

Dates for the diary

October

Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit

Thursday 22nd

Individual photos

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half term

November

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

Wednesday 4th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 5th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 11th

Remembrance

Friday 13th

Children in Need

Nits – the Unwanted Visitors

Head lice are a normal part of childhood and we all know how frustrating it can be to treat them. A regular weekly check of your child's hair can really help to control these uncomfortable visitors.

Check – Treat – Repeat

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Important Information for our current Year 2 Parents/Carers

Have you applied for your child's place in Year 3 for September 2020? **All Year 2 pupils will leave us in July and parents/carers must apply for a place in Year 3 at a Junior or Primary School for them.** The link to the online application for Southend Admissions is [here](#).



Across the country there has been a rise in the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus and our local authority are launching a 'School Gate Campaign' today in order to redouble all our efforts in helping to control the infection rate locally. We have been asked to share with you a letter from Brin Martin the Director of Education & Early Years and Krishna Ramkhelawon the Director of Public Health at Southend Borough Council, it is attached with this newsletter.

From Monday 19th October everyone must follow the rules below:-

- Only ONE adult per child/family to come onto the school site
- All adults are to wear a mask/face covering at all times when on the school site – we will have some spare disposable masks for those that forget the first time but urge you to come prepared to reduce delays and wasting resources. Medical exemptions apply.

To avoid queuing please do not arrive earlier than 8.30 am in the morning (unless attending Breakfast Club) or before 3.00 pm to collect your child. There is a 30 minute window at the start and finish of the day to ease congestion and allow a good flow around the site. Thank you for your support.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week the Nursery's theme has been 'Diggers', the children have been learning about what diggers and other construction vehicles do on a building site. The Nursery have been practising their mark making by writing lists and tracing a picture of a digger. At story time we have continued to learn how to sit on the mat correctly and listen carefully. We have also been learning to recall a story. In Maths the children have been learning to represent numbers to 5 in a range of ways. We have been learning about shapes within the environment by playing 'I Spy'. The children have also enjoyed using the larger construction vehicles to help them build their very own towers and houses.

REMINDER: When bringing your child into Nursery in the morning, can you please not give them snack/breakfast to eat at Nursery. The children are provided with a snack throughout the morning. Please can you remind children of the importance of using a tissue to wipe their noses and to cover their nose and mouth with their hands or inside of their elbow when coughing and sneezing, then wash their hands. Thank you

Year R - Reception

In Reception this week, our theme has been, 'Across the Sea' and we have focused on the book, 'Who sunk the boat?' Reception have been learning about floating, sinking and writing animals, such as 'cow' and 'pig.' In their Outdoor Learning, Reception built their own boats using sticks and crates. After completing their boat as a team, the children enjoyed having snack in their boat.

Outdoor Learning

Monday 19th

Fox

Tuesday 20th

Squirrel

Wednesday 21st

Hedgehog

Thursday 22nd

Otter

Friday 23rd

Badger

Home Learning

If your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating and they are well enough to then you can find home learning work and links on our school website under the 'Self-Isolate Resources' tab. Follow the links to your child's Year Group information.

Lost Property

Unfortunately, our lost property bin is filling up with unnamed items of uniform. We are sure this must be very frustrating for you as parents/carers after spending money on the uniform in the first place. Please can we ask you to make sure that children's names are written in their uniform. This helps us to return clothing and for you to be able to find items in the lost property bin. We will have the lost property bin out during the school day next week in the office area. Please remember there should be no more than 4 people at the office area at any one time and a mask must be worn when in the building. If the area looks busy please come back at another time. We share the area with the Children's Centre, the chairs and waiting area are for service users of the Children's Centre only.



Weekly Attendance

Whole School attendance
96.3%

In Read Write Inc sessions, the children have learnt the new sounds e/l/h/sh/r and learning to speak like Fred to segment and blend words such as cot, cat, bin and bad. The children have all enjoyed Fred games such as 'Fred says' and 'I spy' to extend their understanding of blending sounds. In Maths, we have been exploring how to sort objects and real items into groups. Reception have enjoyed suggesting their own ways to group items, such as colour, shape or size.

REMINDER: Starting from this week, Reception will be sending a Home Learning task using Tapestry. Please check your emails and junk folders if you are not already connected to your child's Tapestry account.

Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been enjoying and discussing the story 'Giganotosaurus' by Jonny Duddle. The children have been creating their own dinosaur character and using adjectives to describe it. They have also been talking about the features of a story e.g. a story has a beginning, a middle and an end. In Maths the children have been exploring numbers to 20 further by making comparisons and learning that you can make 10 first before counting up to 20. The children have also been thinking about why they are special and spotting similarities and differences between themselves and their friends.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 the children have been busy exploring the character 'Plop' from our class story 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We have discussed the different feelings the baby owl experiences and the events in the story that happen to try and encourage the owl that dark is everything but scary. In Maths we have continued to explore addition and have been developing our methods, particularly the column method when adding two 2-digit numbers together. We have also discussed the parable The Good Samaritan and the meaning behind the story.

REMINDER: Don't Forget Outdoor Learning next week. Please wear warm clothes. The Owls will be visiting on Monday.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Mexican Chicken Fajitas
G - Mexican 5 bean & vegetable tostada with pomegranate
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Coleslaw & carrots
Sticky toffee pudding

Tuesday

R - Classic spaghetti beef bolognese
G - Sweet potato topped vegetable pie
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Peas & cauliflower
Carrot & ginger sponge

Wednesday

R - Herby chicken breast with roasted new potatoes, stuffing & gravy
G - Mediterranean vegetable tart
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings Carrots & green cabbage
Chocolate orange cheesecake

Thursday

R - Cumberland sausages with mashed potatoes & onion gravy
G - Vegetarian sausages with steamed new potatoes
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Roasted season vegetables & sweetcorn
Peach sponge cake

Friday

R - Battered fish with homemade tomato ketchup or salmon fishcake in a bun & chips
G - Falafel & carrot wrap with salsa & chips
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Baked beans & garden peas
Banana flapjack

Freshly baked bread is available each day.

The Spring/Summer menu will continue up to the Easter break