



ENGAINES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic seven weeks of term we have had! All the children have settled in brilliantly. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new nursery and reception children into school and look forward to seeing them flourish throughout their time with us. All the children are looking very smart in their uniform so a big thank you to you all.

We have a busy term coming up so make sure you look on our new website for diary dates and the news page where items will be updated regularly,

COVID

We have not had to close the school at any point during the pandemic and we will continue to follow our risk assessment to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible. I know it is very frustrating when we are not taking part in many of the school activities that we normally would hold eg discos, coffee mornings, stay and read etc but our first priority is to remain open for the children's education.

Throughout the past few weeks, cases in the local community have continued to rise which has resulted in us having several cases within school. So far, we have been able to manage these, keeping all classes open. We receive weekly information from both Essex local authority and Essex Public Health department so we can make changes as necessary to ensure we can keep our doors open. However, we know that this might not be possible especially if cases amongst the staff rise significantly. This is why we are ensuring visitors to site are kept to a minimum wherever possible. Where meetings do need to take place, we are limiting the amount of persons at any one time.

Christmas activities will continue in school for the children but performances etc will be recorded and shared with you through our media platforms. Of course we are disappointed to do this but until the numbers start to drop in Tendring, we must do all we can to limit the spread of COVID19 within school.

Harvest Festival



Thank you all so much for all your donations.





Dates for the diary

Return to School -	2nd November 2021
School Photos - Individual and Siblings -	8th November 2021
Anti-Bullying Week -	15th November - 19th November 2021
Odd Sock Day -	15th November 2021
Children in Need -	19th November 2021
Last day of Term -	17th December 2021

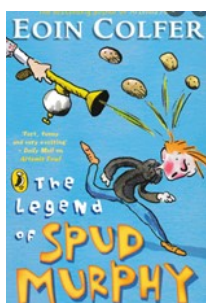
Mr Kemp is Back!

Year 3 and 4 children were really excited to meet with Mr Kemp this week as part of the 'Keep on Reading' project.

They were set a challenge of asking an adult at home to read and discuss a book with them. Year 3 were asked to read the Legend of Spud Murphy and the year 4s were asked to read George's Marvellous Medicine.

Mr Kemp came in on Wednesday and worked with the two year groups, asking them questions, playing games and bringing in a collection of strange objects to discuss with the children.

It was lots of fun and the children are waiting to see what the new book is next half term.



School uniform

Just a reminder about wearing jewellery and watches these should not be worn in school unless you have received consent from the head teacher. ie Medical reasons etc.

Voluntary One Way System

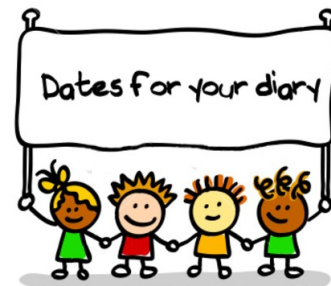
Some of you may remember that we used to follow a voluntary one way system to ease congestion around the school.

We would like our parents to help us re-introduce this. This involves turning into St Osyth Road East, turning LEFT into Leys Drive and following the road out back onto London Road.

We would also ask parents NOT to perform three point turns outside of the school, and NOT to double park, which we have seen regularly this term. We realise this may take a minute or two longer, but it will increase safety and reduce congestion.

We need to ensure emergency vehicles can access both the school and the local residents at any time.

Thank you for your support.



Attendance

From 2nd September to 15th October

Class	Number of pupils with 100% attendance for this term	Class Attendance for the year %
Mr Rosset	13	96.20
Mr Yeldon	12	95.82
Miss Chapman	6	95.65
Mrs Last	10	95.23
Miss Warnes	11	95.19
Mr O'Brien	11	94.56
Mrs Cater/Mrs Laurence	11	93.95
Mrs Teatheredge	4	93.39
Miss Bailey	7	91.93
Mrs Nunn	8	91.91
Miss Tattum	7	89.56

Why good attendance is important

The world is run by those who turn up!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

Make every minute count!