



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

**“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”**

It has been a fantastic week at the Fun Factory and Reading and Writing Week is always a highlight of the year for me and the staff. The children have enjoyed lots of fantastic activities in class and of course, lots of amazing outfits on show on Thursday. My thanks to the staff for working hard to continue to provide such wonderful experiences for the children and to you as parents and carers.



Today, the children were surprised with the rearranged Panto that was postponed before Christmas, due to Covid. It was so lovely to be able to organise this once again for the children and my thanks to the PTA for paying for this event, as I know the children always really enjoy it – oh yes they do!

The PTA have been hard at work organising all of the Easter events that will take place at the end of Term and more information will be shared about these in the coming weeks. In the meantime we had advertised two events this week. First, is the fact that I will be in the Stocks one last time before I leave and this will take place next week during the school day and I am sure the children and staff will have the best #FuntimeFriday ever with the chance to throw a sponge at me – yes it will only be sponges! We are asking for a donation of £1 per child to take part on the day. The second event is the Parent Party Night on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Tickets are selling fast and it proves to be a fantastic night. Please email the PTA for information.





This week, it was announced that Mrs Claire Dawson will be the interim Headteacher for the Summer Term. Mrs Dawson is currently the Deputy Headteacher at East Tilbury Primary school and is very much looking forward to starting her role. Between now and the end of Term I have arranged a number of visits for the children and staff to meet Mrs Dawson and for her to experience life at the Fun Factory before she takes up her post in April. I am sure she will be around at the drop off at some point to say hello to as many parents and carers as possible too. Her first visit will be next week.


Have a lovely weekend!


Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher

	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>			
	Lower School	Class 4	Mrs McAllister and Mrs Rushen	98%
	Upper School	Class 10	Mrs Livingstone	99.68%
	<b><i>Congratulations to all classes!</i></b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>		<b>96.03%</b>	

	<p><b>School Uniform Reminder</b></p> <p>Please note that children should not be wearing boots to school, instead they should wear black shoes. In addition, if children choose to wear earrings, these should be a small stud. Hooped earrings of any size are not permitted for safety reasons.</p>
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	<p><b>PTA – Your School Lottery</b></p> <p>The PTA are excited to announce the launch of a new fund raising initiative! They are launching a Lottery in partnership with Your School Lottery, to raise funds for projects that otherwise wouldn't be possible. The first project will be to raise £10,000 to install gym equipment in the playground, something that all students would all benefit from. <b>Our first draw will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April!</b></p> <p>Joining your school's lottery is easy and costs as little as £1 per week, visit <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/">https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/</a> and follow the instructions online. You'll receive your tickets within minutes. Search for Arthur Bugler when prompted to.</p> <p>More details have been sent out today on a separate letter.</p>
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	<p><b>Safeguarding Concerns</b></p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using <a href="mailto:admin.abp@osborne.coop">admin.abp@osborne.coop</a>. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
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### LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

All Years – Covid-19 Update  
 All Years – Interim Headteacher Announcement  
 Choir – Sing for St Lukes Tickets  
 EYFS – Instructions how to pay on School Gateway  
 Year 5 – Brentwood County High School Tour  
 Year 6 – Health Checks

<b>March</b>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day Celebration
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Mother's Day Activity Afternoon (PM)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Easter Celebrations
	Easter Bonnet Parade (2.20pm)
	KS2 Discos (Years 3/4 – 4pm – 5.30pm) (Years 5/6 – 5.45pm – 7.15pm)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Easter Celebrations
	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)