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News Update 3 **11th October 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the parents who came to Shakespeare's Class Assembly last week. They really enjoyed sharing their assembly and books with you. We hope it was a good opportunity for you to see what they have been learning about so far this topic. Our next Class Assembly is Darwin's which is on Friday 3rd November. A reminder that we are back to school on Monday 30th October 2023. We have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our Teachers 2 Parents emails; it has had an impact on gmail, icloud, outlook, Hotmail, live and yahoo addresses our apologies for this, however the issue should now have been resolved.



Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 11th October at 2:30pm** we would like to invite Reception and Year 1 parents into school for a phonics workshop. We will inform you about how we teach phonics in school, the importance of phonics, how you can help out at home and the phonics screening check that will take place in June 2024 for Year 1 children. Younger siblings are welcome we will have some quiet activities laid out for them. Please also find attached our next reading poster all about Phonological Awareness and Phonics.

School Council

We are delighted to announce that Alice, Libby, Connie, Xenia, Archie and Sophia have been nominated as new School Council members. Henry, Orla, Raife, Cameron, Etta and Chloe will remain. On Monday next week the Key Stage 2 members of the School Council have been invited to attend a 360 Story of Parliament Tour at Westminster Abbey.



We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday the 19th October 2023 we have booked for the Two Johns to come and visit our school once again to raise awareness about how to keep safe online.

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They last visited four years ago and were exceptionally well received as they use their own experiences and up to date information to share with us potential dangers our children could be exposed to when using a computer, tablet or phone.

Throughout the day, The Two Johns will work with the children in their class groups at an age appropriate level. After school, the staff will take part in some training, so that we are better equipped to support our children. Finally, parents/carers will be invited to attend a presentation by the Two Johns from **6pm till 7.30pm**. The information that will be shared throughout the day and evening can really be eye opening and it is so important for us all to be aware of dangers modern technology poses. In the meantime please have a look at their website <https://www.esafetytraining.org> We hope to see you there!

Lost Property

In our lost property bin there are over 80 pieces of school uniform that we are unable to return because they have no name. Some of the items are 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. After half term these items will be donated to the PTA pre-loved uniform 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](#)

Reading

Please find attached our next reading poster which is all about fluency.

Kidditch and FitFence

On Wednesday 1st November all children in our school will be taking part in Kidditch and FitFence, could they therefore please be in PE kit on this day. They will still have PE on their normal day too that week.



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.

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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. 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 31 st October	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 14 th October	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 28 th November	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30 or 11am

Secondary School Places

If you have a child who will be moving to secondary school in the next academic year then please remember that your application must be in by 31st October 2023. If you would like to discuss secondary school places and missed the drop in session last week, please don't hesitate to come and speak to either myself or Miss Roach.

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham



Weds	11 th	Oct	Phonics Workshop	All Reception and Year 1 parents @2:30
Mon	16 th	Oct	Westminster Abbey Trip	School Council only
Thurs	19 th	Oct	Two Johns Online Safety Day	@6pm for parents workshop
Fri	20 th	Oct	Celebration Assembly	@9am Parents welcome AND Last day of half term 3:15pm finish
Mon	23 rd	Oct	Half Term	All children
Mon	30 th	Oct	Back to School	All children
Tues	31 st	Oct	Tag rugby festival- Ongar 9am-12pm	Slips sent home to Shakespeare Class
Weds	1 st	Nov	Quidditch and FitFence Activity	All children
Fri	3 rd	Nov	Royal Gunpowder Mill Trip	Shakespeare Class details to follow
Fri	3 rd	Nov	Darwin Class Assembly	@9am Darwin parents/carers
Mon	6 th	Nov	Parents Evening 5-7pm	
Weds	8 th	Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm	
Fri	10 th	Nov	Flu Immunisations	For children with consent from parents
Mon	13 th	Nov	Start of Anti Bullying Week	Whole School
Weds	15 th	Nov	DEAR with a twist	2:30pm prompt start parents invited

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Fri	17 th	Nov	Celebration Assembly	@9am Parents welcome
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	2:30pm prompt start parents invited
Fri	8 th	Dec	Christingle Making	All children in school
Fri	8 th	Dec	PTA Christmas Market	3pm – 6pm 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
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

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75 CLUB

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our winners...

August Roll Over and September Draw

1st Prize Mrs Woodhead

2nd Prize Mrs Howes

3rd Prize Miss Horne

To join the club we are asking for £2.50 per calendar month, per number. The numbers range from 1-75. The draw will take place on the last day of the month and the lucky 3 numbers pulled out will win cash prizes. The more members of the club, the larger the prize fund!

Payment for numbers can either be by cash (£30 for the year) or by setting up a standing order. Standing order is the easiest way to pay, this can be either monthly (£2.50), quarterly (£7.50) or annually (£30) paid directly into The Friends of Matching Green bank account. To be included in the draw your annual, quarterly or monthly payment will need to be paid/clear the account by the 20th of the respective month. The bank account details are as below:-

The Friends of Matching Green
Barclays
Account: 10549878
Sort Code: 20-36-98
£2.50 per ball / per month.

If setting up a standing order, please put the reference as 75 Club-*your surname*. Please let us know if this is your preferred method of payment so that we may record this in our system.

If you are interested in signing up for a number, please contact Mrs Howes in the School Office who will be happy to let you know what numbers are available. Grandparents, family, friends or neighbours from the local community are more than welcome to sign up for a number, so please spread the word.