

Message from Mrs Branton

Beech class had a fantastic time at Marsh farm yesterday, meeting the animals and learning lots of new information. I hope you have been able to see all of the wonderful pictures on our school twitter site, below are some of the highlights.



Cherry Class enjoyed a visit to St Peter's Church in Hutton last Friday, to learn about Holy Week and take part in activities based around Christianity and Easter. The children participated in discussions about Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, reflecting on themes such as forgiveness, hope and faith.



A huge thank you for all the Easter eggs and Easter chocolate that has been donated ahead of next week's **Easter assembly on Friday 31st March**, as you will see from the pictures we have a wonderful selection of eggs for the children's raffle. The PTFA have also donated 3 fantastic prizes! The last date for chocolate donations to be handed in and for raffle tickets to be purchased is next Monday, 27th March.



Easter Hat Parade Friday 31st March. If your child would like to be part of the Easter Hat parade, please can I ask that you send your children in with their hat on the day of the parade (31st March). All hats will then be sent home with the children after school.

Chestnut class had a very busy Wednesday afternoon, developing their drawing skills by designing houses using charcoal to recreate pudding lane in 1666. Charcoal is a great resource for the children to experiment with, encouraging them to see how the medium can be controlled to create dark/light in their pictures.



After school club will close at 4:15pm on Friday 31st March, the last day of this spring term. Please can I remind you that school lunch and breakfast/after school club accounts should be kept in credit. Please let the school office know if you need a new password reset for your school money account. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please speak to the school office.

Diary dates have been added for the summer term and also please don't forget to check the community news tab on the school website for lots of local information.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher



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Our core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam class who received this week's award for team work in the celebration assembly</p>
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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Lizzie, Daisy, Harry, Cherish, Charlotte, Daniel, Olivia, Jamie and Edith*



Well done

Word of the week

<i>'Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
<p><u>Key Stage 1</u> Whitebeam - protect Chestnut - delay</p>	<p><u>Key Stage 2</u> Pine - preoccupied Oak - research Cherry - frenzy Hawthorn - instinct</p>



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Brave Easter Egg Hunt

We are holding a self-guided Easter Egg Hunt in Hutton as a fundraiser for Brave. This will run over the whole of the Easter holidays.

We would love for you to take part and help us raise lots of vital funds for Brave.

Each egg will be hidden around the local community with a clue next to it to find the next one. When signing up to take part, you will receive a 'Parent Pack' PDF via text with all clues, answers, a map and a printable sheet for child to take with them if they wish. Each child who completes the hunt will receive a small prize and certificate on their return back to school.

To take part, text Claire on 07590033503. A donation will need to be made to Brave (suggested is £2 a child) prior to the event.

Brave is a not for profit organisation who aim to support the mental health and well-being of parents who have children with complex medical needs.

To find out more about what we do see our website - www.braveparents.co.uk



The poster features the word 'Brave' in a teal cursive font with a heart over the 'v', and 'Easter Egg Hunt' in a teal serif font below it. It includes several paragraphs of text in teal, a 'hello EASTER' graphic with a black bunny silhouette, and contact information. The bottom of the poster is decorated with illustrations of a basket of eggs, butterflies, and more eggs on grass.

Are you looking for an activity in the local area over the Easter Holidays?

Would you like to support a local cause whilst having fun?

Why not take part in our self guided Easter Egg Hunt around Hutton.

Each child who completes the hunt will receive a small prize and certificate

Please donate to Brave to take part
Suggested donation
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WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Branton

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Parent Coffee Morning!



Friday 19th May 08:50-10:00am

To be held in the school hall

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 08:50 onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

Are you interested to learn how trauma can impact children? Would you like to know what we do to understand and support behaviour in school? Mrs Gardner will be dropping in to talk about Trauma Perceptive Practice- The Essex Approach

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 08:50 and 10am.

The PTFA will have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale. There will also be a chocolate tombola stall.

Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!





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Children's lunch menu


WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 27 th March 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cumberland Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Apple & Carrot Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Cornflake Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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 Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities (SEND)

SEND Roadshow

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

In South it will be taking place on:

Wednesday 26th April from 9.30am to 3pm

Address: The Holiday Inn, Festival Leisure Park, Waterfront Walk, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Free parking all day

Throughout the day there will also be FREE parent/carer workshops. The workshops running are:

- Behaviour and communication in children with SEND with Tasha from Dream Box Education
- ADHD and coexisting conditions with Steve Challen from ADHD plus
- Planning for educational transitions with Hannah Knight from Essex SEND IASS
- Mindfulness with Relax Kids

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out more and book your place (link below).
Booking opens on February 20th.
Places are limited so please sign up



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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2023	
27 th March	The RockSteady concert at 2:15pm
31 st March	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
1 st April to 16 th April	Easter Holidays
17 th April	Back to school
SUMMER TERM 2023	
18 th April	Swimming starts for years 1 and 4 - 11 weeks last lesson 4/7/2023
5 th May	Lunchtime street party for the children to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – dressing up day Kings, Queens, Princesses and Princes – further information to follow
8 th May	Additional bank holiday
9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
15 th 16 th 17 th May	3 for 2 book fair
19 th May	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
15 th and 16 th June	One Plan meetings
16 th June	Father's Day Breakfast 8am – further information to follow
16 th June	Wear something yellow for Cystic Fibrosis awareness day
21 st June	Whole Class photos
22 nd June	Year 6 Its Your Move
22 nd and 23 rd June	One Plan meetings
28 th June	Parent Coffee Morning – Summer holidays & Brain drain
29 th and 30 th June	One Plan meetings
1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre
3 rd July	Summer Safety Assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
4 th July	Last swimming lesson for years 1 and 4
7 th July	Sports Day
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
18 th July	Open Afternoon
21 st July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 st July	Last day of the school year

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WILLOWBROOK
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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

• GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
SPOT FOR A STALL
PTA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEX.SCH.UK