



We wish you all a healthy and happy half term break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back into school on Monday Nov 4th.

Dear parents/carers,

You may have noticed that, attached to the school's front entrance, we have a fundraising chart recording money collected towards:

a life-saving defibrillator for the school.

Our lovely PTA is allocating funds from a range of events including the Autumn disco (which raised £470). **In total we are hoping to raise £1,200.**

One of our super governors has given the school a cheque for £500 to get the fundraising off to a great start – for this we are extremely grateful.

Our chart now stands at £970 – so only another £230 to go!!

If anyone would like to make a personal donation, please contact Mrs Zellej, PTA chairperson.



Up on the roof..

The transparent roofing at the rear of EYFS, which was fitted over the summer has finally been declared 'snag free' and 'signed off'. The roofing which replaced a covering condemned by Essex CC, has made a huge difference in Reception, allowing light to flood into a previously very dark area.



Students in school

After half term we will be hosting two students in school from the Colchester Institute. Mr Browning and Miss Partridge will be in KS1 weekly until Christmas and will be assisting with various class activities. They are really looking forward to being part of our school community.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors..

Well done to the Years 5/6 children who spent the day at St Margaret's Prep School in Gosfield, taking part in anti-bullying training. As a school we reflect on our policies and are keen to adopt new ideas and strategies to ensure that our children are safe and happy.



Book Swap up and running!!

Well done to all the children who have already brought in items for the school's new Book Swap.

Children should take their books to either Mrs Seaman or Mrs Heather and be given a ticket to allow selection from the book shelf in our foyer area.

On the run up to Christmas, have a sort out at home and your child/ren can treat themselves to a book of their own choosing.



Please remember that books should be of good quality and appropriate for school. Books for younger readers are particularly needed at the present time!

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTICE



Peter Gammon, School Photographer, will be in school taking individual and sibling group photographs on November 5th and 6th. These are always great ideas for family Christmas gifts!

DISCO DANCERS

Great fun was had by all the children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 at the Autumn Neon disco.

Big thanks to our wonderful PTA for organizing and for helping on the night! An amazing £470 was raised!



School shoes



A reminder that trainers should be worn only for outside games; all children should wear shoes to school.

Also, during this period of increasingly cold and wet weather, all children need to have a warm, waterproof jacket for playtimes.

Many thanks.