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## **News Update 6** **8th November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **PTA Christmas Market – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you wish to have a stall then please contact the School Office on [admin@matchinggreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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 first poster attached about handwriting.

### **PTA Small Change**

So far, it is Nightingale Class in the lead with the small change competition! Please bring in your small change, as each class are collecting to win a class prize!

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### 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/>

### Whole School Assemblies

Next week the children have two special assemblies. The first is on Monday, this will be led by Impact Sports Education, a company owned by two ex-professional footballers; Alfred Mugabo and Jonathan Muleba. They will also be appearing at our PTA Christmas Market.

On Tuesday, Ian Robinson from Matching Green Car Show will be presenting a cheque to the children, as they have generously donated £500 to the school, this has been used to fix some of our climbing equipment.



### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Odd Sock Day

The week beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> November is Anti Bullying Week. We will kick start the week by wearing odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. These socks can be stripy, fluffy, long socks, colourful, it doesn't matter ..... as long as they do not match! No donation required, just odd socks.

### Child Safety Warning about Water Beads

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has issued a warning regarding the use of water beads, a product used increasingly as a toy. Water beads also known as gel beads, sensory beads, and sold under various brand names, are becoming increasingly popular as a toy. These beads are made from super absorbent polymer and can retain hundreds of times their weight in water.

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The use of water beads, especially by babies and toddlers poses serious risks. If swallowed, the beads can continue to expand, growing considerably larger than their original size and causing intestinal blockages requiring medical intervention. Due to their growing popularity, driven by social media exposure, it's critical to be aware of the potential dangers. The CCPC advises that water beads should be kept out of sight and reach of young children to ensure their safety.

More information, and guidance for Parents and caregivers can be found on the [CCPC](#) website.

### **DEAR with a Twist**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November parents/carers are invited to join their child/ren for DEAR with a Twist. As before, we will split the school into house groups, where you will all listen to a story that celebrates diversity, to tie in with Anti-Bullying Week. You will then create a piece of art work with your child, which is linked to the house group text. The books that we will be using are Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, Odd Dog Out by Rob Biddulph, Elmer by David McKee and The Hueys in the New Jumper by Oliver Jeffers. ***We have changed the start time to 9:15am.*** Please can we ask only one adult per family. If you are unable to come, please do not worry, your child will complete the same activities with a member of staff.

### **75 Club**

We have today drawn the October 75 Club, here are this month's lucky winners:-

1<sup>st</sup> – Susan Woodhead

2<sup>nd</sup> – Julie Parmenter

3<sup>rd</sup> – Danny Hastings.

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.

### **Lost Property**

Before half term we had over 80 pieces of school uniform which we were unable to return, because they were not named, some of the items were brand new! We were only able to return two items because they had their initials on. We appreciate that school uniform can be costly and we also want to return lost items. However, we cannot do this if there is no name on them. We have now donated these to the PTA for their Preloved Sale.

We also have lots of snack pots that have no names on. Please label everything using either permanent markers, fabric/laundry pens, sticky labels etc. Please see below:

[Laundry Pen](#)

[Name Tags 4 U](#)

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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 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 or 11am

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

New dates will be highlighted in yellow.



Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Flu Immunisations	For children with consent from parents
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Start of Anti Bullying Week	Whole School – Odd Sock Day
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Impact Sports Assembly	Whole School
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Car Show Assembly	Whole School
Weds	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	DEAR with a twist	9:15am start parents invited
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Celebration Assembly	@ 9am Parents welcome

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Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Victorian Speaker visit	Shakespeare Class
Weds	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	Potter Class Assembly	@ 9am Potter parents/carers
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Nightingale Class Assembly	@ 9am Nightingale parents/carers
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	PTA Christmas Enrichment morning	All children
Weds	29 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Tower of London Trip	Nightingale Class details to follow
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Robin Hood Pantomime	All children
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	WB Studios Harry Potter Trip	Darwin Class – Details to follow
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	DEAR with a twist	9:15am start parents invited
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	WESSP Sports Leadership Day	All children – PE kit required
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christingle Making	All children in school
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	PTA Christmas Market	3pm – 5:30pm All families invited
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christingle Service @ St Marys Church	4pm all families invited
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas jumper day & lunch	All children
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	South Mills Theatre Trip	Year 3
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Last day of term	All children finish at 1.15pm
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	INSET Day	
<b>Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>				

**INSET Days****Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023****Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024****Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**