

**Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness**  
'Learning with our head, heart and hands so that we can experience life in all its fullness'



**Headteacher Miss A Wareham**  
**Matching Green C of E Primary School**  
**Little Laver Road**  
**Matching Green**  
**Essex**  
**CM17 0QB**

## **News Update 13** **9th January 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **INSET Day Date Change**

We had an INSET day planned for Monday 26th February 2024, however this has now moved to **Monday 4th March 2024**. We have had to move the date to accommodate the availability of trainers for our paediatric first aid training that will take place on this day.

### **After School Sports Clubs**

From the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 SCS will run two afterschool clubs. Mondays will be football and Thursdays will be gymnastics. They will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm. These clubs are open for all children from Year 1-6. To book and make payment for these clubs please follow the links or scan the QR code on the poster attached.

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.**



### **Swimming for Year 4 Darwin Class**

Darwin will be starting their swimming lessons **this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January** for 5 weeks at 13.15-14.15, they will travel on minibuses to and from Ongar Leisure Centre. Year 3 will then have their swimming lessons from 15<sup>th</sup> February, with the last session being on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please look out for a separate letter that will be sent with further information. If you haven't given consent or made payment please can this be done as soon as possible on your school money account.

## Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness

'Learning with our head, heart and hands so that we can experience life in all its fullness'



### Forest School

Forest School will be returning on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January** and will run for 10 weeks, with the last session on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Therefore, can children please come into school on these days in warm waterproof clothes, a coat and appropriate footwear. They will also need footwear to change into when in the school building. All items of clothes must be named, so that we can return them should they get lost. Children will not need school uniform on these days.

### Essex Local Offer

Find out about help available for SEND children and young people – The Local Offer by following this link. You can also sign up to a monthly newsletter. <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>

### Essex Wrap Around Care Survey

We have been asked to share the below with you:

Essex County Council is committed to supporting the national wraparound program as part of the childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. It is the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access term time childcare, in their local area, from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment. As a parent or carer of a child who attends primary school we want to know your requirements for wraparound care and we are asking you to complete this short survey –

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZLwjRBQ0e02BCvDZWV2-UaK9UQVhXVEtPOE9RT0hYWTJaSVdJRUIJOWDdHNC4u>

Your answers will help us understand where Essex County Council should target support and/or funding. Participation is completely voluntary, and we really do appreciate your time in doing this. This survey will remain open until 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. If you need support with completing this form, or if you have any questions please email- [wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk](mailto:wraparound.childcare@essex.gov.uk) Kind regards

Caroline Brown - Business Management Consultant

### Mother's Day Room Date Change

The Mother's Day Rooms will now be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Adverse Weather

Yesterday a letter went out regarding plans for adverse weather. You can find a copy on our school website under parents – letters or by following this link:

<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/letters/>

### Spanish Club

Spanish Club starts back on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. There is a poster on the front of the school with further information.

**Primary School Admissions A reminder that primary school admissions for September 2024, close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Even if your child is a sibling then you must still apply**

## Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness

'Learning with our head, heart and hands so that we can experience life in all its fullness'

**for a place.** Applications can be made here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

**Offers will be sent to online applicants by email on 16 April 2024.**

### 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.

### 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/>

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

*New dates will be highlighted in yellow.*



Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome 9am start
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	PTA PJ day and Film Night	After School until 5pm - all children
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	School Nurse visit for National Child Measurement Programme	Reception and Year 6 Only
Weds	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Swimming Gala @ The Aquatics Centre	Invited children only
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Storytelling Week begins	Whole School
Weds	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	Scholastic Book Fair begins	In school until 2/2/24
Weds	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	DEAR with a Twist	Whole School
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb	Shakespeare Class Assembly	All Shakespeare parents invited 9am start
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Road Safety Training	Reception and Year 5 only
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Weds	7 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Chinese Dance and Plate painting workshop	Whole School
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Darwin Class Assembly	All Darwin parents invited 9am start
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch	Whole School

**Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness**

'Learning with our head, heart and hands so that we can experience life in all its fullness'

Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All parents/carers invited 7pm start
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
<b>Return to school Monday 26th February 2024</b>				
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	West End in Schools Workshop	All children
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mother's Day Room	PTA Event Whole School
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	World Book Day	Whole School
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Parents Evening	5pm-7pm
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>				
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Back to School	Whole School

**INSET Days**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**



**Potter Class** @potter.class  
**Nightingale Class** @nightingale.class  
**Darwin Class** @charlesdarwin.class  
**Shakespeare Class** @shakespeare.class  
**PTA** @matchinggreenschoolpta.