

Matching Green News



'Life in all its fullness'

(John 10:10)

11th October 2024

[Matching Green C of E VC Primary School \(matchinggreenprimaryschool.com\)](http://matchinggreenprimaryschool.com)



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[Week 1 menu](#)

[Week 2 menu](#)

Next week, we are week 1

School dinner can be ordered on the day and children in Key Stage 1 receive free school meals.

Collective Worship

Over the week, we have been learning about harvest and this extended to support our value of thankfulness. On Tuesday, we explored the parable of the sower and the seed from Mark 4 and the children could tell me the values they feel are important to be rooted in them for success. The children said friendship, honesty and kindness.

Celebration

Potters Marleigh	Nightingale Harrison Betsie	Darwin Brooke Libby	Shakespeare Maisie Ceylan	Sports Person of the week John
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Weekly update

This week, all children have had additional PE lessons from West Essex School Sports Partnership. They have taken part in tag rugby and athletics and have enjoyed being able to participate in the development of different skills with their peers. The children were fantastic in the sporadic rain over the week which meant they were in and out of shelter and demonstrated great patience and resilience whilst it passed and when they were caught in the downpours. I do need to add an apology, I forgot to add to the newsletter last week about the additional WESPP PE sessions this week. This meant that the information that the children would have needed PE kits this week on additional days came to you later than planned.

We completed a fire alarm test this week; we had prepared the children in advance to make sure they knew what to do in their new classrooms and we talked about the importance of moving safely and quietly to our assembly point. We were out of the school building in under two minutes, which is fantastic.

Instagram

If you are waiting to be approved on Instagram, please let me or the class teachers know. There are a few followers waiting but we haven't been able to identify the families through the picture or the name. We will not allow a followed without 100% knowing the identity inline with our policies and to safeguard all children.

Class updates

Potters – please follow us on Instagram: Potter.Class

Potters have been reading Oliver's Vegetables this week, Reggie was able to tell us his favourite is broccoli! The children have also been learning outside and using our outside space in maths. They used natural resources to create repeating patterns, we've added photos to Tapestry so please do log on to see.

Nightingale - please follow us on Instagram: nightingale.class

It has been musical in Nightingale this week with the children learning how to play a song on the glockenspiel in music. In maths, they've been working on the addition and subtraction.

Darwin - please follow us on Instagram: charlesdarwin.class

In RE, the children have been discussing 'love'. They talked about love within their families and also the importance of loving themselves. They've also enjoyed reading The Lost Sheep together.

Shakespeare - please follow us on Instagram: Shakespeare.class

The enthusiasm for World War II lives on in Shakespeare, this week they were learning about children in the war during history. In science, they were experimenting with water resistance and making different shapes float.

Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 17th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3)

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs order by **Thursday 17th October**. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Harvest Festival

We started our week off with our Harvest Festival which was led by Reverend Julia. We considered different food varieties and where they came from and how thankful we are for our food.

Thank you so much for all the kind donations to our Harvest Festival. Fidgety Feet joined us for our Harvest Festival on Monday 7th, it was lovely to welcome them in. Revend Julia will be taking the donations to Harlow Food Bank on Monday 15th October.

School Council Elections

Well done to all of the children who showed such courage in putting themselves forward for our new school council this year, they shared their manifestos and the year groups voted yesterday

Mrs Chilvers has collated votes and the new school council representatives are Xavier, Emmie, Xenia, Alice, Addie and Connie.

Over the counter medication

Please can we advise not to give your child/ren any over-the-counter medication for them to use in school. This needs to be handed into the School Office and a form completed for us to administer.

Celebration Afternoons

Please remember you are invited in from 2.30pm on 24th October 2024 for the children to showcase their learning this term.

Attendance

Guidance suggests that attendance for children across the year should be above 96%, we have high expectations of pupil's attendance but do sometimes understand that in some circumstances children are unable to attend due to avoidance medical appointments or illness. There has been new guidance for schools on attendance, which we have to follow. More information can be found on the [Essex County Council](#) website. The Depart for Education provides a guide for [parents and carers on school attendance](#).

NHS guidance – [is my child too ill for school?](#)

Safeguarding

Please see the final page of our newsletter for a guide on Fire Safety this week.

