

## Term 2 Week 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Quote of the week:

*“In childhood the daylight always fails too soon - except when there are going to be fireworks.”*

### Clubs & Activities

Our extra-curricular programme will recommence today. Please see below a copy of the timetable detailing the clubs that are available for our children to join.

Day	Club	Leader	Time
Monday	KS2 Art Club	Mrs Mahoney	3:15-4:15
Tuesday	KS1 Art Club	Mrs Gentry	3:15-4:15
	KS2 Netball	Mrs Weller	3:15-4:15
	Mindfulness (invite only)	Miss Mason	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Whole School Choir	Mrs Griffiths & Miss Mason	Lunchtime
Friday	KS1 Music	Mrs Griffiths	3:15-4:15
	KS2 Football	Mr Bragg	3:15-4:15



### Introducing Bug Club !

We are delighted to announce the commencement of Bug Club Independent. Bug Club Independent is an independent reading solution that encourages readers to read at home with 164 fully decodable titles from our Bug Club Phonics programme and over 300 additional fiction and non-fiction print books, comics, and graphic novels alongside an online reading world.



Children from Reception to Year 6 will be sent home today with a letter and log in details that will allow them access to this website. Happy reading!!

### School Pantomime – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

This week your child/ren will be sent home with a letter regarding the School’s trip to see the Pantomime ‘Beauty and the Beast’ being held at Basildon Towngate Theatre.

## Cherry Class – WWII Radio adverts

As we are leading up to Remembrance Day, Ash and Cherry class have been looking at the importance of volunteers during WW2.

With this in mind, the children in Year 3 and 4 have been writing Radio advertisements to persuade people to join the Women's Land Army and the Army in WW2. Here are some extracts!

### **Lacey Malone (Year 4 Cherry class).**

Your country needs you! Do you like gardening and growing vegetables? Then join the Women's Lane Army. Your friends and family need you!

### **Isabella O'Meara (Year 3 Cherry class)**

All British women come and join the Women's Land Army! Grow crops for your people. We want you to help your country.

### **Mason Rodwell (Year 4 Cherry class)**

This is the radio speaking. We need your help! If you are listening, we need you to sign up and help the men on the battlefield. Do everything you can for the soldiers.

## Ash Class - WW11 Radion averts

### **Niamh Phillips Ash class year 4**

Thank you for listening. We rely on you. HELP SAVE THIS COUNTRY. Also if an air warden tells you to go to a shelter, please do, we have had NO deaths.

### **Tabitha Hudson year 4**

You know there's a really bad crisis going on. We really need you. Please you could be a hero to everyone.

### **Beau Clements year 3**

If anyone is listening, please help. People can help with cooking and more. Thank you.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

BBC Children in Need have partnered up with BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing to bring some glitz and glamour to this year's Appeal and this year, we're asking our children to 'Get Your Strictly On'.



The easiest way to get involved is to wear your Strictly best and feel fab-u-lous this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. After 18 months of pjs and joggers, we're all ready for a bit of glam. By dressing up in their samba-sequins the children can join the rest of the nation who are raising some much-needed funds for children here in the UK. The children can go all out in full glitter, sparkles and feathers – all we ask, is that the children donate a £1 towards this worth cause. Please ensure that your child/ren come into school with a £1 coin that they can give to their teacher at the beginning of the day.

We are also going to have a 'cake bonanza' at breaktime, where all the children will be offered a yummy snack of their choice. All we ask is that any budding bakers (come all you mums and nannies !!!) donate a batch of delicious cakes to the school office on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. If baking isn't an option, it would be really appreciated if parents/carers could donate a pack of cupcakes, cake bars, flapjacks etc to the school so that we have enough cakes to give to every child. Please remember, that some children have allergies, so nothing with nuts included please. If your child has a specific allergy, please ensure that you bring in a suitable snack for them, and I will ensure that they receive this. If you would like any Tupperware boxes returned, please remember to put your name on the box and I will return them to you.



I will send a text out on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> to remind you of the above and really hope that you will join our School in celebrating all the good work and causes that this Charity represents.

Thank you. Mrs Cummings, Wellbeing Mentor

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly in the past week. Mr. Bragg announced winners on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November as follows:

Class	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
Elm	Savannah	Bertie
Hazel	Rafe	Rose
Willow	Coby	Hallie
Maple	Jack	Sofia
Ash	Bella	Millie
Cherry	Lacey	Fraser
Elder	Gracie	Millie
Oak	George	Lily
The Base	Frankie	

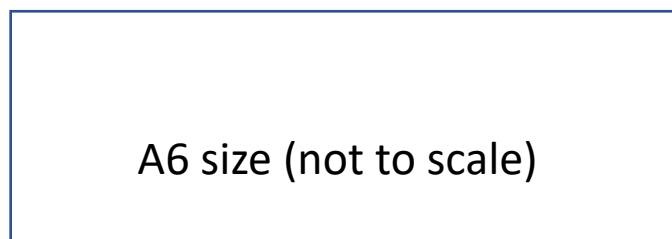


## Competition Time!

The Parish of St Leonard's have introduced a Christmas Card competition. Our children have been encouraged to Design a Christmas card that best portrays ***Christmas in the Community***. There will be a variety of age-grouped prize winners with the overall winning design being printed and distributed to every household within Southminster. Designs must be on A6 size paper (1/4 of standard A4) and handed to Mr. Bragg by ***Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November***.

