



Alresford Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Sarah Dukelow

Uniform – we still have a large number of children coming to school in trainers, these are not school uniform and children need to be in appropriate school shoes. Children are welcome to bring trainers to change into at lunch to play sport/football in.

Coats – we have a surprisingly large number of children without coats. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for wet/cold weather. On days when it is a drizzly we will try to get them outside for at least a short while so they can have some fresh air, children with hooded coats will be able to go outside, those who don't will not.

Outside School Achievements – Congratulations to Mailli who danced in the opening ceremony of the Tendring Sports Awards last week. Congratulations also to Molly for winning Cub of the Year and Alex for gaining his Silver award in cubs. Don't forget to share your child's achievements with us so we can celebrate them.

Food Bank Collection – thank you to those people who donated.

Absences – I am sad to say we have a growing number of incidents whereby parents are phoning in reporting their children as 'sick' and then children are returning to school and telling us all about their wonderful trip to centre parcs or the caravan holiday they've just been on. More often than not your children have already told us they won't be in as they are going on holiday, or that they are going to have to pretend to be poorly. In cases like this your child's absence will be unauthorised and not recorded as an illness. It is a real shame that we are being lied to and that children are feeling they have to lie. We may not be able to authorise all absences, but your child will have a much better overall experience if they don't feel pressured to lie about where they have been, and are in fact able to talk freely about their adventures with their friends and teachers. Fines are only issued when 5 consecutive days are taken or if your child has 10 unauthorised absences in 10 weeks.

Children's Ward Xmas collection – I have been asked by two of our pupils Liam and Max to support their Christmas present collection for Colchester Children's Ward. This year they would like to donate books for the children to enjoy, which I think is a wonderful idea. Due to infection control the books need to be new rather than second hand. If you are able to support this wonder cause then please leave your donations at the school office, wouldn't it be lovely to put a smile on a poorly child's face this Christmas.

52 Lives permission slips – a quick reminder to those who have not returned their child's slip detailing whether consent is given for photos/videos. Please return asap, or send the office an email detailing your consent (it doesn't have to be the actual form).

Pen Licence Awards – There were no awards this week.



Birthdays

Freya, Sophie, Ellie-Anna, Ashleigh, Katy



Headteacher Golden Pupil Awards – 24/10/19

Elephants – Isla	Flamingos – Oscar
Penguins – Freya J	Cheetahs – Isabelle
Llamas - Freddy	Tigers – Isabelle
Lions – Bradley	

Please join me in congratulating them and I look forward to presenting next week's certificates.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2019

28th – 1st HALF TERM

Monday 11th November – 52 Lives workshop

Tuesday 12th November – Parents Evening

Thursday 14th November – Parents Evening

Monday 25th November – Flu vaccinations

Friday 29th November – INSET

Monday 2nd December – Open the Book

Saturday 7th December – Xmas Fayre

Monday 9th December – Nativity performance 9 am

Tuesday 10th December – Nativity Performance 5:30 pm (TBC)

Monday 16th December – Open the book

Monday 16th December – Breakfast with Santa

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 18th December – Last day

Thursday 19th December – INSET

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January - INSET

17th – 21st February HALF TERM

Tuesday 3rd March - Parents Evening

Thursday 5th March - Parents Evening

Friday 20th March – Mother's Day lunch

Friday 3rd April – INSET

6th – 17th April - Easter holidays

Attendance cup winners – Congratulation again to Elephants – 98.7%

Lunchtime Awards – There were no awards this week.