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## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half first half term we have had! The first seven weeks of the school year have flown by, and the last two weeks have been no exception.

I would first like to congratulate **Eden Pearson in Year 5**. Eden has been given a permanent position at the Colchester UTD Emerging Talent Centre for Football, where she now progresses towards the England Talent Pathways as a Goalkeeper. This is an amazing achievement and we are incredibly proud of Eden and can't wait to see what she achieves in the future.

**On Wednesday, we had the Two Johns visit us from EST Safety.** They led assemblies with our Key Stage 2 children about the risks of the online world. It was a shock to ourselves and the Two Johns, how many of our children have been exposed to adult content online. Please talk to your children about what they learnt from these sessions, and what steps they can take to protect themselves and to enjoy the Internet safely. The Two Johns run a Facebook page (EST Safety) which has a plethora of advice for Parents and Carers and recommend spending some time reading their content.

**Our Girls Football team** had their first match yesterday against Engaines. I am proud to say that the girls won 8-4! What an amazing start to their football season. Please see page 3 for the report.

**After half term, all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will be taking part in swimming lessons.** The swimming lessons will take place on the school site as it did last year. Children will require to bring to school a one piece swimming costume for girls or fitted swimming trunks for boys, a towel, swimming hat (all children are required to wear one, we have a small number of spares the children can wear if they do not have their own), footwear to wear to the pool (such as flip flops / crocs), children may wear a dressing gown if they wish whilst walking from the changing pods to the swimming pool. Details of when your child will be swimming and which group will be posted by your child's class teacher on their class story on ClassDojo.

On Wednesday 15th November, we will be hosting our Termly Learning Conferences. This is an opportunity for you to see your child's learning and to discuss their progress with their class teacher. You will be able to book appointments via ClassDojo from **Monday 30th October**.

Please note that poppies are available for children to purchase for a small monetary donation until **Friday 10th November**. If your child would like a poppy, please send them to school with a small donation.

I would like to remind parents/carers that if you wish to use the Wraparound provision, please ensure you have completed the online form in order to secure your child's place via the link provided.—This must be completed the day before you require the provision. We have to keep to strict supervision ratios; without booking, your child may be turned away if they have not pre-booked. If you have already booked a place and you no longer require this, please ensure that you inform Wraparound by emailing [Wraparound@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Wraparound@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk).

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXsrsqua2htX1OnuzqxmtRHxBUREZZMIRROFpVUEoyVzRUTDRLSUQwTDNGOC4u>

A reminder that next week is half term for our school community—I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful week. We start back on Monday 30th October, gates open at 8.35am.

Mrs Eames  
Headteacher

Congratulations to class 4W who are the attendance cup winners for 100% attendance for week commencing Monday 16th October. Well Done Class 4W!

### Parents/Carers of Year 6 Pupils

Online applications are now open for parents/carers of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. Applications can be made at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and the closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2023**  
**Half Term**

**Monday 6th November 2023**

Swimming lessons commence for KS2.  
Further Information will be available on ClassDojo in due course.

**Non Pupil Days for the 2023-2024**  
**Academic Year**

- **Wednesday 15th November 2023 (TLCs)**
- **Wednesday 13th March 2024**
- **Friday 7th June 2024**

## School Dinners

Please see our school website for the School Dinner Menu.

**w/c Monday 30th October**

**Week 2**

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 2nd November 2023**

**Open Day for Reception Starters 2024-2025 - 1:30pm**

**6C Class Assembly**

**Thursday 16th November 2023**

**5EM Class Assembly**

**Friday 17th November 2023**

**World Prematurity Day**  
**Wear Purple/Non-Uniform Day**

**Monday 27th November 2023**

**Shakespeare for Schools Festival**  
**Performance of The Tempest at the**  
**Dance East Theatre in Ipswich**  
**from children who attend Drama Club**

**Thursday 30th November 2023**

**Year 4 Mayan Workshop**

**2L Class Assembly**

**Thursday 14th December 2023**

**4W Class Assembly**

## ATTENDANCE

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**The school gates open at 8:35am and registration takes place at 8:45am.**

**The school day finishes at 3:15pm. School Clubs and tuition begin at 3:15pm until 4:15pm.**

Please note that all children are required to be in class for 8.45am ready for registration, after this time your child will need to register at the school office and will be marked as late.

# SPORTS REPORT

## Girls Football Match at Engaines

### Thursday 19th October 2023

Yesterday after school, White Hall went to Engaines to play a girls football match. Our girls were very nervous as we hadn't had a lot of time to train together but they were also excited! We started the lead with 1-0 before the ball slipped through Summer's fingers allowing them to make the score 1-1.

The girls determination to win and recover the ball was incredible. We managed to win a free kick in which Eden smashed in straight at the back of the net. Not long after, unfortunately Amieleigh came off the pitch due to injuring herself, but this never stopped her coming back and scoring a goal!!

As the game progressed, the score increased making the score 8-4 overall!!!!!! Our two goal scorers, Eden who scored 7, and Amieleigh who scored 1, both worked extremely hard together and we are all very proud of them.

I am so impressed with the progress and effort the girls all put in. A massive well done to Darcie and Kenzie (4J) who played their very first school match yesterday and smashed it. Well done girls, keep up the hard work! Everyone was player of the match!

