

Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness
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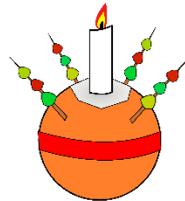
Dear Parents/Carers,

WESSP PE Day

Please can all children be in their PE kit on Thursday 7th December.

Christmas Lunch

Please can we have all dinner slips returned by the end of the day. If you have lost your slip please email or call the School Office. It is important that we have a clear picture of numbers so that Miss Bennett can place an order.



Christingle

On Friday 8th December all children will take part in making a Christingle led by Rev Julia and other members of the PCC. The children will learn about what the Christingle represents and why this is special to the Christian faith. Then on Sunday 10th December at 4pm all families of Matching Green are invited to St Mary's Church to take part in a Christingle service where the Christingles that the children made will be shared out amongst the congregation. This is really a special church service so please come and share in this occasion. We hope to see you there. You can find out more about Christingle by following this link

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle/what-is-christingle>

Christmas Nativity – Everyone Loves a Baby and KS2 Carol Concert

Please can only two members per family come to each of these performances e.g. 2 people come on Monday 11th and two others on Tuesday 12th not 4 people all on one date. This means that there is not too many people in the school hall at once. You do not need to book tickets in advance. Siblings are welcome, but are included in the two people allowed for each showing. If a younger sibling becomes unsettled then please could you remove them so that the children performing are not disturbed. Thank you for your understanding. After the nativity the KS2 children will then sing their Christmas carols.

The 2 Johns Online Safety session – Sunday 10 December 7pm

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The 2 Johns are running a session on Sunday evening (10 December) at 7pm to launch the ESCB online safety week. The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also [The 2 Johns Facebook page](#).

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/>



Instagram

We have joined Instagram! Please come and join us as we share updates and information about our school day.

There is a whole school account: @matchinggreenceprimary and an account for each of our classes:

Potter Class - @potter.class

Nightingale Class - @nightingale.class

Darwin Class - @charlesdarwin.class

Shakespeare Class - @shakespeare.class

Our PTA also has an Instagram account @matchinggreenschoolpta.

Open Days

Although we have only just welcomed our new Potter children into class, we are already thinking about the next academic year. If you or anyone you know would be interested in coming to visit the school on one of our Open Days, you are more than welcome. Please contact the School Office to book in. You can apply for primary (reception) school place at an Essex primary school between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024. **Offers will be sent to online applicants by email on 16 April 2024.**

Open Days are on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 or 11am
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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

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including our Christingle service on 10th December....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.



Thurs	7 th	Dec	WESSP Sports Leadership Day	All children – PE kit required
Fri	8 th	Dec	Christingle Making	All children in school
Fri	8 th	Dec	PTA Christmas Market	3pm – 5:30pm All families invited
Sun	10 th	Dec	Christingle Service @ St Marys Church	4pm all families invited
Mon	11 th	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Tues	12 th	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Weds	13 th	Dec	Christmas jumper day & lunch	All children
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
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

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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