

# ewsletter



Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and that it was both peaceful and fun! It was lovely to officially welcome Mrs N Robinson (Inclusion Manager) and Mrs S Tracey (SENCO Assistant) to our team - both are already members of staff at Buttsbury Infant School - I am sure that working across both schools will bring many benefits and I am looking forward to seeing their roles grow and develop. The term ahead is already quite full with lots of exciting events and activities planned! Please see details of forthcoming dates on our school website.

On behalf of the staff team, thank you very much for all the lovely gifts, cards and messages of goodwill which we received before Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were very touching.

Finally, I would like to wish you a wonderful 2024!

#### Punctuality

Please can I remind you that children need to be in school by 8.40am in readiness for their first lesson. We still have a number of children who are regularly late which impacts their learning and also disrupts the class.

Applications for Year 3 - September 2024

I have been asked by the Admissions Department, at Essex County Council, to remind parents who may have a child in Year 2, that if they have not yet submitted an application for Year 3, they need to do so by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications should be made via the following website: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Thank you.

#### Just a few reminders about uniform as we start a new term:

- Trainers and boots are not allowed only black shoes should be worn.
- No jewellery (including wrist bands) should be worn other than a simple watch (no Apple watches please) and small studs for pierced ears.
- Nail polish is not allowed.
- Hair accessories should be small and discreet please. Large flowers and/or bows are not appropriate for school. Hair should not be shorter than a Number 2.
- For outdoor PE, children should wear royal blue socks please. This is particularly important for girls who are wearing tights as it is unhygienic to wear these for PE lessons. School tracksuits or dark coloured tracksuits may be worn on top for outdoor PE lessons. Under-armour and running leggings should not be worn. For indoor PE, children need black plimsolls (particularly important this term as the focus for this term is dance).

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to ensure that our children look smart at school.

#### **Next Week's Diary Dates**

School Dinners - Week 3

### Monday 15th January

- Year 6 Mock SATS Week (1)
- Friends' Association meeting 8.00pm Meeting Room

#### Tuesday 16th January

Year 6 Careers Festival (pm)
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

- 6M 'Parents to Lunch' at 12.20pm
- Parent Workshop White Rose Maths 7pm -Buttsbury Infant School Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Buddy Boot Camp (am) - please bring old warm clothes and trainers plus a heavy-duty bag to take everything home in

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

School Discos - Year 3/4: 5.00pm - 6.30pm; Year 5/6: 6.50pm - 8.20pm

<u>Panathlon - Outstanding Achievement Award</u>
On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we were visited by Dominic Fenton, from the Panathlon Foundation, who had come to present a very special award to Annabelle Wilks (6P). Annabelle had been selected for the Woodland Group Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of her commitment to sport, her encouragement and kindness towards others and her willingness to go above and beyond. Well done Annabelle - this is a very well-deserved award!







#### Cancer Research UK (CRUK)

On Monday, we were joined for our assembly by David Cianciola who is a representative from Cancer Research UK. As you may already be aware, our children's chosen charity this year is Cancer Research UK so it was lovely for the children to find out more about the charity and how the money we raise will be used. We supported CRUK four years ago and raised almost £10,000 during the course of the year - this is double the amount we usually raise which I think is an indicator of how highly we all value the work of CRUK. We have a sponsored event planned for 26<sup>th</sup> January - this will be our main fundraising initiative but we have a few smaller ones alongside - the collecting tubes that we sent home this week are an example of this. The tubes can be filled with 20p coins and, once filled, will hold £10. It would be great if we could have lots of tubes filled and returned.

'Maxímum Effort for Maxímum Achievement'

Well Done' to all the children who were awarded MERIT certificates this week.

Grayson Kemp Oliver Munro Jessica Rendell Liam Martin Oliver Thorpe Mariah Hands Arun Sawhney Blake Silvester Joe Hussey Teddy Thomas

Julian Hak

Ioshua Hale Preston Mills-Martin Jenson Wallis Harry Parker Joseph Jackson Alfie Moclair Bodhí Seabrook Ivy-May King Ben McCreery Jessica Chinnery Zachary Mackenzie Thomas Christie







This week's 'Writers of the Week' are: Alex Fryd Jasper Smith Renee Mweleka Theo Vasileiadis Archie Alderton Betsy Burcombe Amelie Doyle Well done to our writing super stars!









This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are: Jack Tribe Chloe Bowdidge Alice Bennett Georgie Harding Oghoghosa Egharevba Efe Kemal Thomas Chandra Jasmine Faraday Heath Harlow











This week's 'Readers of the Week' are: April Marsh Adam Sargood Nathan Hawes Jax Evans Summer-Rose Smith Lavanya Soni Thomas Wright Mariia Federova Well done to our enthusiastic readers!

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are: Alfie Moclair Freya Childs Thomas Bennett Asa Taylor Tommy Smith Georgie Hodges Joe Jackson William Smith Zachary Mackenzie











#### Dance in a Day

On Tuesday, a group of talented dancers from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a 'Dance in a Day' workshop. The children worked throughout the day using the music different musicals such as Six and Hamilton. The children (with a bit of help) then created an 'Annie' themed dance which they performed to Year 5 and 6 as well as their parents at the end of the day. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all of the children who took part. A huge 'thank you' goes to Louise Hunt from DOT productions for running the day with such enthusiasm and also to the support staff who assisted with supervision during the day.





Year 3/4 Choir Performance - Snow White
'Save the Date' - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7.00pm Further details regarding programmes, costumes etc. will follow in due course.





