



Hatfield Peverel St. Andrew's Junior School



# NEWSLETTER

## 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

What a very cold snap we are experiencing at this time! It has caused a number of new onsite issues that Mr Pheifer has worked very hard with our project manager to solve. We are so grateful to him for the dedication and problem-solving skills he continues to demonstrate!

It has been lovely to have so many family members volunteering to help with the textiles unit Year Five have been working on. Thank you for your time and patience!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
From Mrs Black and the St Andrew's team.



### HELP REQUIRED.

Our amazing JSA committee met on Monday evening. A huge thank you to them all for their ongoing commitment to raising funds for the school.

The funds are used for many things... all school trips and 'experiences' are subsidized with these funds- the coach costs would prohibit trips taking place if this didn't happen.

They are now in a position of requiring new volunteers to help with key events. The year 3/4/5 summer disco is in desperate need of a new team to plan and organize it. If we cannot find new support to run it I am afraid that it simply won't take place.

If you would like to know more please make contact with Mrs. Black via [admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatfieldpeverel-jun.essex.sch.uk) Many hands make light work!

### An important reminder of our uniform policy in relation to jewellery:-

*Jewellery **should not** be worn to school. The exceptions are a watch, which may be worn at the child's own risk, and studs for those children who normally wear earrings. The official instructions from the County Council Safety Officer are that watches and earrings must be removed for games, P.E., and swimming (this includes ear hole retainers and stretchers). Children who cannot remove their earrings cannot do P.E. and as taking part in P.E. is a legal requirement parents must ensure that earrings can be removed or they should not be worn on P.E. days. Teachers cannot be held responsible for the safety of these items.*

**Spring Term 2024 - dates for your diary:-**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Year 6 Height & Weight Check

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Grandparent's Morning (details to follow)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Half Term Break**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Year 6 Visit to Warner Bros Studios (details to follow)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Vikings Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultation Evenings (One Plan Meetings will take place this week too)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 Easter Performance

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service (1.30pm) parents welcome and last day of term**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: children back to school**

Year Group	Trip or Event	Deadline for response
All Years		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5		
Year 6	Reminder re: Hilltop payments (letters were sent home with the children this week)	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment due 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

**HILLTOP - YEAR 6 FAMILIES**

A letter was sent home with your children this week with details of the next instalment due on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January and balance owing. Please help us to ensure the school is best placed financially to deal with the next payment due to Hilltop - thank you.

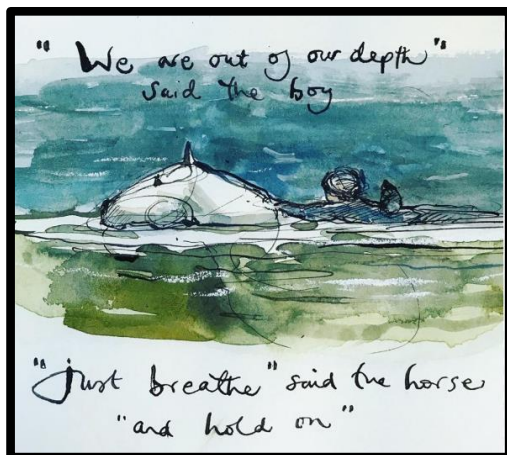


Wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to those who celebrate their birthdays between:  
**15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Jessica L, Thomas S, Albert, Alice**

For more artwork please follow:

<https://twitter.com/charliemackesy?lang=en>



### MOST PLAYED

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hamzah K	64,644
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elliott G	45,280
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cameron G	40,218

*If you need to drop off or collect your child outside of the usual school hours, please come to the green rec gate and call the school office. **There is no access for children or visitors through the red car park gate.***



These are the children who have been spotted shining in school this week. We could have chosen so many children- the decisions were hard to make!

Well done for demonstrating our CARE values.

**Apple - Niah**  
**Birch - Matthew**  
**Cherry - Isla**  
**Fir - Steven**  
**Maple - Teddy**  
**Oak - Amelia**  
**Rowan - Abigail**  
**Sycamore - Molly J**



**Compassion Achievement Respect Enjoyment**  
Every child is loved and known. Every child shines.



**WELL DONE TO  
GREYSTONES  
HOUSE!**

Points for this week!	
Berwicks	382
Greystones	393
Priory	372
Vinehurst	383



Last weekend Lara had a Brownie holiday at Skreens Park Activity Centre with all of her friends from Sixth Witham Brownies & Hatfield Peverel Brownies. It was a 2 night Disney theme weekend where they did tomahawk throwing, went in the cave bus, clay work, crafting, made fairy gardens, raft building, made friendship bracelets and bath bombs. They helped wash up and dry up after meals & had the best time sleeping in the bunk beds.

That sounds like a very wonderful, fun packed & busy weekend Lara – well done!





The Essex Library Service Winter Reading Challenge continues to 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This is a fun activity designed to help keep children reading over Winter.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) at your local library!

#### What is the Winter Reading Challenge?

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-11. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

They will join Lyra the penguin as she travels around the world with her magic book to find out more about endangered animals.

Children will complete 6 challenges (from a list of 12), and it's **FREE** to take part.

#### How can my child take part?

Visit your [local library](#) to sign up. Your child will:

- Receive their Challenge folder
- Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12)
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've complete 6 challenges they will receive a certificate and, whilst stocks last, they will also receive a packet of seeds and a free book from Penguin Books.
- Over the winter we will also be releasing videos about Lyra's journey so keep an eye on our YouTube Channel ([Youtube.com/essexlibraries](https://www.youtube.com/essexlibraries)) and social media channels (@EssexLibraries).

#### When?

Throughout the winter from **25 November to 3 February**. Unsure where your closest library is - use the Essex Library Service [website](#) to check.

Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the [library website](#) and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

We look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes

**Essex Library Service**



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# Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 25 November to Saturday 3 February

Travel around the world with Lyra this winter and meet lots of new animal friends!

Collect your booklet from any Essex library.

QR code

@essexlibraries

Penguin logo

**Public Health**

County Hall  
Chelmsford  
CM1 1QH



Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent / Guardian

**re: Measles**

Cases of measles are increasing in England currently. If your child has not been fully vaccinated with the MMR vaccine it is a good time to get this done to protect them. This can be arranged through the child's GP practice. You can check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking their GP.

The early symptoms of measles can look like other illnesses: runny nose; cough; conjunctivitis. The child may also have a high fever. The distinctive rash of measles begins around day 3 of the illness, a rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreading over the body.

Any child thought to have measles should not be sent to school. Where possible NHS 111 or the GP should be phoned for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E. This is to avoid passing the infection on to others. Further details about measles can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Showell".

**Danny Showell**

Public Health Consultant



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to  
take part



 **CHILDREN'S  
COMMISSIONER**

