

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the half term break.

#### Cake and Second-Hand Uniform Sale

The Fundraising & Finance Cabinet organised a cake and second-hand uniform sale yesterday. The children were disappointed that the rain meant that it couldn't be held in the playground, instead they held it in the KS1 hall.

Thank you to Mrs Bas who arranged for 7 of Esme's friends to bake cakes and biscuits on Thursday evening at their house. The valentine cakes and biscuits looked amazing and I heard children saying how delicious they tasted!

Thank you to Ellie who helped organise all the second-hand uniform with the cabinet members. The children decided how much to sell each item for.

Both stalls managed to raise over £400, which is an amazing amount. The money will be put towards buying 2 giant chess sets.

Thank you to all the parents who have ordered uniform with the 20% discount. The Fundraising & Finance Cabinet will invoice once the uniform arrives in school.

The money will then be added altogether and the grand total announced!











#### **Bird Box Competition**

Well done to all the children who have already made a bird box for the competition that Alice and the Environment Cabinet have set. The deadline is after the holidays, so you may wish to make one in half term.

Look at the amazing bird boxes which have already been made!







#### Whole School Assembly

In today's assembly the big question was 'Should we learn sign language at school?' All children agreed that this is something schools should do, as it would make it more inclusive for all children to be able to communicate. The children learnt that from 2025 children in England will have a choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language.

At the start of every assembly the children always use sign language to greet everyone. Today, they learnt new signs which included 'hello, sorry, thank you and celebration.' The children also used sign language as we sang happy birthday to Alero, Eleni and Luis.

The children were able to link today's assembly to 'Mutual Respect and Tolerance'. Annabel (4KR) also linked the assembly to 'Democracy ' as she explained at the start of the assembly we voted to see who thought we should use sign language in school.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams Headteacher



#### Parent/Carer Consultations – March 2024

The parent/carer consultations will be held on Tuesday 19th March between 5pm-7.30pm and on Thursday 21st March between 4pm-6.30pm for all classes.

Woodpecker Class: please note the parent/carer consultations for Woodpecker Class will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March between 4pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 19th March between 5pm-7.30pm

ParentMail, our online service for arranging appointments, will be available from approximately 6am on Saturday 2nd March until Monday 11th March. Parents will receive an email from ParentMail to advise when the booking system will be available to book an appointment. Please log on to your ParentMail account, click on Parents Evening and select your choice of day and time.

- Only one appointment is allocated per child
- The duration of the consultation is 10 minutes
- The Consultation will take place in your child's classroom

Children in years 5 and 6 are welcome to attend the consultation with their parents/carers.

If you are having difficulty in connecting to your ParentMail account, or if you require more than one appointment, please contact the school office immediately.

#### **Listening to Music - February**

We have started the month listening to Pachelbel's Canon in D; this piece of music showcases the string family. The children have been learning how these stringed instruments all have 4 strings, 2 sound hole and can be played with a bow. This contrasts with other instruments which have strings. Later on, we will listen to Albinoni's guitar Concerto. Both pieces of music are calming and gentle and we use them as part of our mental well-being start to music lessons.

Sara Evans - Subject Leader for Music and The Arts







#### Congratulations to the following superstars

Superstars					
1C	Eleni / Luis	4E	Emilia		
1M	Nixon	4KR	Seafra		
2PS	Shaylan	4SE	Rona		
3C	Zac	5A	Romica		
3D	Sophie	5BH	Tansel		
3P	John	6B	Iyla		
		6K	Matthew		
		6L	Katya		











House Point Winners this week are ...

# Scott







We would like to wish

Rowan (Nightingale) and Luis (1C)

a very Happy Birthday and thank you for the book donation to your class

Our value for the month of February is



Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 95.67%



### Dates for Diary - Spring/Summer 2024

Autumn Term	Time	Event
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	School Closed	Spring Half Term
Please remember to	book your child	's school meals before returning to school
Monday 19th February		Return to School
Friday 23rd February		Deadline for Birdbox Challenge
Friday 1st March		National Offer Day for Secondary Transfer
Friday 1st March		Deadline for World Book Day Reviews/Photos
Wednesday 6th March		Ark Farm visiting Reception Children at Eversly
Thursday 7th March		World Book Day - Dress Up as Book Character
Monday 11th March	8.30am-3.00pm	Class 3C Trip to River Lee Country Park
Wednesday 13th March	8.30am-3.00pm	Classes 3D & 3P Trip to Rive Lee Country Park
Monday 18th March	4.00pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - Woodpecker Class Only
Tuesday 19th March	5.00pm-7.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - All Classes
Thursday 21st March	4.00pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations (In School) - All Classes except Woodpecker
Friday 22nd March	**NEW DATE**	EPSA Quiz Night
Wednesday 27th March		Break up for Easter Holidays (normal time)
Thursday 28th March	School Closed	Inset Day - School Closed to Children
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	School Closed	Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April		Return to School
Tuesday 16th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th April		Year 5 Trip to France
Thursday 18th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th April		Class & Sports Team Photography
Tuesday 30th April		Reception Classes Hearing Tests
Thursday 2nd May	School Closed	Local Elections
Monday 6th May	School Closed	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	School Closed	Summer Half Term
Monday 3rd June		Return to School
Monday 3rd June		EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July		Year 4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre
Friday 12th July - Save The Date	evening event	Year 6 Leavers Party - Full Info to Follow
Wednesday 24th July 1.30pm		Break up for Summer Holidays