



# News and Views



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Headteacher's Comment

Achievement and Enjoyment is our school motto. Our children achieve well academically and leave Larchwood ready for the next stage of their school life, but this wouldn't happen if children didn't enjoy their time here. I've been reminded this week about how much children at Larchwood enjoy school. It started on Monday with children in holiday club telling me how much they enjoyed it – thank you Mr Duncan and Mrs Dansey. On Tuesday Year 1 had a bonfire and hotdogs to start their topic on the Gunpowder Plot. On Wednesday as I walked around the school I saw plenty of amazing learning and enjoyment - the Year 5s playing the glockenspiels to Bon Jovi was a highlight. On Thursday breakfast club were enjoying themselves in their bubbles and this morning it was seeing all the spotty children raising money for Children in Need. Seeing our children enjoying themselves means we are living up to our motto.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

You may have seen the picture on twitter on Wednesday of some of the children observing the 2 minutes silence for Armistice Day. We sold poppies and other items before half term and raised a massive £487.96. That is more than a £1 per person. Thank you for your generosity.

## Children in Need

The children have raised an amazing £404 today. Well done everybody!

## Reception Places 2021

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **9 November 2020**, for parents/carers to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2021. If you have a child who is due to start school next year then you need to apply by **15 January 2021**.

We started doing socially distanced tours for prospective parents, but as tighter social distancing measures have come in we have had to stop these. The good news is that prospective parents will be able to see what the school is like as we have recently had a small film crew in shooting a tour of the school. Once it is ready, it will be on our website. We are also looking at having a virtual Q and A meeting via Microsoft Teams that parents can join.

In recent years about half of our places go to siblings and the rest to families who live locally. We have also had a long waiting list for the last three years. If you know somebody who has a child that is due to start school next September, please remind them of the closing dates.

**From 9 November 2020, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).**

Have a great weekend – hopefully you will find plenty to enjoy.

## Reading at Home

Table shows outcomes from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020** (percentages are rounded)

Class	Times read at home during the week – number of children and percentages						Percentage 4 and 5 times
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	26 (90%)	100%
RT	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	6 (21%)	22 (73%)	94%
1P	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (15%)	22 (79%)	94%
1PR	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	10 (35%)	17 (59%)	94%
2B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	7 (23%)	21 (71%)	94%
2G	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (12%)	24 (82%)	94%
3A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	24 (80%)	90%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	6 (21%)	21 (72%)	93%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	0 (0%)	26 (90%)	90%
4K	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	24 (88%)	92%
5R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	24 (83%)	100%
5S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
6PA	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (20%)	24 (80%)	100%
Total							95%

### Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	99.7%	99.0%	100%	97.3%	99.6%	99.7%	97.0%	
								98.5%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	99.3%	98.0%	98.9%	98.6%	97.3%	96.3%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1P	RS and 2G	2B

### Yearly Attendance – from 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Class	RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A	Whole school
Attendance	98.3%	99.2%	98.7%	96.8%	97.4%	98.1%	97.5%	
								97.5%
Class	3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA		
Attendance	98.4%	96.8%	95.8%	97.3%	97.3%	96.4%		

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RT	1P	3B

### Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1P	1PR	2B	2G	3A
Jamie	Harper	Leon A	Lewis	Ethan	Emmy	Alisha-Mai
3B	4D	4K	5R	5S	6PA	
Elliot	Charlie	Bobby	Alexander	Chloe	Lucy	

<b>Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award</b>	Demi-Mai 4D for the value of friendship
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