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19th October 2018

Headteacher: **Gary Smith**

Dear Parents / Carers

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER NO 2

Half-term is here already!

It's been great to see all the "old hands" welcome all the "new". I've witnessed some fantastic interactions. So proud of our kids!

I have lots of news/diary dates to pass on:-

The school photographer will be in school for individual photos on **Friday, 9th November**.

With that in mind, it would be really great to see all of our students after half-term in school uniform.

Black/grey trousers/skirts/pinafores,

School polo shirt either Jade or Navy for all year groups except yr 11

Purple for yr 11 if chosen

School sweatshirt/fleece.

Jeans are not permitted as school uniform.

Workshops/coffee mornings within school will be on the following Wednesdays 9.30-11am

21st November - Social Stories with Dr Siobhan Timmins aimed at Social Understanding

23rd January - Essex Steps parent workshop with Joel Shaljean

6th March - Speech & Language with Therapists - KS1 & 2 (yrs R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6)

8th May - Speech & Language with Therapist - KS 3 & 4 (yrs 6 - 11)

3rd July - Talk about Autism with Scott Davis

In addition to this Dr Siobhan Timmins is also holding a workshop on Thursday 29th November, 10-12noon aimed at helping our young people cope with Christmas; both in school and at home.

Please see attached flyers for **Essex Short Breaks**
Alresford Christmas Tree Festival
Essex Wildlife Trust
Diddi Dance
Elmstead Primary School - Firework Display

We must say a very big thank you to Warburtons for their very generous donations towards our breakfast club which runs within school hours for those in need.

Think that's all for now. Have as good a break as you can and I look forward to seeing all of our young people back in school on **Monday, 29th October**.

Yours sincerely

Gary Smith
Headteacher



Autumn 2018

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities

Last minute places available at clubs and activities this Autumn including October half-term

InterAct Events and Half-term activities

Tuesday 23rd Ref. HP 310

Rainbow Rural - Bring a packed lunch and your wellies for a day at the farm £35

Wednesday 24th Ref. HP 311

Jump Street & Essex Fire Museum £18

Thursday 25th Ref. HP 312

Evening trip to Thorpe Park Fright Night £45*

Friday 26th Ref. HP 313

Air Ambulance & East Anglian Railway £15*

*Carers costs apply to these events

Outings leave from Moulsham Mill, Chelmsford. Book and pay online www.interact.org.uk or call 01245 608206

"Aspergers, education and me" by Dean Beadle at Kingsland Church, Colchester

12th October 2018 12.30pm – 2.15pm

InterAct and Action for Children are co-hosting an event for parents/carers. Limited places available: <http://www.interact.org.uk/booknow/>



New annual Providers

Action for Children: Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities welcome new annual providers:



Oakview School in Loughton run holiday playschemes for children who attend the school. Contact Julie McNally, Family Engagement Officer on 0208 508 4293



dididi dance run fully inclusive special educational needs & disabilities classes for children aged 2-7 & 8-14 and their siblings in North Essex. Contact Charlotte on 07722 605395 email charlotte.foxley@dididance.com



CoCoCare Ltd in Colchester provides after school clubs, dance classes, sensory days, transition days (16+) and a range of school holiday clubs (7+). Call 01206 912021 or email info@cococare.co.uk



Butterflies and Caterpillars Clubs are small friendship activity groups in venues across Essex helping children aged 3 – 18 improve their social skills and try new things. Contact Jen@butterfliesclubs.co.uk for details of your nearest club

Action for Children: Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities would like YOU to get involved!

Please let us know what you enjoy. Write a review, complete our online survey or contact us directly at essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk



diddi dance term time and half-term sessions

✿After School✿

Colchester - under-8's 4.15pm Thursdays Victory Hall, Stanway Booking ref. 10556. 8-14yrs 5pm, 11th & 18th Oct. Booking ref. 10829

Clacton - under 8's St Marks Hall Tuesday 4 - 4.45pm, 16th Oct. Booking ref. 10550.
8-14yrs Tuesday 4.45-5.30pm 16th Oct. Booking ref. 10826

Harwich – under 8's Longmeadow Community Centre Tuesday 3.45pm-4.30pm, 16th Oct. Booking ref. 10834

♣OCTOBER HALF TERM♣

Colchester - **Thursday 25th** under-8's 10.15am Victory Hall, Stanway Booking ref. 10777, 8-14yrs 11.15am Booking ref. 10779

Clacton - **Tuesday 23rd** under-8's 2.30pm St Mark's Hall. Booking ref. 10837. 8-14yrs 3.30pm. Booking ref. 10838

Harwich - **Monday 22nd** under-8's 2pm, Ramsey Memorial Hall. Booking ref. 10836

Hatfield Peverel – **Thursday 25th** under-8's 1.30pm at the Village Hall. Booking ref. 10782, 8-14yrs 2.30pm. Booking ref. 10783

More information on Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/diddiColchester/> to book go to <https://booking.diddidance.com/Class/Details/> adding the booking ref.

SPORT FOR CONFIDENCE Sport for Confidence

Sport for Confidence are offering multi-sports sessions in Basildon Sporting Village & Witham Leisure Centre

Sport for Confidence delivers sporting opportunities in mainstream facilities to adults and children who face barriers to participation. All sessions are fun, active and inclusive! Sessions cost £5 for 2 hours, delivered by a health professional and coach.

A range of different sports are included such as Dodgeball, Fencing, Tennis, Cricket and many more!

