



Easter Eggs!

Well done to all the Easter Egg Competition Entries.



The Royal Theme was well represented and all the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at the entries.

Thanks to the PTA for providing the prizes.

Writing Competition

We had over 40 entries for the story writing competition from Reading Week. It has taken Mrs Billings and Catherine Emmett (our writer visitor) a couple of weeks to read them all, but winners have been decided. The stories are imaginative and great fun to read.

The winners were: **Year 1 and 2 group**—Gabriella Lincoln, Addisyn Garrett
Year 3 and 4 group—Isabelle Tangney, Thomas Leeder, Clara Levett
Year 5 and 6—Sruthi Velamakanni

Special prizes were awarded by Catherine Emmett in Friday's assembly to all children who entered.

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday 24th April – Clubs start (except Tuned Percussion which begins next week)

Tuesday 25th April – Lewis and Reception Forest School

Monday 1st May – Bank holiday – School not open

Thursday 4th May – Reception and Dahl Forest School

Monday 8th May – Bank holiday – School not open

Tuesday 9th May – Year 6 SATs testing week & Shakespeare & Reception Forest School

Thursday 11th May – Yoga: Rosen, Donaldson & Dahl

Tuesday 16th May – **Parents Coffee morning** 9am start

& Carroll & Reception Forest School

Thursday 18th May – Yoga: Morpurgo, Rowling & Blyton

Monday 22nd – Sports and Healthy Lifestyle Week

Tuesday 23rd SPORTS DAY

Thursday 25th May – Lewis & Reception Forest School & Yoga: Carroll, Lewis & Shakespeare

Friday 26th May – Last day before half term

Monday 5th June – Inset Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 6th June – Back to School

Coronation

Thaxted School will be celebrating and learning about the upcoming coronation of King Charles III. Various extra lessons and activities will be carried out in class. There will be a special tea party for each year group during the week before the Coronation.

The children will be creating posters to decorate the village for the Thaxted Coronation celebrations.



Don't miss the Thaxted Coronation Street Party on Sunday 7th May 1-5pm.

The PTA will be on hand to ensure there are activities for the children.

The Poster for the event is in the school notice-board.

PARKING

Please be aware Mrs Crompton has been in contact with the developer of Claypits Barns who has had various challenging conversations with parents parking in the entrance/driveway.

Although there is a footpath over the land, it is not public parking and to avoid any future difficult conversations in front of children, please can parents refrain from parking there at the beginning and end of the day.

LOCAL NEWS

There is a Chess Competition for Essex junior players in Colchester Town Hall on Sunday 21st May. All children can enter!



PTA Corner

We were delighted to donate the prizes for the Easter Egg Competition and are proud to be working towards providing a new Screen and Sound System for the school hall thanks to all your recent fundraising. The books from the Readathon have been selected by the pupils, purchased and will be in school soon. We have recently had a donation from Yardleys Charity to help us buy a new Greenhouse for the school and we look forward to sharing more information on this soon.

Planning meeting for the Summer Fair is on Tuesday 25th April at 2pm—location in school.

We need a team to help sell craft bags or face paint at the Coronation Street Party—to volunteer, please contact friendsofthaxted@gmail.com

Educational Visits

As some parents will already have noticed some year groups (not all) are planning to go out of school on educational visits this term. These are not just fun trips they are learning opportunities, in very exciting locations. Sadly due to our location the cost of coaches is very expensive and therefore the cost to parents/carers can be large.

We have set a plan in motion that the PTA will be subsidising each visit this term, so the prices quoted in parent visit letters are often half the cost due to the very generous donations from the PTA.

We are very aware that a lot of families are struggling financially at present and the increasing strains on family budgets. If any family is in such a position and thinking of not allowing their child to go because of financial pressures; please do let Mrs Crompton know, as we do not want any child to miss out on rich educational opportunities. All conversations will be kept in strictest confidence.

Garden volunteer

Our school Gardening Club starts this week and they will be growing and caring for many plants and the area to the side of Lewis classroom.

At present there are 3 raised beds, a shed and water butts but little else.

We are seeking an experienced gardener to advise or help out, to keep us on track. At present we only have Mrs Crompton, a very enthusiastic amateur!

We are in need of any old but serviceable smaller (child sized) spades, forks, gloves, rakes, hoes. We do have hand trowels, hand forks and lots of individual small plant pots.

We have already had kind donations of seeds, seed potatoes and onions, so looks like the kitchen could be using our produce in the coming months.

If there are any suitably experienced person who could give up their time once a week to go over our garden either with the children (in club on Friday after school) or without children, to check we haven't killed everything, please do let Mrs Crompton or the office know you are interested in helping.



Year 6 Performance

As Year 6 are fast approaching their SATs tests we are planning for their final farewell performance of Cinderella Rockerfella.

Mrs Dymond is planning for as many Yr6 children as possible to be in the performance, so we are in need of evening wear for the ball scenes; glamorous gowns and suits/tuxedos. As well as palace servants costumes or Cinders rags. We do need a few special individual items such as a faux leather jacket, bakers/chefs outfits & pantomime wigs for the sisters.

If you are happy to donate anything, can you let the Office know, ***please don't bring anything in just yet.***