PE Days

Monday	Potters and Shakespeare
Tuesday	Nightingale
Wednesday	Potters and Shakespeare
Thursday	Nightingale and Darwin
Friday	Darwin

PTA - of Matching Green Primary School

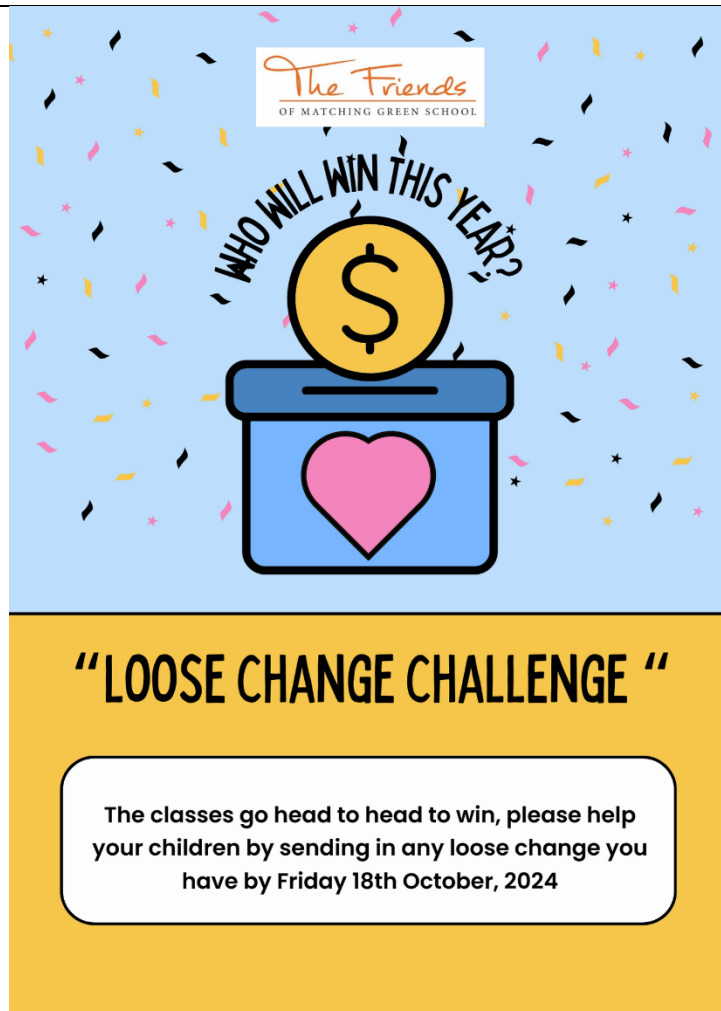
Please make sure you follow the PTA on Instagram: [matchinggreenschoolpta](#)

We have set our dates for our events this year, please see our calendar below and join us at our next meeting on the 11th November at 9am.

Loose Change

[Darwin are in the lead!!!](#)

Please hand in by 18th October 2024 for the final count.



75 Club

September winners

1st - Richard Matthews

2nd - Peter Howes

3rd - Cat Gibbons

The 75 Club raises much needed funds to help support our pupils with extra-curricular trips, visiting theatre productions, as well as helping to fund other resources for the school.

To join the club we are asking for £2.50 per calendar month per number. The numbers range from 1-75. The draw will take place on the last Thursday of the month and the lucky 3 numbers pulled out will win cash prizes. The more members of the club, the larger the prize fund! During the summer holidays, the prize fund will roll over to create a BIG Rollover to be drawn in September! More Information can be found [here](#).

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

Mrs Travis has kindly set Matching Green up with Asda's Cashpot for schools. Please see the details below

"Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops."

Second hand uniform

Please leave any donations of uniform you no longer need with the school office, second hand uniform is so valuable to many of us.

If you need any uniform please contact the PTA or the school office and we will source some out for you.

SEND resources

Good Beginnings

A course for parents and carers of children in Reception class or younger, who have autism or social communication needs. A diagnosis of autism is not needed to access Good Beginnings. The course runs in all four quadrants at least twice a year and one online course is also offered. This course is for parents/carers only – they do not bring the children or younger siblings with them. Parents can request a place on the course by completing the [application form](#).

Due to high demand, it may be necessary to add their details to a waiting list for the next course with availability.

