

Week ending 16th February 2024

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DEAR FAMILIES,

This week I communicated with you all regarding the classes at Takeley Primary School and what September 2024 will look like for the classes.

We can now confirm that from September 2024 we will not be reducing to 12 classes, and we will not be remixing any of the class, the classes will remain as they are moving into the next year group.

- Reception to Year 1
- Year 1 to Year 2
- Year 2 to Year 3
- Year 3 to Year 4
- Year 3/4 to Year 4/5
- Year 4 to Year 5
- Year 4/5 to Year 5/6
- Year 5 to Year 6

At this time, the classes will keep the same names as they have done moving through the school and you will be informed of your child's new class teacher for September 2024 in the usual way in the summer term.

We will keep you updated in any changes required for 2025 and beyond.

CHESTNUT AND HAZEL CLASS - VICTORIAN DAY

On Monday the children in reception travelled back in time to the Victorian Era. We explored the different rooms within a large stately home. The children got to experience how laundry was done using a posser, mangle and scrubbing board. They were asked to shine the shoes and polish the silver and even set the dining table ready for dinner.

On Friday we invited the parents into our museum where they were able to share their knowledge as they explored a range of artefacts

REVEREND COLIN VISIT

In Birch class, we have been learning about Christianity. This week we had a special visitor: Reverend Colin came in to talk to us about his life and experiences within the church. The children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and made notes showcasing their learning. A huge thank you to Reverend Colin for his time



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UV DODGEBALL

Sportscool were in school today delivering UV Dodgeball Sessions to each class. The hall was blacked out and the children donned UV High Vis jackets for the event. The teachers have been sharing photos on Class Dojo - check them out - the children had a fantastic time!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Huge congratulations to Mr Simpson who is getting married during half term. We hope you have a wonderful day filled with love and laughter!

**Hope you all have a wonderful half
term break. See you on Monday 26th
February**



These drawing were created by Emilia M in Year 4. Emilia has been developing her art skills in her own time at home, self-teaching using videos from YouTube. If like Emilia your child has a passion for art they may wish to enter the completion below.

Engagement with art helps to boost confidence and resilience, as well as alleviate stress and anxiety.

We would like to encourage more children to connect with their creative side by entering our trust Art Competition.

If your child would like to join in the art competition, please pay £1 via Parent Mail and have your child submit their art work to their class teacher by 18th March 2024.

SPRING ART COMPETITION

Embrace the theme of Spring and let your imagination blossom!

Art Mediums:

Paintings
Drawings
Collages
Sculptures
Mixed Media

Join students from Hatfield Heath, Takeley and Roseacres Primary Schools for a celebration of art.

Competition open to all year groups. One finalist from each year group in our three schools will be displayed at our Open Gallery and judged by a local artist.

🏆 Prizes Await:
Unveil your masterpiece for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

Let the spirit of Spring inspire your artistry! 🌸

Important Dates:

Competition Opening: 16th February 2024

Last Entries: 18th March 2024

Venue: 28th March - Open Gallery at Takeley Primary School



£1 entry

Entries to be submitted to pupil's class teachers FAO art leads.

Mrs James

'Learning, achieving and enjoying together'

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PUPIL AWARDS 16.2.24



Chestnut	Whole class
Hazel	Whole class
Cedar	Leo & Betsy
Elm	Nelly & Luke
Holly	Eliza & Isabelle & Ralph
Beech	Bella & Charlotte
Cherry	Thomas & Freddie
Apple	Eri & Patricia
Birch	Emiliana & Matilda
Aspen	Grayson & Ethan
Elder	Billy R & Charlie
Maple	Bruce & Macie
Oak	Sophie & Bethany

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DIARY DATES

February

Monday 19th-Friday 23th

Monday 26th

Wednesday 28th

Half Term

Start of Spring Term 2

Cross Country Finals

March

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Monday 11th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Monday 18th

Sunday 24th

Thursday 28th

Thursday 28th

World Book Day – Bedtime Stories – Pyjama Day (more info to follow)

PFA Mother's Day Sale

Science Week

Parent Consultation Evenings (no Gymnastics after school club, Computing on as normal)

Parent Consultation Evenings (no Performing Arts or Dodgeball after school clubs)

Year 3/4 Apple & Year 4 Birch – Colchester Castle
(Payment to be made on ParentMail)

PFA Easter Event

Open Gallery – School Hall

Last day of term