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School Newsletter

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EYFS

In EYFS this week we have enjoyed the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. We have introduced story terms 'setting' meaning where the story happens, 'character' meaning who is in the story and 'event' meaning what happens in the story. We have also tried some different fruits, talking about healthy eating. The children were very good at trying these fruits and we know a few discovered new favourites. The pomegranate, for example, went down well!

The children have been continuing and creating patterns, looking at which parts 'repeat'. They used colour, shape, size and rhythm (with the African drums). They have also been creative making African necklaces, printing pineapples and painting animals.

Next Tuesday 21st November, we invite you in at 2.30pm to enjoy the children telling the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. Following there will be time to share story books with your child before coming together for a final story. We do hope you can make it.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your kind support towards Children in Need today. We are delighted to have raised the sum of £307.24 from today's non-uniform day. The children all look wonderful, and in addition to being in non-uniform, they have enjoyed adding to their list of skills by participating in a Circus Skills activity day. The most popular activity to try was the unicycle - well done to everyone who managed to balance on them successfully!

Preparations for Christmas performances are well under way, and we're all looking forward to seeing you at next Friday's Christmas Bazaar. If you are able to help in any way, the FAFA would be delighted to hear from you - please let us know. These events can only take place with the hard work of the team of organisers - many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help so far.

We hope that today's beautiful weather continues for the next couple of days - enjoy the weekend everyone!

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward
Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **94.95%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 86.36%	Oak YrR 95%	Elm Yr1 96.59%	Beech Yr1 91.38%	Birch Yr2 97.93%	Hazel Yr2 100%
Absences	30	10	10	25	5	
Lateness	1			5		

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 - 97.9%, Grey = 91 - 94.9%, Blue = 85 - 90.9%, Red = <84.9%




Empty Jam Jars Needed!

Breakfast Club are in need of empty Jam Jars for an activity they have planned... Please pop any you can spare into school next week. Thank you.

KS2 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.26%**

	Maple Yr3 94.67%	Rowan Yr3 97.95%	Holly Yr4 98.67%	Willow Yr4 96.33%	Hawthorn Yr5 95.71%	Sycamore Yr5 99.31%	Chestnut Yr6 95.33%	Aspen Yr6 100%
Absences	16	6	4	11	12	2	14	
Lateness		2	2	6	3	6		

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Circus Skills Fun!



This Weeks Character Counts Award was presented to: Esme in Aspen

For: Demonstrating a consistently outstanding attitude towards her learning and for being so caring towards her peers.

This week's Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Birch Class



Total Raised So Far... £496.29

Thank you to everyone that supported today's fundraising effort by coming into school in Spotacular clothes!

The non-uniform element of the day has raised £307.24 .If you have yet to make your £1 donation please do pop your £1 in on Monday and we will add it to our total.

We do still have lots of Glow in the dark wristbands and keyrings for sale so please do pop by on Monday to buy yours!



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

Sophia - Elm
 Holly - Beech
 Tommy - Birch
 Jamie - Hazel
 Ava - Maple
 Nathaniel - Rowan
 Elliott - Holly
 Shriram - Willow
 Daisy - Hawthorn
 Cian - Sycamore
 Naimah - Aspen
 Nicole - Chestnut

This Week's Presentation Awards go to...



Elyzeh - Hawthorn
 Jacob - Aspen



DEAR PARENTS

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Parent Governor Election
- Letter to Parents of School Councillors

Christmas Bazaar

24th November 2017 from 5.00pm till 7.00pm

CAN YOU OFFER AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME?

PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF FAFA KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG AND HELP.

We are now collecting donations for the Secret Santa Room. This is the most popular activity at this event. For our newer families this is how it works. We ask every child to donate something that is either being re-gifted or costs no more than £1. They can bring these items into school and leave them in the designated area in our school library. Then on the night of the Bazaar they are invited to come along and independently visit the Secret Santa room and buy "you" a gift and have it wrapped by a teacher who will be working in that room. We ask that all adults stay outside of the room to allow the children to shop alone. The children love this experience. All they have to do is pay £1 on the night per gift and then shop.

Suggested donations for each year group:

EYFS - Chocolate

Year 1 - Smellies for girls ~ Year 2 - Smellies for boys

Year 3 - Socks (male and female) ~ Year 4 - Sweets

Year 5 - Pens/note pads ~ Year 6 - Biscuits

Thank you for your continued support. See you all on the 24th November.



Our Friends and Family Association is in its eighth year. We have with the children's help raised over £30,000 in that time and been able to provide extra curricular activities and equipment that have gone to benefit every child at our school.

Do you see yourself as part of this successful team, helping to raise funds, organising events, rallying families and friends to come along and take part in our events.

We are looking for new people to come on board with new and exciting ideas. Can you offer a few hours of help at events, organise events? Is that you?

We will be holding our annual AGM on
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018 AT 3.30PM
in the main school hall.

SAVE THE DATE.

If you are interested and would like a taster of what is required come along and help out at our School Bazaar on the 24/11/17. Please contact Helene Debattista for further information.

St Helena Hospice's

COMIC HERO RUN

UNLEASH YOUR INNER SUPERHERO!

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018

BE OUR HERO AND DRESS AS YOUR HERO TO RUN, WALK, FLY OR TIME TRAVEL AROUND HISTORIC CASTLE PARK IN COLCHESTER...

WOW! FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY...

3 ROUTES
1k READY...
5k STEADY...
10k...GO!

AVENGERS OR X-MEN, DARTH VADER OR SPOCK, SANDALF OR POTTER, ELSA OR HULK... WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?

SIGN UP NOW AT STHELENAHOSPICE.ORG.UK/COMIC18

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AUTISM FRIENDLY SESSIONS

AT GO BANANAS

Tuesday 28th November, 5.30-6.30pm

Go Bananas have teamed up with Autism Anglia to provide Autism friendly play sessions.



The centre will be closed to the general public creating an environment that children will feel comfortable in together with appropriate music/lighting.

Free session for over 5's

Call 01206 761 762 to book your place!

9-10 Mason Road, Cowdray Centre, Colchester, Essex CO1 1BX

Author Andy Riley Visits School!

Andy, author of the King Flashy Pants series of books, is a highly successful cartoonist and comedy scriptwriter. His TV Credits include Gangsta Granny, Robbie the Reindeer, Little Britain and Black Books. 'Sir Flashypants' is Andy's insanely funny debut children's series.

Praise for the series comes from David Walliams, 'Brilliantly original and hilarious. It's nearly as good as one of my books!'

Andy hosted a wonderfully entertaining and interactive assembly. He talked about what inspired him to become an author, read excerpts from each of his books, taught the children how to do awesome evil laughs, and then had everyone (teachers and all!) amazed by his illustrative skills by turning pupils (shouted out) ideas into their very own illustration. The laughter could be heard all around school! Andy finished up by chatting to pupils as he signed copies of his book.

Copies of his books can still be purchased via The Just Imagine Story Centre, through the schools online payment system, SIMs Agora.

