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Books and Biscuits

Last week's session of Books and Biscuits saw a bumper crop of pupils, all looking back at their work; past, present and looking forward to the future. It was a session of New Year goals and aspirations. Thank you to everyone for sharing their work! We had everything from science to handwriting and art.

This week's participants were:-

Ruby: Daniel
Sapphire: Emily and Ellie
Topaz: Sophia R
Amethyst: Harry

Opal: Ameer and Ryan
Emerald: Chloe
Diamond: Jonathan



Record Breaking Thursdays

Don't forget that, for the rest of the month, we are attempting to break records with our dinner numbers every Thursday.

This week the children will have the choice of fish fingers or pizza, with Bolognese being served on the Friday instead.

Top Reading Tips for Busy Mums, Dads and Carers

Life is busy. We all need a little down time and what better way to spend a few quiet moments with your child than with a good book?

Tip 1 — Make Regular Time Together.

- Set a regular time in your evening routine. Switch off the TV and your mobile. Open a book, comic or magazine and read together.
- Finding a time that suits your child is important. Some families read every night; five minutes of their child reading and then lots of time reading to their child.
- Tell your child about a book or story you liked when you were the same age as them.
- Make up a story about something that happened to you when you were a child.

Tip 2 — Talk About What You Have Read Together

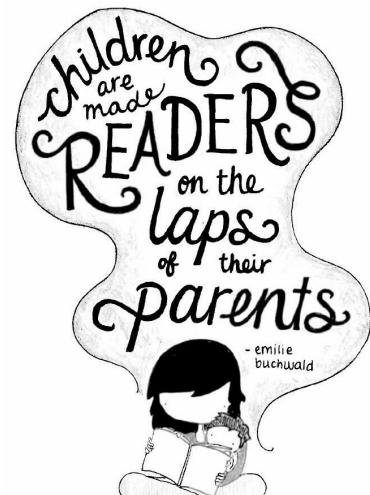
- Ask your child questions about the content and encourage your child to ask you questions.
- Discuss how a particular character in a story might be feeling.
- Ask them to tell you what they would do if they were in the story, or what they think is going to happen next.

These sorts of activities are fantastic practice to help your child to comprehend what they are reading. It is something most will be familiar with, having taken part in guided reading sessions in class.

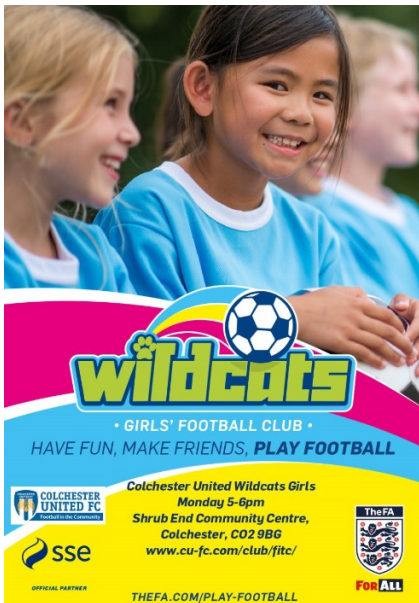
Tip 3 — Read Everywhere

- Listen to a story on a CD in the car or download one. You can borrow these free from the library.
- Encourage children to read traffic signs, adverts, cereal packets, news headlines, DVD covers...anything!
- Go online and find web pages that interest them.

As with any life skill, practice makes perfect!



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Dinner Money

We are in the process of collecting in monies owed for school dinners. If you have received a letter regarding a dinner debt, please could you pay the school office as soon as possible. This can be done by cash, cheque or via the online payments system.

If you wish to discuss any debts, please contact the school office.

Thank you.



Train to Teach - Eastern Region Colchester Event teach?

A fantastic opportunity to drop in and speak with practising teachers, training providers and professionals!

NEETSA (North East Essex Teaching School Alliance) are hosting a Train to Teach Event in the Essex region.

- Hear presentations given by Colchester Teacher Training Consortium on teacher training options at 16.30 and 18.00
- Speak to teaching experts and receive advice
- Meet representatives from Teaching School Alliances and other providers in this region

**Wednesday 21st February 2018
16.00—19.00**

**Colchester County High School for Girls
Norman Way, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3US**

If you would like to find out more information, please join us.

To book a place or for further information please email:

NEETSA@colchestergirls.essex.sch.uk



Key Dates

- 24th January—Yr 5 and 6 to Thurstable to watch Grease production
- 26th January—Trip to Parliament
- 6th February—Big Book Sleepover
- 19th to 23rd February— Science Week
- 27th February—Year 5 to Duxford
- 1st March—World Book Day
- 2nd March—Reports out to Parents
- 2nd March—PTFA Disco
- 6th and 8th March—Parents' Evening
- 29th March—Easter Service



Request from the Fun Factory

Our after school club are looking for donations of toys, board games, craft materials etc. There is a special request for some new small pool/snooker cues as well, suitable for a child's pool table.

If you have anything that you would be willing to part with, please bring it to the school office. Any donations would be very gratefully received.

Parking

Trying to negotiate between parked and reversing cars and even vehicles that mount the pavements and verges to get by constantly put our children in danger. We have more complaints about the traffic caused by inconsiderate parents than any other issue that arises at this school.

Unfortunately, we also still have a very small minority of parents who are still bringing their cars onto the school site. You do not have permission to drive onto the school site. We would like to remind all parents/carers that the car park is for staff parking, delivery and emergency vehicles only. This includes before school and breakfast club and for after school clubs. This is for children's safety on our site.

