

Dates for the diary

January

Wednesday 15th

Deadline for Reception 2020 applications

Deadline for Year 3 transfer applications

Thursday 23rd

Parent Council/Forum Meeting
Infant & Junior Schools

Wednesday 29th

Handwriting parent workshops - Reception

February

Tuesday 4th

Reading/Writing parent workshops - Reception

Thursday 6th

2 Johns E-Safety Presentations

Friday 7th

Yr 2 RNLI assembly 10am
SPSSA KS1 Football at Len Forge Centre

Yr 2 Quantum theatre Maths assembly 1.30pm

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half term

Monday 24th

Children return to school

Favourites Day

Thursday 16th Jan

There will be a change to the dinner menu for Thursday 16th January, please see the attached flyer for details.

Spare Underwear

We would be very grateful for any donations of girls underwear ages 6+.

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The children have returned to school in great spirits and we look forward to a hard-working and exciting Spring Term.

The weather can be very changeable so please ensure your child has a coat with them each day, remember to name all items of clothing as the lost property box is once again very full! The lost property box is located in the school foyer. The office has a limited selection of pre-loved uniform: jumpers, cardigans, trousers etc for a donation of 50p per item if anyone is looking for a bargain.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

Welcome back! The children have settled back into Nursery very quickly and have been very welcoming to the new children that have started this week.

The children have been very excited to tell us what they have been doing over the Christmas holiday and all the lovely gifts they received.

This half term, our theme is called Busy Fingers. We are focussing on the children's gross and fine motor skills as these skills help develop their pencil control.

For the next two weeks we will be looking at gross motor skills.

This week the children have been busy enjoying a variety of ball games, dancing with ribbons and Dough Gym.

In Math we have been learning to recognise shapes within the environment, comparing two groups of objects and knowing when the amounts are the same and saying when there has been one more than the given number.

This week's Makaton signs: yes/no, look/listen, Stop/go.

REMINDER: Please can you ensure your child has a bag with spare clothes in, we do not have many spare clothes and those we do lend out are not always returned to us.

Year R - Reception

Happy New Year! The children have all settled back into school life really quickly and all seem eager and keen to learn. This half-term our topic is 'Out of this World' Please see the Parent Overview to find out what we will be covering over the course of the half-term. Over the next few weeks our topic is The Enchanted Forest, we have started our first week with reading the story Where the Wild Things Are. The children have enjoyed exploring the different characters in the book, making crowns and Wild Things masks. In English we have learnt how to draw a story map to show a story in pictures. We have used our story maps to help us retell the story. We have been learning to talk about the different things that we like doing when we feel wild and have been writing sentences about them. In Maths we have learning about number bonds. We have been using the whole-part diagram to show different ways to make 5.



How to support your child at home

Phonics

The children have now moved into their new RWInc groups. Continue to practise the set 1 speedy sounds and listen to your child read at least 5 times a week. Some children will have moved onto learning their set 2 sounds, your class teacher will give you a set 2 speedy sound pack.

Red Words of the week: said

Maths

How many different ways can you make 5? Have a go at making 5 with objects

Handwriting

This week we have started to learn to write our curly caterpillar letters. We have been practising writing c, remembering the start at 1 o'clock.

Please share any home learning on Tapestry for your teacher to see.

Outdoor learning

Monday 13th

Kingfisher

Tuesday 14th

Woodpecker

Wednesday 15th

Owl

Thursday 16th

Peacock

Friday 17th

Swan

Dates for your diary:

Outdoor learning for all Reception classes next week. Please ensure the children are wearing warm clothes, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Year 1

What an exciting first week! On Tuesday morning all of Year 1 went out to the Outdoor Learning Area to a big crash. There were metal parts all over the place and even some fires. Mr Darke, Mr Bailey and Mrs Morris made sure everyone was safe and the children came up with some theories about what had happened. Most children thought it was a spaceship or rocket and that there might be some aliens about. The children did some fantastic writing explaining what they had seen and how they felt about it. In Maths the children have been learning how to measure objects and compare them by saying what is the longest and shortest.

This half term Spelling Passports have been sent home with the Year 1 Common Exception Words to help your child practise their spellings. A new My Maths activity has also been set.

Activity Clubs

Staff led Activity Clubs start from Tuesday 14th January. Please see the Spring Term Timetable flyer attached

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Year 2 Transition Arrangements

A reminder that if your child is in our current Year 2 you must apply for transfer to a Year 3 place at a junior school.

This is the law and there is not an automatic transfer to the junior school.

Applications must be made before **15th January 2020**, the easiest way to do this is on the council website www.southend.gov.uk/admissions. A paper application form is available as well. If you need any information or help then please ask at the school office.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Kingfisher – 98.7%

Year 1: Duck – 98.6%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 97.9%



Year 2

A big welcome back from all the Year 2. This week we started the Spring Term with our new text 'Grandma Bird' by Benji Davies. We have been using our prediction and inference skills to discuss what we think might happen and how the little boy, Noi feels about staying with his Grandma on the island. We have written diary entries as the character Noi. In Maths we have been learning about Mass by measuring objects in grams and reading scales to the nearest kg and g. In PSHE we have discussing our New Year goals and what we would like to do in 2020 to either improve at something or maybe even try something new.

REMINDER: Please can you make sure all children have a full PE kit in school in a named bag. Thank you

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Traditional cottage pie with red onion gravy
G - Vegetarian cottage pie with red onion gravy
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce
Garden peas & carrots
Marble sponge with custard

Tuesday

R - Mild chicken curry with rice
G - Baked sweet potato & spinach pasta in a mozzarella cheese sauce
P - Jacket potato with cheddar
Cauliflower & green beans
Ice cream

Wednesday

R - British roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing & roast potatoes with traditional gravy
G - Five bean enchilada casserole with roast potatoes
P - Wholemeal pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce

Wednesday continued....

Roasted seasonal root vegetables & broccoli
Poached apple & pear crumble with custard

Thursday

R - British beef burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
G - Vegetarian burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish & hand cut potato wedges
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Sweetcorn & coleslaw
Carrot cake with custard

Friday

R - Fish finger & Chips
G - Vegetable frittata & chips
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Baked beans & garden peas
Baked banana flapjack