

Week ending 19th January 2024

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DEAR FAMILIES,

At Takeley Primary School, every child deserves an efficient, full-time education, and ensuring that students consistently attend school is vital to their academic, social and emotional outcomes. We believe in developing good patterns of Attendance and set high expectations for the attendance and punctuality for all our pupils from the outset. It is a central part of our school's visions, values, ethos, and day to day life. We recognise the connections between attendance, attainment, safeguarding and wellbeing. Attached to this week's newsletter are information sheets explaining what to do if your child is ill and the impact of lost learning through missing school

SWIMMING GALA

On Friday 12th of January we took 33 children to take part in the USSP Dunmow Swimming Gala. The children took part in individual races featuring freestyle, back stroke, breaststroke and butterfly, as well as relay races in their teams. It was a highly competitive tournament and every child gave their all in every race. Overall we secured a brilliant 2nd place finish in both the year 3 & 4 competition and year 5 / 6 competition. Well done to all the children involved and a thanks to Mr Sykes, Mrs Russell, Mr Brown and Mrs Beauchamp for organising and supervising the team. Thanks also to Mrs Fenner, Mrs Dowsett and Mrs Campbell for their help on the day.

There were some individual successes with the following children achieving 1st place in their races:

Year 3 breaststroke: Teigan S

Year 3 backstroke: Grace F

Year 4 freestyle: Florence M

Year 4 breaststroke: Olivia T

Year 4 butterfly: Matilda C

Year 5 backstroke: Colette B

Year 5: backstroke: Harry K

Year 6 backstroke: Ava H

Year 6 Champion race: Marty F



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YOUNG VOICES

On Wednesday, Mrs Russell, Mr Purser, Mrs Cobb and Mrs Beauchamp took the choir to the O2 to perform at the Young Voices concert. This is a fantastic experience for the children who were very excited about the event. They all had a wonderful time. Thank you to the staff for giving their time in helping the children learn the song words and taking them to the event. Thank you to the parents for supporting and I hope you also had a wonderful time.



PFA AGM

On Thursday evening the PFA held their Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to those who attended. It was a meeting with goodbyes as Janine Adair (Chair) Stephanie Lloyd (Treasurer) and Louise Maclean (Secretary), all stepped down after many years of service. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them for their support in raising funds for the children of Takeley Primary School. I am sure we will see you at many events. We would like to thank Shelly Gunn, Melanie Munro and Sarah Firth for taking on the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and look forward to events in the near future.

PFA Event Quiz Night!

Friday 16th February

7:30pm for an 8:00pm Start

Teams of up to 8 people

£5 per person

Drinks to be pre-ordered

Details on how to book to follow!

SCOUTS

There is a new cubs and scouts group in the Takeley area. If you would like further information please message Takeley scouts at takeleyscoutswaitinglist@hotmail.com

Cubs aged 8 years - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years

Scouts aged 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years - 14 years

Mrs James

'Learning, achieving and enjoying together'

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PUPIL AWARDS



<i>Chestnut</i>	<i>Teddy and Chestnut</i>
<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Ziggi and Jimmy</i>
<i>Cedar</i>	<i>Daisy and Tobias</i>
<i>Elm</i>	<i>Alan and Nelly</i>
<i>Holly</i>	<i>Jamie and Ben</i>
<i>Beech</i>	<i>Julia and Nadine</i>
<i>Cherry</i>	<i>Aria and Matthew</i>
<i>Apple</i>	<i>Ebony and Charlie</i>
<i>Birch</i>	<i>Lillie and Olivia C</i>
<i>Aspen</i>	<i>Keira-Rose and Faith</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Florence W and Freya B</i>
<i>Maple</i>	<i>Jacob and Albie</i>
<i>Oak</i>	<i>Joshua and Adriana</i>

*This month we have been working on our reflection skills.
Working to reflect and improve in all areas of our learning.
Well done to all our Dojo Certificate winners.*

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DIARY DATES

January

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

Friday 26th

Tuesday 30th

Wednesday 31st

Inset Day

Start of Spring Term 1

Year 3/4 Apple – Multiskills at Felsted (details to follow)

Year 4/5 Aspen & Year 5 Elder – Trip to Harry Potter Studios

No Gymnastics after school club

February

Friday 2nd

Monday 5th-Friday 11th

Tuesday 6th

Friday 9th

Monday 12th

Monday 19th-Friday 23th

Monday 26th

Wednesday 28th

Year 5/6 Hockey (Teams tbc)

Children's Mental Health week

Year 2- Trip to Tower of London (Payment to be made on ParentMail)

Years 3/4 – Tag Ruby (Teams tbc)

EYFS – Victorian House Workshop (Payment to be made on ParentMail)

Half Term

Start of Spring Term 2

Cross Country Finals

March

Monday 11th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Monday 18th

Thursday 28th

Science Week

Parent Consultation Evenings (no after school clubs)

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Year 3/4 Apple & Year 4 Birch – Colchester Castle (Payment to be made on ParentMail)

Last day of term