### **Afternoon Tea**

We have two Afternoon Tea celebrations featured in this week's newsletter - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Both occasions were a great success and the children enjoyed the lovely refreshments as much as chatting to others about their work.



# **House Points**

This week's winning house:







#### **Top Table**

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were: **Erin Collins** Larry Mitchell Joshua Gabriel-West

Isla Clifford Jemima Broom













This week's attendance figure is: 96.7%! Thís year's attendance target ís 97.0%.



A special 'Well Done' to Class 3P who had the highest attendance this week - 99.1%! Congratulations!

#### Visitors' Bays

Please note that the visitors' bays at the front of the school should not be used for dropping off/picking up children at the start/end of the school day unless prior permission has been given. Thank you.



#### **Bible Explorers**

On Monday, Year 4 were lucky enough to embark on a series of six sessions called 'Bible Explorers' delivered to us at school courtesy of The Schools Ministry Billericay Team.

The children learned about the first eight Bible stories of the Old Testament in a fun and interactive way. From the story of creation to Joseph and his coat of many colours, everyone enjoyed the many activities designed to ensure the children understood and remembered the stories whilst having lots of fun. We are already looking forward to next week!

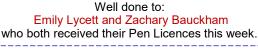




# Out of School Success

- Well done to Jessica Reeves (3M) took part in the Elites swimming gala before Christmas and won a gold medal and three silver medals in her races.
- Congratulations to Charlie Partridge (3W) who sang 'Sleeps to Christmas' on the radio and received a special certificate for his super singing.





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#### Play Leader Training

Last Friday, our Year 6 Play Leaders and Year 5 Buddies took part in Play Leader training, led by Mrs Jaggard and Mrs Morris, from the William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership. The aim of the morning was to upskill our playleaders and buddies to help them create and lead lunchtime games for other children throughout the school.

The children all had a chance to take part in different games, led by Mrs Jaggard. They were then challenged to create their own game, using a small selection of play equipment such as large dice and bean bags.

The children had a fantastic morning and are looking forward to sharing some of their new game ideas on the playground in the coming weeks.

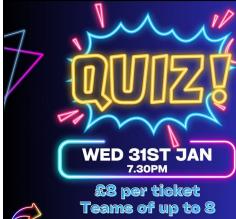
Thank you to Mrs Lovell and Mrs Lee for overseeing our children throughout the morning.











Join us in the school hall for a trivia night exclusively for adults.

BYO snacks and drinks & get ready to laugh & have a great time!

Bring cash if you want to play our exciting Heads or Tails game or our fabulous raffle.

**Tickets at PTA Events** 

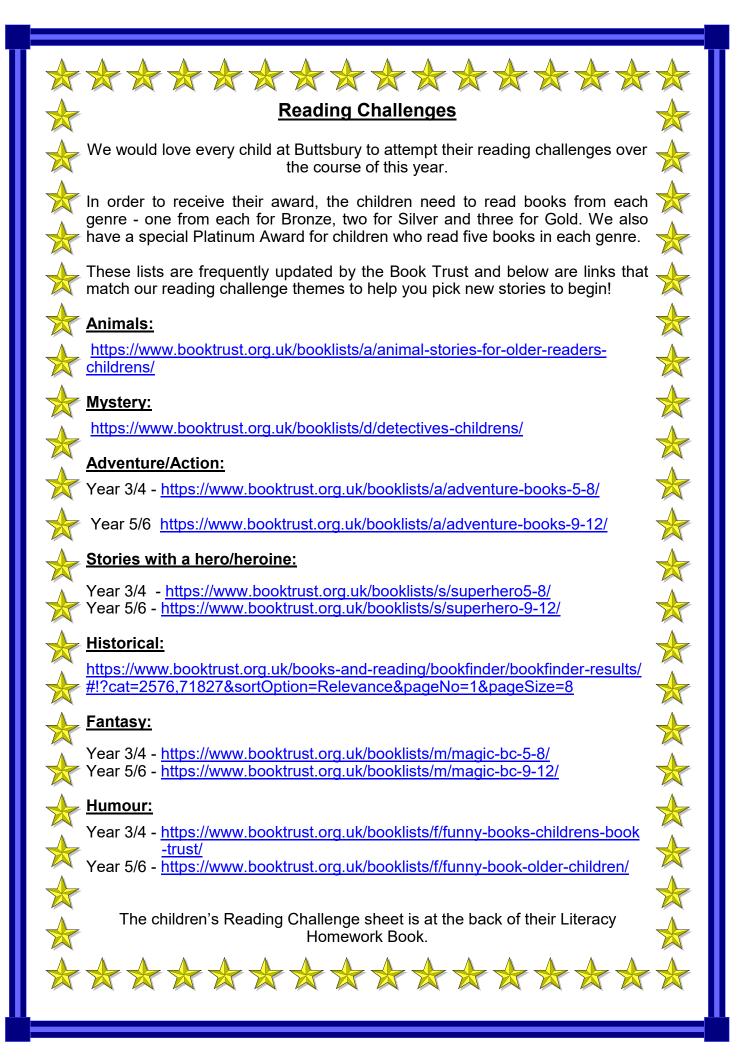














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Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up clinics in your area.

Where: Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP

When: Saturday 13/01/24 Time: 10am to 3.30pm

Where: Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX

When: Saturday 27/01/24
Time: 10am to 2pm

# Year 10 & 11 pupils only

HPV (Cancer vaccine)
Meningitis ACWY

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster

# Reception to Year 11

Flu Vaccine (Nasal & Injection available)

If your child is eligible, don't delay.

Book your nearest clinic NOW or for more information on missed vaccinations please call 0300 790 0597.

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