



Welcome to the Autumn Term edition of our school newsletter.  
Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Dear Parents and Carers

What a jam-packed seven weeks, with so many amazing moments, some of which you will read about in our newsletter. The children settled back into school really well after the summer holidays and I would like to say a special well done to all our nursery and reception children. They are behaving so well, working really hard and most importantly coming into school with smiley faces. Fantastic!

### **Late Pick-Ups**

Unfortunately we have a few families who continually pick their children up late after school, so the Parent Forum and Governors have voted that charges will now be incurred for late pick-up. Of course, as has always been the case, if you are running late on the odd occasion and need us to look after your child, then we will do that at no charge. Details of charges are on the school jotter.

### **Charities**

I am always amazed at how much we raise for charity. Thank you so much for the support you give. Already since September, we have had a pyjama day raising funds for cancer and the harvest collection which was sent to the local foodbank. Both events have been reported in the gazette because we are so proud of you and your children. We will continue to work hard, making links to the local community.

### **Year 6 applications for secondary school**

Applications are due in by 31st October. You can make your application on-line at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). If you need any help with this please ask.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance is still hovering around 96% for the whole school which is good, but holidays in term time are a growing problem. At a recent Headteacher's meeting this was being discussed. The fact is that yes, holidays are amazing opportunities for families to have quality time together- we really do get that. However the fact is that for every week off, that child's progress will be reduced by 3% (as reported by the DfE). As a school, we have to follow the guidance given to us and unauthorised an holiday in term time.

### **Reading**

Reading is so important for us in order to access the world around us. This year we will have a focus on reading for enjoyment. It is fact, that children that read regularly, progress quicker and further. Promoting a love of books from a young age is crucial in this process. Sharing stories at bedtime or quiet time is an excellent way for you and your child to support this process. To help develop their understanding of the text, ask them questions about the story e.g. what has happened so far? what do they think will happen next? how do you think (the character) is feeling?

Have a great half-term and we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 5th November 2019

Cherry Curle  
Headteacher

Engaines Primary School and Nursery would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Jo Ford on her appointment as Deputy Head teacher. Starting after half term, Mrs Ford will combine her new role as Deputy with her present SENCO duties.

We are very excited, that after a rigorous interview process, she was the successful candidate and look forward to her working alongside Mrs Curle leading Engaines on their journey to Outstanding.

Mr Colin Steele  
Chair of Governors.



**Reminder about Late Collection Charges**

- ♦ If you have not arrived for your child by 3.30pm, you will be charged £1.50, if after 3.30pm your child/ren will be sent to Tea-Time Club and you will be charged £3.50 per child.
- ♦ If you are more than 5 minutes late picking up from after school clubs, your child/ren will be sent down to Tea-Time Club and the parent charged £3.50 per child.
- ♦ If one child finishes a club at 4.15pm and another at 4.30pm and you want the first child to wait in Tea Time Club there will be a charge of £1.50.
- ♦ If you are more than 5 minutes late picking up from Tea-Time Club you will be charged for the second hour, and if you pick up after 5.30pm there will be an additional late collection fee of £3.50.

If you have any queries about this process then please speak to the Office Manager - Mrs C Hyde.

## Dates for the Diary

5th Nov - Back to School  
8th Nov - School Box School Appeal  
13th Nov - SEN Coffee Morning  
15th Nov - Children in Need  
18th Nov - Open Day for Foundation 2pm  
22nd Nov - Nursery Family Friday 9.00am to 10.30am  
26th Nov - Open Day for Foundation 10am  
28th & 29th Nov - National Child Measurement Programme  
10th Dec - Panto - Aladdin by West End in Schools  
13th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day  
19th Dec - Last day of Term  
20th Dec to 3rd Jan - Christmas Holidays  
6th Jan - Non Pupil Day  
7th Jan - Back to School  
14th Feb - Last day of Term  
17th Feb to 21st Feb - Half Term  
24th Feb - Back to School



## PTA Update School Disco

**PTA Update - our first event of the year was the Halloween Disco. Both discos were extremely well attended and the children all looked fabulous, a lot of effort had been put into their costumes. We are very please to report that we took £962.00!!!**

**Our thanks to everyone that volunteered on the evening, we couldn't run these events without the parental support, thanks also to the staff that stayed around to supervise. We are always looking for helpers to run stalls and assist the children, our next event will be the Xmas Party, dates to be confirmed, but if you want to put your name forward, please speak to Caroline Hyde in the office or Wendy Jones.**

