

Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness
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News Update 8 **21st November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

NHS Guidance re Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please adhere to this guidance. We have had a huge increase in staff sickness too. If we have limited staff this will have a huge impact.

We have had several children off this week due to sickness and diarrhoea. As like all school/pre-school settings we have the same policy that children cannot return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As you can imagine any illness including coughs/colds etc spreads quickly throughout the school and we want to do what we can to minimise this.

Just for your information we do encourage the children to wash their hands on a regular basis throughout the school day, using soap and water. Children also have access to hand gel and are encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when using tissues. Lastly, the school is cleaned thoroughly every evening and has a deep clean at termly points throughout the school year.

Loose Change Fundraiser

Congratulations to Nightingale Class who raised the most loose change! Although, we are not surprised as you had a very determined class teacher and TA who was not going to let anything get in the way of that!

1st place Nightingale Class £193.03

2nd place Darwin Class £104.17

3rd place Potter Class £36.49 but was doubled by the PTA due to their small size so £72.98

4th place Shakespeare Class £65.30

A grand total of £435.98. Nightingale Class will be presented with their prizes at the Christmas Enrichment morning next week.

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Children in Need

Well done Matching Green you raised £111.60! Thank you for making such a huge effort for a worthwhile cause.

DEAR with a Twist Feedback

Thank you to the parents who have contributed to the feedback. We had some really positive comments and will definitely run this again into the Spring and Summer Terms. Some of the feedback was around the timings. The 9:15am start time is suitable for the school as it allows children to settle into their classrooms, for staff to manage any arising issues that morning and for lunch orders to be taken correctly, children then need to transition into the correct room and be ready for their parents for DEAR to start. However, we will give some thought to what parents can do whilst you are waiting. If you would still like to contribute your feedback the Google Form is still live <https://forms.gle/mGymp7ittRhNUYhh8> Please only feel this form in if you came to the event. The next DEAR event is on Wednesday 6th December @9:15am and will be about Christmas.

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.



Help with Writing at Home

Our next series of 'help at home' posters are all about writing. We will be sharing ways to help at home with handwriting, how to encourage your child to write creatively and how to help with spellings. Please find the next poster attached which is part two to of how to make writing fun and engaging at home.

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

We have joined Instagram! Please come and join us as we share updates and information about our school day. There are some great photos on there of the children enjoying their Fit Fence and Kidditch 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 28 th November	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 or 11am

Best wishes,
Miss Wareham

New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Weds	22 nd	Nov	Potter Class Assembly	@ 9am Potter parents/carers
Fri	24 th	Nov	Nightingale Class Assembly	@ 9am Nightingale parents/carers
Mon	27 th	Nov	PTA Christmas Enrichment morning	All children
Weds	29 th	Nov	Tower of London Trip	Nightingale Class details to follow
Thurs	30 th	Nov	Robin Hood Pantomime	All children
Fri	1 st	Dec	WB Studios Harry Potter Trip	Darwin Class – Details to follow

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Weds	6 th	Dec	DEAR with a twist	9:15am start parents invited
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
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

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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