couple of events coming up.

Firstly, the virtual 'meet the teacher' meeting is on Tuesday for parents of children in Years 1 to 6. A letter about this went out earlier in the week. The Teams link will be emailed to you on Monday. Please make the time to come as the teachers will be sharing important information with you.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a 'Dress in your running kit' day. This is to raise money for two important causes. Miss Dow is doing a marathon night walk on 25<sup>th</sup> September to raise money for Cancer Research and Mrs Pirie is running the London Marathon on 3<sup>rd</sup> October to raise money for Havens Hospices. Children can pay a £1 and can wear their running kit for the day – the brighter and sportier the better. There may well be a Larchwood mini marathon during the day. The money raised will be split equally between each charity.

You may be aware that in June half term there are two Bank holidays to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 70 years on the throne. As these dates fall in half-term the government passed legislation over the summer that allows schools to have an additional non-teaching day in 2022. This means that we will break up in the summer Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, not Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July when we will now be closed. This was the date recommended by Essex to use. It means you can go on holiday a day earlier next summer – but not a moment before! The updated term dates calendar for this year will be sent out to you in due course.

Whilst I mention the school holidays (no we aren't wishing the term away), most of you will be aware of the 2-week half term we have in October / November. A number of you have asked if



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we will be running the holiday club in the second week and I can confirm that we are planning to do this again. Details of the cost and how to book will be sent out nearer the time.

Finally on dates, confirmation of the term dates for 2022-23 will be with you soon but please be aware that term is likely to start on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September next year.

### Lateness

There have been a number of children who have been late for school this week. Everyone is now aware that the gate closes at 8:40am. After this your child is late and will need to be taken to the office by an adult. There is a 20-minute window in which you can arrive at school from 8:20am until 8:40am. There should be no one arriving late.

### Reading at home and Attendance

As you can see from the figures below, attendance this week has been excellent as expected. Well to you all, but especially 2B who had the highest attendance. Let's keep it up.

Well done 6S, 6R, 5L, 4S, 2B and 1A who all had all the children reading at least 4 times. A great start from you. 388 children in the school read enough in the last week – you are all superstars. The 14 that didn't, really do need to make sure they do next week. This is the year we get 100% of children reading enough. Reception children will be counted once they have all started.

Have a great weekend.



## Reading at Home

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (8%)	4 (14%)	21 (75%)	89%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	27 (97%)	100%
2G	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	27 (91%)	94%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	5 (18%)	19 (68%)	86%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	4 (14%)	21 (78%)	92%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	97%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	27 (93%)	100%
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	24 (80%)	94%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (3%)	28 (97%)	100%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (16%)	26 (84%)	100%
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	28 (93%)	100%
Total							96%



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## Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Leo in 3C for demonstrating the value of friendship.



## Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Kian	Ivan	Natalie	Wyatt	MacKenzie	Georgia	Max
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Emmy	Tommy	Zachary	Edward	Rosie	Jilan	Kye



## Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.4%	98.8%	95.2%	99.3%	100%	98.6%	99.3%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	98.5%
Attendance	98.6%	99.7%	99.3%	99.3%	99.3%	98.1%	94.7%	

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2B	4D	RS



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	99.5%	98.9%	96.1%	98.5%	100%	98.5%	95.3%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	97.8%
Attendance	96.6%	99.6%	99.5%	97.3%	99%	96.7%	94.8%	

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