**Our tuck shop has been very popular this term and a big shout out goes to Wendy who mans the stall whatever the weather and does all the shopping to keep it full of delicious items. Obviously as the weather gets worse we won't be opening, but as soon as the fair weather returns so will the tuck shop. If you want to help run this little shop after school, please speak to Wendy.**





## Year 6 Pyjama Day for Cancer Research

Fringsnes primary school pyjama day!  
organised by, Eva Buwa and Chloe Jessica!

we organised this event for charity, The charity we raised money for is cancer research.

we planned this because we are both in a cancer research team, And dread seeing familys crying from losing loved ones that have suffered through cancer.

we where happy when it came to the day we where having pyjama day at school, we will always want to raise more and more money and always support cancer reasearch no matter what.

we would like to thank our headteacher for helping and supporting us in this event.

we would also like to give a big thanks to our school without them we wouldn't of been able to raise an amazing £2114 thank You so so much.



Hi, I am Rebecca the newly appointed kitchen manager. I am level 3 qualified in Hospitality and Catering. I have been a chef for over 15 years now and my last few years have been spent in a kitchen catering for 0-5 year old children.

I have already started to make changes within the kitchen department, some of which have started on the snack trolley that is offered to KS2. I have been giving them homemade items such as fruity flapjacks; carrot cake and cheese whirl's along side are fresh fruit pots. I have received positive feedback from the children around this. When I attended their school council meeting, we discussed the new winter menu that we are looking forward to starting after half term.

I welcome ideas and feed back from the children and will always try to incorporate this within and around the guidelines set by Essex schools to give the best food possible .



Rebecca Horner  
Catering Manager



Beau Culleton in the Secret life of Boys which aired on 9th October and can be seen on BBC iPlayer. Beau has also been in various adverts that have been on TV in previous years. Beau also was 5th in Nationals for Dance.





***Engaines Primary School and Nursery have recently completed a week long food collection to celebrate Harvest Festival, with all proceeds going to the Trussell Trust to donate through the Clacton Foodbank.***

***The children and parents donated lots of food and toiletries, more than ever before.***

***Peter from the foodbank came to school to collect the donations and he is pictured here with Skyla Green, Dexter Devaux, Ronnie Foster & Lottie-May Young from Years 1 & 2.***

***Thank you to all the children and parents for your donations.***

## Stay and Read

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the recent 'stay and read' for the pupils. Pictured below is from KS2.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next one, dates to be confirmed.



Engaines boys team had their first league game of the season, away against Rolph Primary.

The boys played brilliantly and won 5-0. Our goal scorers were Elliott Hyde, Frankie Dean and Taylor Hones who scored a hat trick.



## Mersea Island Trip Year 6

By Fenn Carter

On Monday at 9:30, a gigantic coach pulled up outside Engaines Primary School. Everyone put all of there luggage inside the coach. Then we embarked on our 1 hour journey to Mersea. Waiting for us, was the safety instructor who, was standing by the cabins. She told us the rules and where the toilets were and then we saw our cabins. I tried to get top bunk but Ralphie got there before me.

As we approached the peddle carts, my eyes glisened with glee when the instructor told us to get on them. He taught us how to put the handbreaks on and up and how to peddle backwards and ~~from~~ forwards but when we went backwards, Taylor backed into the fence! Finally, we went onto ~~the~~ the parking part. As <sup>we</sup> you went on, the spaces were getting smaller and smaller. (I struggled the most when we had to reverse into the spaces.)

After lunch, we were told that we had a surprise, new cabins! Apart from they were lodges, not cabins and we had our own lounge, our own toilets and showers! We were so happy.







**Key Stage One have enjoyed our forest school sessions this half term. We have had lots of fun making magic wands, clay tree faces, natural collages and mock fires for Percy's friends. We have also learnt lots about sharing, staying safe and being a good friend.**



**The children have been sent home with their 'forest schools' clothes, so that they can be washed and ready to be returned for the first Friday back after half term. (Friday 8th November)**



## **KS1 News**

We had lots of fun in our Design Technology assembly this half term. Two of our year 6 children participated in our very own Engaines MasterChef Contest. Their challenge was to create a tasty dessert using a range of ingredients. I spoke about DT at the school and all the projects our children have recently engaged in. We spoke about the design, make and evaluate process that we go through in all of our DT projects. We also commented on all the cookery skills and processes the two master chefs were using. An eager team of Engaines judges got to try the two tasty desserts and score the dishes on appearance, technique and taste. Mrs Nunn would like to thank the participants and the audience.