This course covers: understanding autism; communication; play; sensory processing; behaviour is communication; eating, sleeping and toileting; managing anxiety

Information can also be found on the Schools Infolink in the Autism area: [Autism | Essex Schools Infolink](#)

EPINS project

Please do attend the PINS drop in on Friday which will be a confidential opportunity for families to share their views with the EPINS team.

Wilderness Foundation

Please go to the [Wilderness Foundations website](#) to learn more about the outdoor holiday camp for neurodiverse children.

WILDERNESS

FOUNDATION UK

Ages
8-16



1st Nov
2024

Neurodiversity* Outdoor Holiday Camp

Sign your child/teenager up for our latest outdoor holiday camp for neurodiverse youth.

The programme develops personal skills, resilience, communication, social skills and a lot more. We cook on an open fire, are creative, adventurous and accepting.

1st November 2024 - Chatham Green HQ
Price: £80 per child

Download and email your completed booking form to info@wildernessfoundation.org.uk

For more information please visit our [website](#)

*ADHD, ASD, and other neurodiverse conditions

Dates	Resources	Referrals
Essex SEND Roadshow 06.11.24 at Peter Kirk Centre 18.10.24 2pm PINS cuppa and chat (see attached leaflet). Please email Suzan with any questions: suzanpins@proton.me	Essex Local Offer Supporting your Neurodivergent Child West Essex Inclusion Project Essex Family Wellbeing SEND IASS Autism Central	Community Paediatric Service West Essex Community Specialist Services

Recent Letters

03.09.24 – Welcome Back
16.09.24 – Year 6 swimming
01.10.24 - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
03.10.24 – Group of children for Tri-Golf.
07.10.24 – EYFS Tapestry Information

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>18.10.24 – open morning for new EYFS intake 25/26. 18.10.24 – Essex Fire Service fire safety for fireworks and Halloween assembly. 18.10.24 – PTA Loose Change deadline 18.10.24 – 2pm PINS cuppa and chat 24.10.24 – children need packed lunches today. 24.10.24 – Learning celebration afternoon 28.10.24 – 01.11.24 – Half term 31.10.24 – Year 6 applications must be made for secondary school placements. Please use this link to make your application 04.11.24 – INSET 06.11.24 – Year 5 swimming, every Wednesday for 5 weeks. 05.11.24 – Flu vaccinations 11.11.24 – 9am PTA meeting 12.11.24 – Learning Conferences 13.11.24 – Learning Conferences 15.11.24 – Children in Need 25.11.24 – PTA Christmas Enrichment Morning 28.11.24 – Shooting Stars Pantomime - Cinderella 05.12.24 – Year 3 Pantomime visit 06.12.24 – Christingle Making with Reverend Julia 08.12.24 – Christingle Service at Matching Church (CM170QZ) 10.12.24 – PTA Christmas Event 3.30pm – 5.30pm 11.12.24 – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day. 11.12.24 – Learning celebration 17.12.24 – Key Stage 1 Nativity 18.12.24 – Key Stage 1 Nativity 20.12.24 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm.</p>	<p>06.01.25 – Non-pupil Day 05.01.25 – Children back to school 14.01.25 – PTA film night 12.02.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon 12.02.25 – PTA Valentines disco 17.02.25 – 21.02.25 – Half term 28.02.25 – PTA Non-Uniform Day 28.02.25 – PTA Quiz Night 04.03.25 – West End in School 05.03.25 – Potter Educational Visit to Aerozone, Stansted. 06.03.25 – World Book Day 06.03.25 – PTA - Bake and book sale for World Book Day 18.03.25 - Learning Conferences 19.03.25 - Learning Conferences 21.03.25 Red Nose Day 24.03.25 – Mothering Sunday gift room 31.03.25 – PTA Easter Enrichment and Easter Egg Hunt. 02.04.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon 04.04.25 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm.</p>	<p>22.04.25 – Children back to school 29.04.25 – Class photos 05.05.25 – May Day 12.05.25 – 16.05.25 – SATS week 16.05.25 – PTA Year 6 celebration 21.05.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon 23.05.25 – End of term 26.05.25 – 30.05.24 – Half term 02.06.25 – Non-pupil day 09.06.25 – PTA Father's Day gift room 17.06.25 – Sports Day 24.06.25 – Reserve Sports Day 16.07.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon</p>
New dates will be added in red		

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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