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News Update 11 **14th December 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,



Nativity and Carol Concert

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch the children, for your help with costumes and for your donations. A huge thank you to Mrs Ramsey for playing the piano, the PTA for organising the raffle and the KS1 and KS2 staff for pulling it altogether. Lastly, a huge thank you and well done to all our children who put on a fantastic and enjoyable show!

Year 3 Panto trip

We are still waiting for several consents to be made on School Money for the Year 3's Panto trip which is on Monday 18th December. If you are entitled to Free School Meals please contact the School Office to give consent.

Change of Menu

On Monday 18th December we will be serving burgers with wedges and on Tuesday 19th December we will serve Fish and Chips.

Christmas Market and Raffle

We are pleased and extremely grateful to the PTA for raising a huge amount of money at the Christmas Market and the Christmas Raffle. The Christmas Market raised £699.77 and the Christmas Raffle raised £576.86 a total of £1276.63. Thank you to all those who came and donated and to the PTA for organising the event.



Forest School will be returning on Friday 12th January and will run for 10 weeks with the last session on Friday 22nd March. Therefore can children please come into school on these days in warm

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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.



Nits

We have had several cases of nits throughout the school over the last few weeks. We have never had such a high number of cases and this must mean that nits are not being treated properly. As you can appreciate this is causing frustrations, as it is time consuming and can be expensive to treat if doing it on a regular basis. Please have a look at this guidance from Hedrin and their campaign for 'Once a Week take a Peek' <https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Changes to PE

In the new academic year our PE sessions will be led by an outside company to allow Miss Toon to spend more time in Darwin Class and supporting other children throughout the school. Potter Class and Darwin Class will have PE on a Monday and Nightingale Class and Shakespeare Class will have PE on a Thursday. For the first half of the Spring Term the children will be doing gymnastics. Please can all jewellery be removed for PE this includes bracelets, necklaces and most importantly earrings. Children can remove earrings prior to the lesson and keep them in a safe place before putting them back in after a lesson. Children will not be allowed to join in if they can't remove their own earrings.

After School Sports Clubs

From the week beginning the 8th January 2024 SCS will run two afterschool clubs. Monday will be football and Thursday 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:-

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.

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.

Uniform

Some children are not wearing the correct school uniform. Children should be wearing a red logo or non-logo jumper or cardigan, not fleeces or jumpers with other brand logos on. PE tracksuits

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should again be either school logo or plain navy tracksuits, not different colours or navy with large logos on. Hair must be tied back. Shoes should either be trainers on PE days or black school shoes. I appreciate that children do need new shoes and there may be a day or two where they may have to wear other shoes but this should not be long term. Thank you for your understanding. Please have a look on our school website for further guidance on our school uniform policy.

<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/school-uniform-1/>



Swimming for Year 4 Darwin Class

Darwin will be starting their swimming lessons on Thursday 11th 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 15th February, with the last session being on 21st March. Please look out for a separate letter that will be sent with further information.

Epiphany Service at St Mary's Matching Church

On Monday 8th 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.

Primary School Admissions A reminder that primary school admissions for September 2024 close on 15th 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.

Christingle

Thank you to all the families that came to the Christingle Service on Sunday. It was lovely to spend the special occasion with you all, our children made us all very proud with their knowledge and their singing.

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/>

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Instagram

Please view our Instagram policy by following this link.

<https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/matching-green-primary/UploadedDocument/23eb84af-25ad-4314-87ef-ac4ce95398cd/instagram-policy.pdf>

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

Rev Julia and The United Benefice of The Lavers with Matching

invite you to join us for family-friendly Christmas Church Services and Events including Carol Singing on Matching Green on 17th December (with mulled wine and mince pies) and the opportunity to come dressed as your favourite nativity character for our crib service on Christmas Eve....

all the details are here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LaversMatching>

or scan our QR code:



New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Mon	18 th	Dec	South Mills Theatre Trip	Year 3
Tues	19 th	Dec	Last day of term	All children finish at 1.15pm
Weds	20 th	Dec	INSET Day	
Return to school Thursday 4th January 2024				
Mon	8 th	Jan	Epiphany Service in church	9am start, all are welcome
Mon	8 th	Jan	PTA Meeting	@10:30am parents/carers welcome
Fri	12 th	Jan	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Thurs	18 th	Jan	PTA PJ day and Film Night	After School - all children
Weds	24 th	Jan	Swimming Gala @ The Aquatics Centre	Invited children only
Mon	29 th	Jan	Storytelling Week begins	Whole School
Weds	31 st	Jan	Scholastic Book Fair begins	In school until 2/2/24
Weds	31 st	Jan	DEAR with a Twist	Whole School

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Fri	2 nd	Feb	Shakespeare Class Assembly	All Shakespeare parents invited 9am start
Mon	5 th	Feb	Road Safety Training	Reception and Year 5 only
Tues	6 th	Feb	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Weds	7 th	Feb	Chinese Dance and Plate painting workshop	Whole School
Fri	9 th	Feb	Darwin Class Assembly	All Darwin parents invited 9am start
Fri	9 th	Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch	Whole School
Fri	9 th	Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All parents/carers invited 7pm start
Fri	16 th	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 th	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	26 th	Feb	INSET DAY	Whole School

Return to school Tuesday 27th February 2024

INSET Days
Wednesday 20th December 2023
Monday 26th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024