



Late arrivals

Please ensure that your child is in school before the bell is rung at 9:00. Children who regularly arrive late will be contacted by the school's Educational Welfare Officer.

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back at the start of the second half of Autumn term. This week, children in Year 6 will begin selling poppies. On Monday, 11th November, we will be observing a two minutes silence, to honour Armistice Day, the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany that brought to the end, the First World War. This year's assembly will be particularly poignant, marking the eightieth anniversary of the outbreak of WW2, and children in Yr 6 will lead the school in remembering.

On Monday we are hoping that local members of the Royal British Legion will be joining us in school.

Geologists at work

Children in Year 3 became geologists this week, working scientifically to establish which rock family their specimen came from. They recorded rock properties after testing with acids, scraping surface particles and investigating whether their samples could float.



This week's Attendance Cup winners are Years R, 1 and 6!! This is the very first time that we have three classes with the same attendance of 99.1%!! Well done!!

Lost Property

We are only 8 weeks into the new term, and already seem to have rather a lot of "Lost Property" in the 'tub' outside the school library! It is understandable that items may become lost during the school day but please encourage your child to search (or please take the opportunity to come in and rummage!) We do ask for all items coming into school to be named so that we can try hard to re-unite any missing items with owners!!

Reading recommendations

During half term, Mrs Harrison from the Essex Library Service came to audit and tidy our library. In conversation three books were recommended! 'Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type' by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin and 'Rosa Parks, Little People Big Dreams' by Lisbeth Kaiser - are two great texts to introduce young people to the concept of 'change' in society. The first is a story about overworked cows - demanding changes to their working conditions; and the second is a very accessible biography of Rosa Parks, who grew up to become an American civil rights activist. 'Destination Planet Earth' is an enticing non-fiction book introducing key concepts relating to physical geography. Children will learn about mountains, oceans, the water cycle and climate - culminating in an exploration of climate change and what can be done about it.



Pyjamas for Pudsey



Next week is *Children in Need* and for those who would like to take part, we are asking for a donation of £1 to wear pj's for the day on Friday 15th! Obviously, if parents/carers would like to join in, come to school in your nightwear and donate money at the school office!!

PE correct Kit reminder...



All children are expected to have correct PE kit in school all week. If your child is unable to participate in PE lessons, an explanatory letter must be sent into your child's teacher.

Getting into role!

Yr 5 children exploring responses to their new text: 'Way Home'. Their characterisations helped them to consider plausible predictions about what the lead character might do next and how the narrative might unfold.



Midday Vacancy..

We will have a vacancy for a midday assistant from Christmas. If you are reliable, caring and enthusiastic and enjoy interacting with children please contact the office for an application pack.