

Kindness, Endurance, Friendships, Forgiveness, Thankfulness
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News Update 7 **15th November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

NHS Guidance re Sickness and Diarrhoea

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.

Absence

If your child is ill then it is a safeguarding requirement for parents/carers to call in every day of illness. Please be aware if it is a prolonged illness further medical evidence will be asked. If your child is going to have some time out of school, for either a day trip or a holiday then a leave of absence form and an attached letter/email is required.

Upcoming Trips

Nightingale Class and Darwin Class have trips coming up soon. If you have not consented for the trip yet, please do so as soon as possible. Payment can be made at a later date, but it is important that we have consent as otherwise they will not be able to go. If you require a payment plan for the cost of the trip(s) then please come and speak to either myself or a member of the School Office staff who can put this in place for you.



PTA Christmas Market – Friday 8th December (3 pm to 5.30pm)

The PTA are organising a fantastic event and need some help from parents/carers. If you are able to help out then please make contact with either Katie (Ivy's Mum) or Becky (Zach's Mum) both have children in Nightingale Class.

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If you wish to have a stall then please contact the School Office on admin@matchinggreen.essex.sch.uk and we can forward your request to the PTA. They are also looking for unwanted but good quality toys for a toy tombola stall. The School Council are going to run a Christmas decoration stall and a book sale, so any unwanted books (good quality and age appropriate) are also welcome.



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 about how to make writing fun and engaging at home.

Coats and Snacks

As it is getting colder, children must always come to school with a coat. If it is drizzling, we do still go out to play, as fresh air and a run around is important for children, however if they do not have a coat they will not be allowed out to play.

Children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack from home to have at break time. We do have some fruit/vegetables on offer, but this is predominantly for KS1 and may not always be to your child's liking. If it is in a pot, please name it!

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/>



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November the School Council would like to raise some money for this special charity. We are asking for a £1 donation in return for wearing pyjamas for the day.

DEAR with a Twist

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came today for DEAR with a Twist. The characters that the children have created look fabulous and it was wonderful to see some of the children putting their own personalities into their designs. This is what some of the children had to say "I loved making something with my mum." "I liked Odd Dog Out, I hadn't heard it before." "I liked the arts and crafts and I want to do it again." We would love to hear your feedback, so please complete the Google Form attached <https://forms.gle/mGymp7ittRhNUYhh8> Please only feel this form in if you came today.

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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.



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.

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Fri	17 th	Nov	Celebration Assembly	@ 9am Parents welcome
Fri	17 th	Nov	Children in Need	All children PJ Day
Mon	20 th	Nov	Victorian Speaker visit	Shakespeare Class
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
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				

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