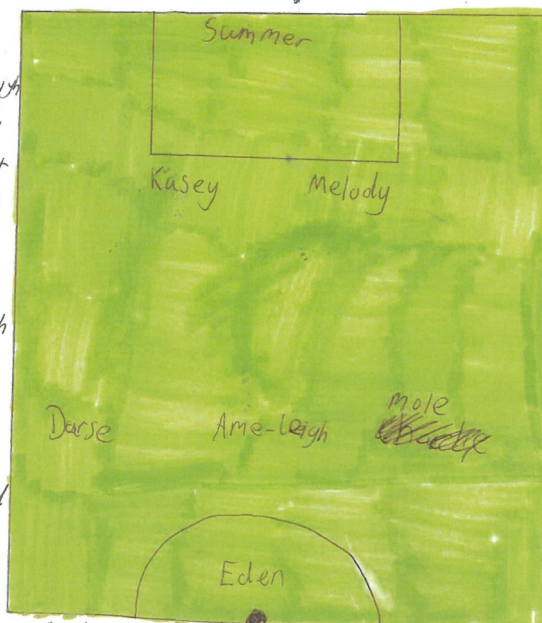
White hall vs Engaines

Dy: Summer  
Rollings  
class: 6Jc

Firstly, we won 8 to 4 and did very well. The people who scored the eight goals was Eden and Ame-leigh, Eden scored 6 goal and Ame-leigh scored 2 goals. We fell some of the goals in but we tried our best. Miss Dines is a very go coach.

Are formation:

Summer and Ame-leigh got injured. Summer got wacked with the ball in the head and Ame-leigh got kicked in the knee. Also Eden kept getting kicked in the ankle.



Darse was very good at keeping the ball away from the goal. We were all very red when we finish our match.

Subs: Sunny, Michaelle.

**IS YOUR CHILD STARTING RECEPTION IN  
SEPTEMBER 2024?**

*We are pleased to invite you to one of our*

**RECEPTION OPEN DAYS**

Thursday 12th October 2023  
10:00am

Tuesday 17th October 2023  
9:30am

Thursday 2nd November 2023  
1:30pm

White Hall Academy is an inspirational academy seeking to transform the lives of children and families in the community it serves. Come along to see the amazing opportunities we have to offer and have a tour of our wonderful school.

Please contact the school office to book your place.  
We look forward to welcoming you!

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White Hall Academy and Nursery, Melbourne Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 3SP

# FLU VACCINE CATCH UP CLINICS

**Has your child missed their school vaccinations?**

**We are running catch up clinics in north east Essex for flu.**

**Your nearest catch up clinics this winter:**

- **Clacton**  
14 & 23 October & 18 November
- **Colchester:**  
24 October, 4 November & 16 December
- **Harwich:**  
25 October & 2 January

**It's easy to catch up.  
Book your nearest clinic NOW  
on 0300 790 0597 or for  
more information on  
missed vaccinations.**

**#DOYOURBITESSEX**



## BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer  
- so check over the page for some top tips!

## 5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1 Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2 If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3 Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4 If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5 Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**

**THINK**

# COMMUNITY

Essex County Council Libraries

**Clacton Library**

## Half Term Author Event



**11am**  
Tuesday 24 October

Meet author Kate Read and enjoy her reading of 'One Fox', followed by a counting and art activity!

This is a free event, suitable for ages 3 and over!



Essex Year of **NUMBERS**



Scan the QR code to book your free place!

Wednesday 25th October – Sunday 29th October

## FRINTON LITERARY FESTIVAL

Connecting authors and readers - by the sea

### CHILDREN'S EVENT

In association with local schools, Frinton Literary Festival will host a day for families aimed at primary school readers and writers featuring storytelling, activities, drawing and fun. Special guest children's author Andy Riley will talk about his hilarious series *Action Dude* and *King Flashypants* – as well as his experiences as an award-winning scriptwriter. The Book Service have very kindly donated 40 free books for the event, which will be free to good homes! Thursday 26th October (October half term), McGrigor Hall, 11am. Free admission.



[WWW.FRINTONLITERARYFESTIVAL.CO.UK](http://WWW.FRINTONLITERARYFESTIVAL.CO.UK)

### CHILDREN'S SHORT STORY PRIZE

This year, we are re-introducing our children's writing competition. The theme is **HEROES**. Who your hero is and what happens to them is entirely up to you. We are looking for complete short stories or narrative poems which are original, imaginative and inspiring! Just make sure it fits on one side of A4 paper and that we can read it clearly. If you have space on your page, why not illustrate your story? Submit your story by 13th October and Andy Riley will award prizes for a winner and two runners up at our event (above!)

Deadline for submission: Friday 13th October 2023. For full terms and conditions see our website.

BOX OFFICE: CAXTON BOOKS, 55 CONNAUGHT AVENUE  
EMAIL [ENQUIRIES@CAXTONBOOKS](mailto:ENQUIRIES@CAXTONBOOKS) OR CALL 01255 851505

**CLACTON CARNIVAL**

## HALLOWEEN INFLATABLE SOFT PLAY FUN DAY

NOT-SO-SCARY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

29th October 2023  
10am till 5pm  
Free to attend

Clacton Leisure Centre  
Vista Road, CO15 6DB

**Book your 90 minute play session:**  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-mozgkem](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-mozgkem)

**BOOK NOW**

Carnival Games, The Uniform Bank, Entertainment by local groups, Raffle and Tombola, Craft stalls, Face painting

Prizes will be awarded at each session for the best costume!

Sponsored by: Castles and Comic books face painting

Event sponsor: **Tendring District Council**

Children to be supervised by a responsible adult at all times

## FREE FOOTBALL

**FREE! WOW!!**

**YOUR SCHOOL IS CLOSE TO A FUN FOOTBALL CENTRE!**

COMPLETELY FREE, ONE-HOUR FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS WEEKEND MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11

come and give it a try!!

FOR MORE DETAILS SIMPLY SEARCH: 'MCDONALD'S FUN FOOTBALL' OR DROP US AN EMAIL [INFO@FDEONLINE.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@FDEONLINE.CO.UK)

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