

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

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## **News Update 12 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas period and enjoyed time with family and friends. A huge thank you from all of us for our cards, gifts and well wishes, your kindness was really appreciated. A warm welcome to Ceylan and her family who has joined us in Year 5.

For the month of January, we will be looking at the Christian value 'hope'. Hope is more than wishing for things to be different, hope is about believing that things can be better and doing something about it. Over this month, the children will be listening to stories from the bible about Noah and the hopes that God had for him. The children will also be learning about famous figures who had/have hopes and acted upon them including Martin Luther King and David Attenborough. They will also be learning about how a rainbow is a sign of hope and its impact it had during the Covid Pandemic by looking at stories such as 'Rain before Rainbows.'

### **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to say that Miss Breen has joined our Potter Class team and Mrs Mephram will be joining us from the 15<sup>th</sup> January, she will also be based in Potter Class.

Some changes to our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) team have also been made to ensure the best support is in place for the growing needs of our children and school. I am now the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) with Mrs Gibbons predominantly supporting the Speech and Language needs throughout the school. Mrs Chilvers will still be on hand for informal catch ups with parents/carers.

### **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>

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

### Epiphany Service at St Mary's Matching Church

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Rev Julia will be leading an Epiphany Service at St Mary's Church for the children of Matching Green and their families. Please can children be in church for a 9:00am start. If you need transport to and from school, please let the School Office know – your child will then travel with a member of staff. Alternatively, please ask other parents/carers if they are able to help. If they require a booster seat, please provide one. Morning Club will still continue to run. We are expecting the service to be no longer than 45 minutes.



### 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.



### Swimming for Year 4 Darwin Class

Darwin will be starting their swimming lessons on 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.

### PTA Meeting

All are welcome to attend our next PTA meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am.

### 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.



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### Nits

Please have a look at this guidance from Hedrin and their campaign for 'Once a Week take a Peek'  
<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

### Spare Clothes

Occasionally children do have toileting accidents in school. When this happens we have a limited amount of spare uniform/underwear and shoes. If you think that your child is likely to have a toileting accident throughout the day, then please provide some spare clothes for them in their school bag. If your child is sent home in spare clothes from school, could you please wash and return them to us as soon as possible.

**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 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.*



Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Epiphany Service in church	9am start, all are welcome
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	PTA Meeting	@10:30am parents/carers welcome
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	PTA PJ day and Film Night	After School - 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

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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
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
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	INSET DAY	Whole School
<b>Return to school Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>				
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mother’s Day Room	PTA Event 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
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	World Book Day	Whole School
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Class Photos	Whole School
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Nightingale Class Assembly	Nightingale Class parents only
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

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**Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Back to School	Whole School
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**INSET Days**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 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.