



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors into school this week to share in the learning children have enjoyed as part of Where the Wild Things Are. We hope you enjoy the story-telling, poems and art work.



### Oliver!

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we are looking forward to welcoming back M&M Productions. They are a brilliant touring company who bring live theatre into schools. They have clever sets that switch very cleverly between scenes and a small company of actors, who each play 2 or 3 roles within the story. The result is a highly professional show which holds the attention of all the children for more than an hour. This will be the company's 5<sup>th</sup> visit to our school. To cover the cost of the performance we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child, payable via parent pay or in cash to the school office if this is easier. Thank you for supporting us to bring this experience to all the children.



### World Book Day

We always plan an exciting timetable of activities linked to books and stories in order to celebrate World Book Day, which is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We will send more details of the events planned in school following the half term break, but wanted to let parents know in advance that the £1 tokens will be coming home this week. You can spend these in book shops between Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, where there will be a range of books available for £1. Alternatively, you can use them in part payment for any book you choose from the shop.



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we are inviting children to come dressed as any book character, or if they prefer dress a teddy or soft toy as a book character.

We hope half term will give parents the chance to make items or borrow them from friends to keep costs to a minimum. Have fun!

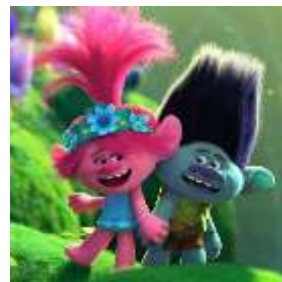
### Term Dates for 2023-2024

Essex have notified schools of the term dates for 2023-24. Mrs Prigg and I have agreed the 5 additional training days and dates for the year are attached to enable families to make plans. The first day of the autumn term is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and all children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## GIPA events

Our next cushion club will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 5:30-7pm when we will be showing the film Trolls whilst enjoying pizza and popcorn. Tickets available now via parent pay.

Save the date! The GIPA committee are organising a quiz night with fish and chip supper on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm for 8pm start**. Please save the date and invite your friends and family. Further details and the opportunity to buy tickets for individuals or teams of 8 will follow after half term.



## Free Library Events in half term

Come and meet some special volunteers and read them your favourite story!

Essex Therapy Dogs will be visiting **Galleywood Library on Tuesday 14 February from 2pm to 4pm**. Therapy dogs are used to being around children and interacting with them - this is the perfect opportunity for your child to gain confidence around dogs. Interact, have a cuddle or read a story to one of our therapy dogs. Free event, no booking required.



## Meet Bico the Bee with No Wings!

Don't miss these fantastic children's author events where you can listen to Children's Author Moyo Abikoye reading from their book 'Bico the bee with no wings'. Written in rhyming verse, the book is perfect for ages 5 to 8 years and it's about asking for help to achieve a goal when the curious Bico the bee goes on a quest to smell the orange roses.

**Chelmsford Library: Thursday 16 February 11am to 12 noon**



## Essex Wildlife Trust

Children love mini-beasts and small mammals! If you have ever wondered how to attract bumblebees to your garden or what to feed hedgehogs, how to make a seed bomb or a bug mansion, have a look at the ideas on the Essex Wildlife Trust website for spring and summer projects.

<https://www.essexwt.org.uk/actions>



## Daffodils

We have received a box of daffodil pins from the charity **Marie Curie Cancer Care**. These are available from the school office for a donation of £1.

