

Newsletter 4 January 2024



Spotlight on Reception

It always amazes me in how quickly time passes at school, and now we find ourselves rapidly heading towards the half term and the end of January. So many things have already taken place, we have had parents sewing in year 2 and swimming has started, in Year 1 they have had the dinosaur man and Reception they have continued learning about 'Wonderful Winter', It's sure to be another busy year, Mrs Phillips

This half term we have been learning about Wonderful Winter. We learnt about how some British animals hibernate and survive the winter. We read the story, One Snowy Night and produced some wonderful writing. We have been looking at Antarctica and the animals that live there and compared them to the animals that live in the Arctic region. We investigated ice and explored what makes it melt the quickest and tried to help the animals frozen in the ice.



Attendance Matters

Your child's attendance is important especially at this age, whilst we cannot change the fact that they may be ill, being off school does have an impact. For many of the children they are learning something new for the first time, but at this stage they are new concepts, that they will visit again and again during their time in school. Even a few days absence has an effect upon their learning, confidence in school and their friendships.

Unauthorised absences are recorded when your child is away from school and you have not made contact with the school, your child arrives after 9am or you take a holiday during term time. When your child reaches 10 absences then both parents will receive a fine.

Where we can we will help support you with your child's attendance but it is the **parent's responsibility to get their child/ren to school on time.**

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Would you like to play an important part in our school community?

Do you have the time to commit yourself to attend meetings, and come into school to observe and support the leadership team in a voluntary capacity?

Can you help us to maintain our school's good standing in the community?

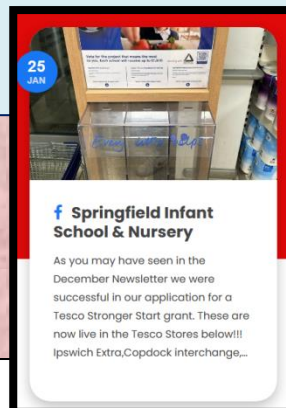
We currently have vacancies for governors on our school governing board. The role of a governor is vitally important, as you are the voice for parents and our community. As a school governor you have to commit yourself to attend 6 meetings a year in the evening (meetings begin at 4pm) and to come into school for monitoring visits during term time as needed. You are required to have a full DBS check and references for the post and you will also have to undertake safeguarding and governor training for the role. Our governing body is made up from people with a range of backgrounds and skills, we need people with a wide range of knowledge and skills to work together for all the different interests of the school for example, HR knowledge, building and premises, medical, financial, management and catering are just a few areas of the systems working around the school.

If this is something that interests you or someone you know, and you would like to find out more information about the role then click the link below or contact the office and ask the team to set up an informal meeting with Mrs. Phillips.

[Governors](#)

Look on our website and
facebook page for the latest news

[School Website](#)



Dates:

6th February Stay and Play
19th -26th February Half Term
5th March Stay and Play
7th March World Book Day
13th March Nursery open Event pm
19th March Year 1 Colchester Zoo
28th March last day of term,
Spring term break 1st of April – Monday 15th April

Reading Cafes

Come in and share stories with your child's class in the hall at 2.45pm. Dates to follow next week.

Sorry no siblings or buggies.



Mandy Meerkat focuses on teamwork and working together.



Reminders:

Thank you to those of you who have been considerate on Wednesday's for swimming and parked elsewhere.

Please remember to be considerate when using the church car park. Keep our children safe by **parking up in a spot and not on the driveway.**

Please be punctual, gates open at 8.40am- if you arrive after 8.50 then your child is recorded as late. Being late unsettles the children and has an impact on their day.