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6th—13th	Book Fair in School
Monday 9th	Year 1 and Year 2—Roots to Food
Tuesday 10th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 11th	Year 4 and Year 6—Roots to Food
Thursday 12th	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Thursday 19th	Year 1 trip to Jimmy's Farm
Thursday 19th	Year 4 Choir at Charter Hall
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day
Friday 27th	Last Day of Term
30th March—10th April	Easter Holiday



Dear families

What a busy and exciting week we have had in school this week. We started the week with our second visit from John Massey from Playground Playtimes with his skipping workshop, this time at the infant school. We have learned lots of skipping skills and had lots of fun.

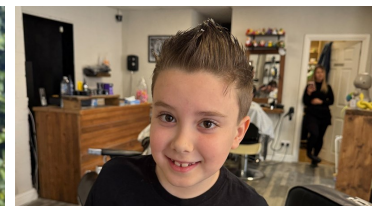
On Friday, we celebrated World Book Day! The children took part in a variety of reading-related activities to inspire a love of all things books! It was lovely to see so many amazing costumes. Take a look at the Gazette on Tuesday as hopefully we will feature in their WBD supplement.

#### **Friends of Prettygate - Sponsored Skip**

Our sponsored skip is well under way. All the details can be found on our website and paper copies of the sponsor form can be collected from the school offices. All sponsor money should be handed in by Friday 20th March. Keep on skipping!

#### **Hair Cuts for Charity**

We are very proud of two of our pupils who had their long hair cut to support two very worthwhile charities. Freya from Year 1 had her long hair cut and donated it to [The Little Princess Trust](http://www.thelittleprincesstrust.org.uk) charity. Part of the charity's work is to provide wigs for children following a serious illness. Alex from Year 4 had his hair cut to raise funds for [Emmaus](http://www.emmaus.org.uk), a charity that empowers people to overcome homelessness. Well done Freya and Alex!



#### **Essex Free School Uniform Project**

Essex Free School Uniform Project provides preloved uniform to families in Colchester and the surrounding areas free of charge. They have 'Prettygate' uniform in stock and you can order online. Please visit [www.freeschooluniform.org.uk](http://www.freeschooluniform.org.uk)



### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Our parent consultation meetings will take place next week Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March. All appointments will take place in the junior school hall but the infant school will be open for parents to visit the classrooms and see the learning that has taken place this term.

Our Book Fair will be open during parents' evening. Please do take the time to pop in and purchase a book.

### **Do you struggle to get your child into school?**

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that we are running a workshop for parents who are struggling to get their children into school. The session is called "Understanding Emotionally Based School Avoidance". The workshop is on both the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13th March at 9.15am. You need to sign up directly with Adult Community Learning by going to their website [aclessex.com](http://aclessex.com) and typing PRETTYGATE in the "Find a Course" box. (Alternatively there is a QR code at the junior school office or in the e-mail all parents were sent last week).

Please note that this is an in-person course and not online. It will be held at the junior School.

### **Year 5/6 football success**

**Congratulations** to the Year 5 and 6 boys who represented Prettygate in a football tournament last week. They showed terrific sportsmanship and won the competition, going unbeaten in the process. They looked very proud in their gold medals and so they should. Well done!



### **Ramadan Prayer Room**

For Muslim children observing Ramadan, the infant library is available for midday prayer (dhuhr). Qibla markers have been displayed to support children with the direction of their prayer. Children can wash using the sinks in the nearby toilet facilities.

### **School Meals**

Week commencing 9th March we will be eating meals from menu 3. You can view the menu on our website. [Lunch Menus | Prettygate Schools](#) Our new summer menus will be coming soon.

### **Headlice**

We are still having cases of headlice reported to us. Please check your child's head over the weekend and please treat if necessary. We can only become headlice free if we all work together.

Please follow the link for more information. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



### Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday, we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photo of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Archie B
RLI	Ethan B
1T	Freya A
1S	Mila M
2MB	Jenson C
2T	Freddie B
3FJ	Kyrie W
3G	Kirthvik K
4K	Abdulazeem M
4M	Mali G
5D	Poppy P
5RG	Jamie F
6L	On residential trip
6MH	On residential trip