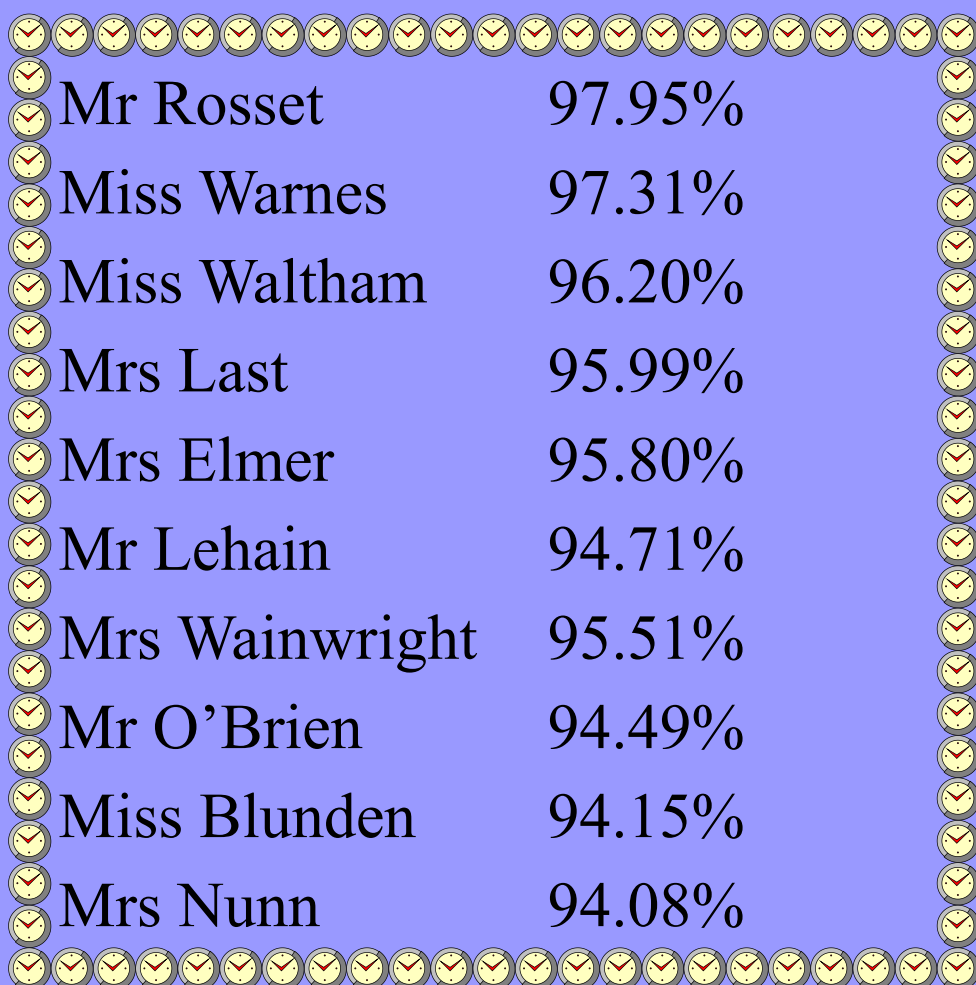
### **Engaines DT competition.**

Mrs Nunn and the kitchen staff would like to invite you to come up with a recipe for an Engaines Christmas Dinner Dessert. Cakes, cookies, biscuits and chilled puddings are always enjoyed by the children at school.

If you think you can come up with a winning recipe write it down clearly and send it in with your name and class name. Entries need to be sent in by Friday 22nd November. Entry for this competition is 50p. The winner will receive a cookery set and their winning recipe will provide the



### Class Attendance % for Autumn Half Term



Mr Rosset	97.95%
Miss Warnes	97.31%
Miss Waltham	96.20%
Mrs Last	95.99%
Mrs Elmer	95.80%
Mr Lehain	94.71%
Mrs Wainwright	95.51%
Mr O'Brien	94.49%
Miss Blunden	94.15%
Mrs Nunn	94.08%

The world is run by those who turn up.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Have a fantastic break!!

See you all back on 5th November

