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Autumn Term 2011

Friday 4th November 2011

Assembly

This week we have been celebrating All Saints Day and the lives of saints. We have recognised that in the Anglican Church it is the red season.

Travelling Book Fair

The book fair arrives on Thursday 10th Nov and the last day will be Wednesday 17th Nov.

This is a great opportunity to buy books for Christmas presents whilst supporting the school at the same time. You are welcome to come and browse or buy books on any of the above days between 3.15 and 3.45pm. If any parents are able to help us with the selling of books please see Miss Williams. All help would be greatly appreciated, even if just on one evening.

PTA News

Just to let you know that we now have only 8 places left on the coach going into London on 12th November. Would you like to join us for some shopping and lunch therapy or do you know someone who might?! If so, cheques to the office please, £13 per seat. We leave school at 8am and the coach will leave from outside Harrods at 5pm, the rest of the day is yours to do with as you wish. Hope you can make it.

PTA Meeting - Tuesday 8th November - 7.30 in the school hall. Open to all parents. Please attend if you can.

Mobile Library

A reminder that the mobile library will be situated in Short lane on 15th November between 2.50 and 3.10pm. This is an ideal opportunity to change books for yourself or your children. We would like to encourage you to take a little time each week to read books to your children that might be above their reading age. This helps to increase vocabulary and broadens children's experiences. Please take time to explore new words with your child. In school we call more difficult vocabulary "wow" words and try to encourage children to use them in their writing. Why not have a "wow word" of the week or day!

Central League Football

Year 5/6 Girls and Year 5 boys took part in the Central Venue League Football Tournament at Mayflower School on Wednesday 2nd November. Their teamwork skills improved match by match and the girls won their last match 4-0! Special mention to Jackson Fisk who was unanimously voted as player of the tournament. Thank you to all the adults who came to support. Please remember that Chelsea Football run a club for Y5/6 on Thursday at 3.15pm if your child would like to improve their football skills.



Quiz night

Do you enjoy a fun family quiz? If so Mrs Wilson will be hosting a family quiz evening on 12th November at Church of our Saviour, Chelmer Village CM2 6ST, in aid of The Smiles Foundation. This will be lots of fun with rounds such as general knowledge, wildlife, cartoons, picture rounds and crisp tasting!! Tickets are just £8 each to include a buffet platter. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are available from Mrs Wilson. Come on your own or bring a team. Children VERY welcome.

Children in Need - Friday 18th November

School council have made plans to support this very worthwhile cause this year in the following ways:

- Friday 18th November - will be a non school uniform day. Dressed in spots optional! Children to bring in a pound on the day and give to classteachers.
- Cutest pet/ teddy photo competition. Children may bring in a photo of pet or teddy (dressed up like Pudsey if you wish!) along with 50p and give to classteachers on Thursday 17th November. Miss Edwards will collect these from teachers in the morning. School council members to judge.
- Hand writing competition. Children to copy a poem or nursery rhyme in best hand writing and bring to school on Thursday 17th November and give to their teacher along with 50p to take part. School council members will judge.

Health and Safety reminders:

- Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school and therefore we do not permit any nut products in lunchboxes or snacks
- Now that the evenings are getting dark please ensure that children are collected by an adult following after school clubs.

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success. We would love to celebrate their achievements with them. We share out of school successes in our whole school assembly on Monday.

Congratulations this week goes to:

- George Papademothini for being the best trainer of the week
- Reilly Hicks for his red belt in karate
- Holly Wheeler for spotting a young girl who was drowning on a recent holiday and reporting it immediately
- Jai Felsted and Peter Cronin for being man of the match in football
- Maddi Merritt for winning a trampolining competition and the team coming first too
- George Liddard and Bailey Gibson for being runners up in a boxing competition
- Thalia Mitchell for achieving level 1 modern theatre award
- Amelia Armiger for her swimming stage 9 award

Green book entries

Staff send children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- Meghan Johnston for neat, joined up work
- Faye Pitt for working hard
- Emma Roper and Ella Henton for great maths work with multiplication and division
- Emma Roper for super homework on Paris.

Headteachers' Award Faye Pitt for always being so polite, kind and well mannered. (And writing such lovely words about Mum and Dad this week)	Class JA Madison Yates	Class KN Archie Gay	Class LB Holly Wheeler	Class MM Daniel Lewis
Class G/E Billy Cole	Class ES Millie Mundy	Class CW Rachel Green	Class VB Matthew Clow	Class RP Joe Wren

Yours sincerely,

Helen Craig / Sue Wilson

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson
 Headteachers

Letters that have been emailed this week:

Class Newsletters
Tag Rugby letters



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

September 2011

Dear Supporter

Billericay Community Trust has entered into a partnership with **Chelmsford Star Co-operative Society** to raise much needed funds. This is done by way of their award winning **Community Card** scheme.

More than 230 other groups including charities, sports groups', schools, faith groups etc. have already made use of this scheme, many having raised thousands of pounds by their loyal supporters, and valuable funds will become available to us in the same way.

It is a simple yet continuous way of being rewarded for shopping at any branch of Chelmsford Star Co-op simply by presenting a Community Card each time you pay for your purchases. **A Community Card is not a credit card, simply a loyalty card.** A percentage of everything that you spend is then paid direct to us, at no extra cost to you! We are sent quarterly statements that show exactly how much has been raised, and as an extra bonus, **Chelmsford Star Co-operative Society adds 50%** to the amount raised - each and every quarter! And it's available to us in cash to use for our most urgent needs. There are some exceptions though. Postage stamps, tobacco, mobile phone top-ups, lottery tickets and bill payments do not qualify for this reward.

Why does Chelmsford Star Co-operative Society do this? Well it's because the Co-op is an ethical company governed by its values and principles, and is pledged to offer financial support to the communities it serves. This is extended through the Community Card scheme which we now have.

There are 36 food stores and two 'quadrant' department stores (Chelmsford and Braintree) that we can use, selling a large range of goods, along with two Travel Agents and six Funeral branches. You may already use one of these stores, but by producing your Community Card when paying for your goods, you will then start raising funds for us - **totally free of any extra charge!**

Larger purchases earn more rewards, and if a holiday was booked for two adults and two children at a cost of £2000, we would receive a total of £30 for this transaction alone! At no extra cost to you! The Co-op has an excellent range of goods for the home and family, and you could help us significantly by simply asking for a card to keep in your purse or wallet, and shop at Chelmsford Star Co-op.

Together, we can make a difference!

Please contact **Claire Lyon on 07909 442230 / Claire.lyon1@live.co.uk** as soon as possible to get your **Billericay Community Trust** Community Card.

Many thanks

Claire Lyon