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## **News Update 22 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **May Day**

Our school has been invited once again to dance at the May Day event; this will be hosted on The Green this year. Children in Year 2 and above are invited to dance. If your child would like to take part in this event and are available to dance on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May then please email in to the School Office. We are unsure of exact timings yet and it may be that the children dance twice throughout the event. Children will need to be in school uniform.

Year 6 only – If your child would like to be either the May Queen or an attendant could they please write a short letter to me outlining why they believe they would make a good May Queen or attendant. Could letters please be in by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, any letters sent after this date will not be accepted.

### **Create Identitee**

Please find attached a letter from our uniform provider with dates for discounts for the next academic year.



### **Last Forest School**

This Friday is our last Essex Wildlife Forest School, we will be returning to full school uniform after the Easter Holidays on a Friday.

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### Essex Year of Numbers

Please see attached a letter about a new app to support the Essex Year of Numbers.

### Online Safety

#### **According to a recent Ofcom report\*, what percentage of children have had a social media account setup for them by a parent below the age of 11?**

Fifty-eight percent - the top five most popular being: YouTube (33%), TikTok (18%), WhatsApp (17%), Snapchat (14%) and Facebook (9%). *It's worth noting that on 11th April 2024, WhatsApp is changing their minimum age to allow children aged 13+ to use the service (down from 16). WhatsApp offers end-to-end encryption - a security feature that scrambles messages to ensure no one can view the contents.*

#### **How much do children (aged 8 - 17) spend on video games (including in-app purchases)?**

The Insights Family\* data (Ofcom, 2023) suggests that children aged 8-17 who spent money on video games (including in-app purchases) had spent an average of £38 in the past month.

### 75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number. Congratulations to Sarah Parks (1<sup>st</sup> place with £30) Danny Hastings (2<sup>nd</sup> place with £15) and Jane Brown (3<sup>rd</sup> place with £10).

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

***New dates will be highlighted in yellow.***



Weds	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Colchester Zoo Trip	Nightingale Class
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Last Forest School Session	Whole School
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Mr Ball's Mini Marathon	Whole School
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Lego Workshop	Nightingale and Darwin Class

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Weds	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	3:30pm-5:30pm
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Easter Enrichment Day	Whole School
<b>Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
<b>1:15pm finish on 28/3/24</b>				
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Back to School	Whole School
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents only
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Celebration Assembly led by Luke House	All parents/carers welcome 9am start
Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Spring Lunch	8 parents invited
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Apr	PTA Earth Day Bake Sale	All parents/carers/community welcome 9am start
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Apr	Class Photos	Whole School
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6 children only – they MUST be in this week!
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	May	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers welcome
Tues	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Pentecost Service at St Marys Church	9am start whole school
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	May	Headteacher’s Year 4 Trip	St Pauls Cathedral
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	May	Parents Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	May	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	INSET DAY	Whole School
Weds	5 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Residential Trip	Kingswood Kent returning Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Year 6 Leavers Presentation	Chelmsford Cathedral - Details to be confirmed
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Father’s Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Weds	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS1 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS1 Special Gentlemen
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	June	KS2 Father’s Day Lunch	All KS2 Special Gentlemen

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Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	June	Shakespeare Assembly	Shakespeare Class parents only
Tues	18 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Day/Picnic lunch	Whole School details to follow.
Weds	19 <sup>th</sup>	June	Potter Class Assembly	Potter Class parents only
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	June	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Meeting	All parents/carers invited
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	June	Darwin Class Assembly	All parents/carers invited
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	PTA Matchfest	Whole School details to follow
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6 pupils. Wed-Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	July	USA Parents lunch	8 parents only
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	July	Euros Parent lunch	8 parents only
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	PTA meeting	All parents/carers invited
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Year Performance	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Leavers Assembly	Details to follow
Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Last day of term	Finish at 1.15pm

**INSET Days 2023/2024**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**INSET Days for 2024/2025**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

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**Potter Class** @potter.class

**Nightingale Class** @nightingale.class

**Darwin Class** @charlesdarwin.class

**Shakespeare Class** @shakespeare.class

**PTA** @matchinggreenschoolpta.

### **After School Clubs Page**

#### **SCS – Football and Gymnastics**

Monday - football and Thursday - gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 2-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links.

Monday Football <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/109>

Thursday Gymnastics <https://sportscoachingspecialists.classforkids.io/info/108>

If you have any questions then please make contact with the company directly.

**Please can children be in appropriate clothes for the sport they are taking part in. If your child is taking part in football they need football boots and shin pads.**

#### **Spanish Club**

Runs on a Wednesday. Please see the poster at the front of the school for further information.

#### **Piano Lessons**

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link: <https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>