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News Update 3 **3rd October 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to Denis, Calvin, Maxwell, Connie, Ernie and Henley who have recently joined our Matching Green family.

Our value this month is wisdom. Wisdom is different from being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Some people pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives wisely. This month during Collective Worship the children will be listening to parables such as The Wise Builders and The Rich Fool. They will also hear some Aesop fables and think about how these messages can relate to their own lives. Lastly, they will learn about different Greek philosophers such as Aristotle, Socrates and Plato.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who came to our coffee morning and for all our donations. Congratulations to Molly, Zachary and Sebastian, Zachary and Sunny for winning the best bakes competition! We raised £194.71.

Census Day

We are encouraging all children to have a school lunch at **Thursday 5th October** as the number of children having a lunch that day will have an impact on our school funding for the academic year. Lunch will be crispy chicken wraps, potato wedges and sweetcorn with fruit jelly.



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,

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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.

Reading

Please find attached our next reading poster which is all about vocabulary. We hope that the children are taking part in the reading bingo, lots of children have already come to share their achievements and it has been wonderful to have a ‘book chat’ with them. We have been auditing our Key Stage 2 reading books and have asked children for their recommendations. The PTA have generously donated £500 towards some new books for the children. Our next step is to do the same in Key Stage 1.



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.

Football Club

If your child/ren attends football club please can they have shin pads. Children do not need football boots but they do need shin pads. Can children also have a football kit or another outfit suitable for football which they can change into – many children are playing in their school uniform which isn’t ideal. Thank you.

Trips

There are lots of school trips coming up after half term. Please note the dates from the list below. Nearer the time a letter will come out to relevant classes with information about the trip, cost and times etc.

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 3 rd October	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 10 th October	9.30 or 11am
Tuesday 31 st October	9.30 or 11am

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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.

Labelling

Please label **EVERYTHING** that your child brings into school whether it is uniform, non-uniform, a Tupperware box, water bottle, a lunch box, a pair of shoes. We already have lots of lost property and are being asked to find things that are unfortunately without a name. If it has a name on it we can return it to the right child.

School Uniform

Please can children be in their PE kit on their PE days. You do not need to have the school logo PE kit or jumpers etc, however they must still be within the school uniform policy e.g. red cardigans/jumpers and navy blue for PE kit. I appreciate that often parents may wait until the end of the summer to buy new school shoes and that there can be some delays to this. However, by now all children need to have a pair of black school shoes on their non PE days. Trainers are only allowed on PE days or for exceptional circumstances e.g. injury



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.

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!

Best wishes,

Miss Wareham

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Fri	6 th	Oct	Shakespeare Class Assembly	@ 9am Shakespeare parents/carers
Weds	11 th	Oct	Phonics Workshop	All Reception and Year 1 parents @2:30
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
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

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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.