

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Easter Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday 25th March. Easter is one of the most significant and special times in the church year and we feel incredibly privileged to be holding our service in such a beautiful and sacred building. This year, we are particularly looking forward to the evening as our Year 6 pupils will be leading the service.

The evening will be a wonderful opportunity for singing, prayer, and reflection and we ask for your support in ensuring the event runs smoothly. Please note that there is another service taking place at the Cathedral immediately before ours; therefore, we kindly ask that you do not arrive before 6:45pm. The doors will open to parents at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start. The service will last approximately 45 minutes.

As the children are representing our school, we ask that they arrive looking smart in their full school uniform with clean shoes. We expect excellent behaviour from the school community, both inside and outside the Cathedral. Please remain respectful of the surroundings at all times.

Children should remain under your supervision until they enter the cathedral, at which point school staff will take over their care. We ask that you please ensure your children have used the toilet beforehand and that you keep hold of their coats and water bottles to help us keep the seating areas tidy.

Tickets for the evening will be available to purchase via ParentPay from Monday 2nd March and will be sent home with your child.

We are very lucky to be able to share this experience in such a magnificent setting and we look forward to seeing you all there for what promises to be a memorable evening.

Next week is another incredibly busy week in school, so please keep an eye on Dojo for reminders - and don't hesitate to ask on the gate if you have any questions! Have a great weekend - let's hope the sun makes a reappearance!

Best wishes,

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) &

Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 87.5%
Year 1 - 89.8%
Year 2 - 95.7%
Year 3 - 94.8%
Year 4 - 99.5%
Year 5 - 84.8%
Year 6 - 95.0%
Total - 92.4%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!

IMPORTANT DATES:

4 March: Y3/4 Girls Football at William De Ferrers (selected pupils)
5 March: KS1 Cross Country at Mayflower School (selected pupils)
5 March: Y4 Mighty Oak workshop
5 March: Downham's Got Talent (after school)
6 March: World Book Day
10 March: Parents invited in for Science activity
11 March: Forest School session for new EYFS intake 9-10am
12 March: Cross Country Race 4
12 March: BAT Science competition at Felmores (selected pupils)
13 March: EYFS Invitation lunch for mums/grandmas
13 March: PTA Mothering Sunday craft afternoon



REMINDERS

This is a polite reminder that all hair accessories should be black, white, yellow or grey only. We love seeing all the multi-coloured accessories but please save them for non-uniform days! Also, please ensure that shirts are tucked in smartly before school.



OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Noah for collaboration and creativity
Year 1 - Ada for courage
Year 2 - Cleo for creativity
Year 3 - Lily for critical thinking and challenge
Year 4 - Joey for collaboration
Year 5 - Blu for collaboration
Year 6 - Betsy for creativity and critical thinking



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:

Chanelle really deserves the Headteacher's Cup this week for having a fantastic week! She has been so cheerful and positive around school and worked really hard in class. Well done, Chanelle!