To book call 07566200070, email info@sportforconfidence.com or go to www.sportforconfidence.com



Activities at Epping Forest

The Epping Forest Inclusion Project runs a programme of activities during holidays and term-time. Call 01992 564226 or book online:

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/holiday-activities

Monday 22nd – Suntrap spooky crafts and trails
Suntrap Centre, High Beech. 10am-3.30pm £16

Wednesday 24th – Non-contact Boxing at Epping Sports Centre.

Ages 7-11 from 1-2pm £5, 11yrs+ 2.30-4pm £6

Thursday 25th – Indoor Inflatables drop-in session at Debden Park High School

10am – 1pm £5 for under 5yrs £8 for over 5yrs

All activities must be booked in advance



What's On at Mistley Kids Club October Half-term

Mistley Kids Club, Furze Hill Village Hall, Mistley

Monday 22nd is Costume Day – come in fancy dress

Tuesday 23rd James Magic!

Wednesday 24th Halloween crafts

****Thursday 25th – FULLY BOOKED****

Friday 26th Gamers Bus (cost £25 including session fee)

Unless otherwise stated all sessions cost £21 full day, £15 half day.

Call or text 07809176252

After School Club also available Monday to Friday Term-time 3pm-6.30pm

Action for Children: Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities would like YOU to get involved!

Follow or message us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/short.breaks.clubs.activities.essex

Christmas Tree Festival

We will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church over the weekend of 1st and 2nd December.

Village organisations, businesses and individuals are invited to enter a dressed tree during the weekend. The church will be open on Friday 30th November to receive entries, trees can either be dressed at the church or you can bring them ready to be displayed. When we last held a festival there were some very imaginative trees so we are looking forward to seeing what will be forthcoming this year.



Please complete the application form and return asap so that we know who to expect.

Please complete and return to either Morag Hellen, Vine Cottage, Colchester Road, Alresford moraghellen@gmail.com or Emma Newstead 1 Thatchers Drive, or Gina Seaman 24 Alfells Road by 20th November.

Name:

Organisation

Contact phone/email

Will you require electricity (please ensure anything you bring is PAT tested) Yes/No*



Essex Wildlife Trust

Abbotts Hall Farm



Christmas Holiday Forest School

A special Christmas Forest School with all the forest fun and some Christmas craft for your home, not forgetting the fire and hot chocolate!

Forest School Over 5's Drop Off Day

Thursday 20th December
9.00am to 4.00pm

Get creative making Christmas trees, robins, Rudolph faces, little Santa's and lots more!

Booking Essential

Children must be signed in and out
£20 requested donation per child
Abbotts Hall Farm, Great Wigborough,
Essex, CO5 7RZ

Forest School Family Morning

Friday 21st December
10.00am to 12.30pm

Get creative making natural Christmas decorations for your tree, robins, star's and lots more!

Booking Essential

All ages welcome (Adults and under 18 months free)
£8 requested donation per child
Abbotts Hall Farm, Great Wigborough,
Essex, CO5 7RZ

Info and booking: reception@essexwt.org.uk 01621 862960

Essex Wildlife Trust

Abbotts Hall Farm & Tiptree Heath



October Half Term Holiday Forest School

Make dens, woodland crafts, light fires and learn about wildlife. Forest School is a child led process facilitated by Forest School trained leaders.

Abbotts Hall Farm

Great Wigborough, Essex, CO5 7RZ

Over 8's Drop Off Day

Tuesday 23rd October

Over 5's Drop Off Day

Friday 26th October

Booking Essential

9.00am—4.00pm each day

Children must be signed in and out

£20 requested donation per child

**Over 5's Drop Off Day coming to
Abberton Reservoir soon!**

Tiptree Heath Nature Reserve

Maldon Road, Colchester, CO5 0PU

Family Morning

Monday 22nd October

10.00am—12.30pm

Booking Essential

All ages welcome (Adults and under 18 months free)

£8 requested donation per child

Nature Tots Forest School

Wednesday 24th October

10.00am – 12.00pm

Under 5's

£7 per child



Info and booking: reception@essexwt.org.uk 01621 862960

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Para dance

North Essex & South Suffolk



£2 a class Book via website



In our fully inclusive special educational needs & disabilities classes for children aged 2-7 & 8-14 and their siblings! Funded places with Essex Short Breaks.

Responsive teaching style led in a relaxed environment enabling the children to fully enjoy and explore 16 dance themes in our fun and funky class.

Our approach builds confidence and lets the children just be themselves!

We use a variety of tactile props, we are sensory aware with regard to music volume, lighting and overstimulation. We can help with inclusive communication devises, PECS symbols are available & we use basic Makaton. Behavioural challenges are met with understanding and absolute support.



Special Needs classes held in: Colchester, Clacton, Harwich & Hatfield Peverel

Everyone Can dance!

charlotte.foxley@diddidance.com
call/text:07722 605 395

Special Schools • Afterschool & Holiday Classes • Parties

www.diddidance.com

ELMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

AT ELMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, OFF HOLLY WAY

Tickets on sale at



Elmstead Primary School,
FV Conservatories
Mikes Golden Fish Dish

Also online from www.ticketsource.co.uk

Advance tickets: ADULT £5 CHILD £3
On the Gate tickets: ADULT £7 CHILD £4
(UNDER 3's FREE)

SUNDAY 4th November 2018

NO DOGS OR
SPARKLERS
PLEASE

Beer Tent, BBQ
and Glor items

Gates open at 5.30 pm
Fireworks start approx 7.00 pm

NO Smoking or
Vaping in the
School grounds
please

