



# NEWSLETTER

13th March 2020

*Wisdom is our Christian value this term.*

**AIM HIGH <sup>+</sup> TO BE THE BEST**

It has been a very busy week! We hope those of you who were able to come into school on Monday to read with their child/ren enjoyed this opportunity. The children are always very excited when parents come into school.

On Tuesday we used some of the money raised at the Christmas Tombola to arrange for a Story Teller to come into school.



Our "vocabulary" Dress-up Day was a great success.







The PTFA alongside the children will be hosting a short music concert for Mothering Sunday.

They would like to invite 1 member of each family to join them on:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.35pm**

The children will all receive a gift to give to their parent and there will be a surprise or two along the way from the children.

**Ticket price is £3**

We are strictly only able to issue 1 ticket per family.

If you would like a ticket then please return the slip (attached to the letter issued by the PTFA) and the money to the **PTFA post box located in the school office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please be reminded that due to Parents' Evenings there will be no Gymnastics Club on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** or **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.



**Latchingdon C of E  
Primary  
School Council**

The School Council have been discussing the unnecessary items that children bring into school. They have designed some posters which we have put near the pegs in each class.

We would also appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your child/ren only bring items that are required such as reading book, reading journal, packed lunch and drink bottle.

Parents' Evenings

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm-6pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm-6pm**

Appointments dates and times have been sent out this week via the children.

Meetings will take place in the school hall and your child's work will be available to look through.

Please can you make alternative arrangements for all children. We do not have facilities for their care on these occasions and it is inappropriate for them to be with you during consultations.

SCHOLASTIC

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

**Come and join us!**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - 3.10pm -3.30pm**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 3.10pm - 3.30pm**

In top classroom

There are **over 200 titles** for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

Covid 19 Update

We are continuing to follow advice from Public Health England in respect of Coronavirus.

We have not been put-on-alert to close and at present we have no plans to close the school for any additional time.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and if we are advised differently by Public Health England and the Department for Education to close, we will inform parents and carers immediately.



### MUSIC LESSONS

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, has places on a Thursday morning for children to learn piano, keyboard or guitar.

The cost is £30 per half term for 5 lessons of 15 minutes each or £60 for 30 minutes. (fees are reduced for families on state benefits).

If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play an instrument, please contact Mr Pritchard on:

07442 170541 or

[steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com](mailto:steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com)



### How to Wash Your Hands Properly

The staff are encouraging all the children to wash their hands regularly.

Public Health England have advised that everyone should wash their hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch the short NHS film for guidance:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg>

### Attendance - w/e 13/3/20

Year	%
R / 1	99.03%
1 / 2	90.15%
3 / 4	97.31%
5 / 6	97.64%

Class R/1 are the weekly winners.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning and leave a message. We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence.

If you receive a text message please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally has to attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.



**Please see our website  
for full details of Dates to remember**

March 2020

- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Evening  
(3.30pm to 6pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA Mothering Sunday Concert  
(2.35pm - Ticket Only)
- 19<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic Book Fair (3.10pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic Book Fair (3.10pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Evening  
(3.30pm to 6pm)
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - Crucial Crew 2020 (Yr 6)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - Trip: Yr 5/6 - West Stow  
Anglo-Saxon Village

April 2020

- 2nd April - Easter Service (9.30am) - Parent  
Reception/Year 1 & 2 invited
- 6<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER HOLS**
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Essex Fire & Rescue Visit (9.15am to  
12.30pm)

May 2020

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY**
- 11<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> May - SATs - Year 6
- 20<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photos/ Yr 6 Leavers Photos
- 25<sup>TH</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM**

June 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> June - NON-PUPIL DAY**

July 2020

- 17<sup>th</sup> July - LAST DAY SUMMER TERM
- 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July - NON-PUPIL DAYS
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - SUMMER HOLS

September 2020

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - NON-PUPIL DAY**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - FIRST DAY 2020/2021  
ACADEMIC YEAR