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## Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

A reminder letter has been sent out with a deadline of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

### How can you help?

#### Financial Donation

Samaritan's Purse ask for a donation of £5 per box to cover the cost of transportation. You can donate online, or using the pre-paid envelope in order to pay by cheque or cash.

#### Fill a box

Complete the reply slip below to request your own box that you intend to fill as a household.

#### Send an item

In school, we intend to collect items and begin to fill our own boxes with individual donations sent in by families. Suggested items to include are; a doll, ball, football with pump, a cuddly toy, skipping rope, hygiene items such as a bar of soap or a face cloth (no liquids) and school supplies such as pencils, pens, paper.

## Important Notice:

### Applications for Reception places September 2022

Primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **Monday 8 November 2021**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2022.

**From 8 November 2021**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

## SCHOOL DINNER MENU

The school dinner menu for this week will be as follows: -

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Choose your Main</b>	MACARONI CHEESE	BUTCHERS SAUSAGE & MASHED POTATO	ROAST GAMMON WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING	SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN WITH RICE	HARRY RAMSDEN FISH FILLET
<b>Vegetarian</b>	MACARONI CHEESE	VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE & MASHED POTATO	VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE ROLL	SWEET & SOUR QUORN WITH RICE	SPICY BEANBURGER
<b>On the Side</b>	SWEETCORN FRESH SALAD COLESLAW	GARDEN PEA'S OR BAKED BEANS	ROAST POTATOES CARROTS CAULIFLOWER CHEESE & GRAVY	SWEETCORN OR BROCOLLI	CHIPS GARDEN PEA'S OR SPAGHETTI HOOPS
<b>Lighter Bite</b>	BAGEL WITH HAM OR CREAM CHEESE	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS	JACKET POTATO WITH TUNA MAYONNAISE	JACKET POTATO WITH GRATED CHEESE	1/2 BAGUETTE WITH CHOICE OF HAM CHEESE OR TUNA
<b>For Dessert</b>	APPLE PIE & CUSTARD	FRESH FRUIT SELECTION	FRUIT JELLY & CREAM	OAT COOKIE	ICE CREAM POT



## Autism Connections

A safe space for people who are autistic or relate to autism to chat online.

Sessions are every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm, until March 2022.

Meeting ID 875 4416 2343 Passcode 904120

If you would like to make connections with people in your community, then phone/text/email either:

Sarah Kaya on 07305 006 745

Amy Melton on 07458 300 900

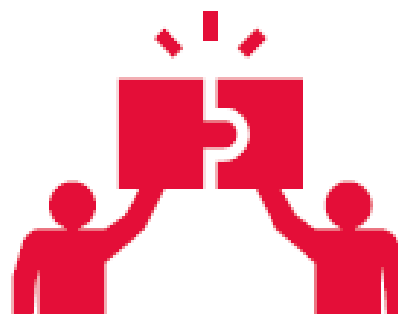
[amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk](mailto:amy.melton@ceessex.org.uk)



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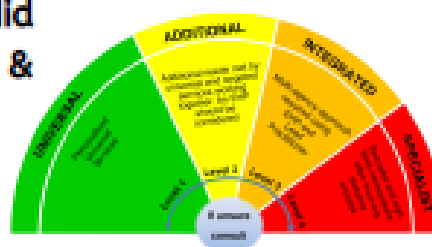
## Mid Essex

### EARLY HELP DROP-IN



### Every Wednesday 12:00pm – 1:00pm

This session is designed to give partners in Mid Essex who work with children, young people & families the chance to: discuss anonymised cases, gain peer support, be signposted to advice & help to answer general questions



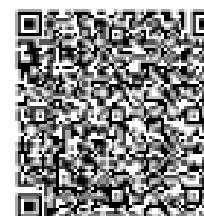
These sessions will be facilitated by Paul Mitchell, Lead for Partnership Delivery (Mid), who will be regularly supported by our panel of subject experts including:

**Children & Families Hub / Family Solutions Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) Specialist Nurses / Senior Attendance Specialists Essex Youth Service / ECFWS / EWMHS and others**

Click [HERE](#) to join the session

For more information email [Paul.Mitchell@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Mitchell@essex.gov.uk)

PLEASE NOTE - These sessions **DO NOT** replace work undertaken by the Children & Families Hub as outlined in [Effective Support for Children & Families in Essex](#)



Or scan the QR code



Lead for Partnership Delivery

Mid Essex



## Key dates for your diaries:

- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Collective Worship in school
- 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am Remembrance Sunday
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Southminster Christmas Lights service 12<sup>th</sup> November – Shoebox Deadline
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- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tree decorating
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tree Fair (St. Leonard's)
- 13<sup>th</sup> EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
- 14<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance for parents (am & pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 9am coffee morning and KS2 Carol Service (St. Leonard's)

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17<sup>th</sup> December Last day of Term

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