



October	
Tuesday 13th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 14th	OPAL Junior Parents Play Session
Thursday 15th	Gemma's Farm Visit—Reception Classes
Thursday 15th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 16th	Wear Red—Show Racism the red card
26th—30th	Half Term
November	
Sunday 1st	FOP Firework Event
Friday 27th	Non Pupil Day



Dear families,

Wear Red and Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 16th October



Across our schools and during PSHE lessons, children are taught that everyone is different and that these differences should be celebrated.

For this reason, we will be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card's annual **wear red day** next Friday 16th October. We invite children and staff to dress in as much red as possible in exchange for a small donation to this great charity. The money raised will go towards funding anti-racism education across the UK.

Book Fair

Our book fair has arrived in school. We will be opening up for you to browse and purchase books over the next 2 weeks.

Our book fair will be open during our parent consultation meetings on 13th and 15th October.



Mobile phones

A reminder that while we understand that children in Years 5 and 6 who walk to and from school may have a mobile phone with them, it must be turned off when children reach the school site and handed in. If your child brings a mobile phone to school with them, please support us with this by reiterating this message to them.

OPAL

It was great to see so many families at our OPAL infant parent play afternoon on Monday. We hope you enjoyed seeing how our children get to spend their lunchtimes. Sadly, rain stopped play for our junior parents on Wednesday. We are hoping the sun will shine for us next Wednesday (14th October) so that we can welcome our junior families to join in some OPAL fun.

This Week's Appeal



- ♦ Paint Brushes





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Become a Reading Ambassador! Open to Year 3 to Year 6

Do you love books and reading? We are looking for enthusiastic, creative pupils to become Reading Ambassadors and help promote a love of reading across Prettygate Junior School! You'll recommend books, help care for our library, organise fun reading activities and encourage others to discover great books.

Applications are on our [website](#) or can be collected from the school office. Please return completed applications to Mrs Parkins (3PJ) by Friday 24th October.

Individual Photos

On Thursday, Van Cols Photographers were in school taking individual and sibling photos. Your child will be bringing home a card with instructions of how to view and order photos. Our whole school photo will also be available to view online very soon.

You will need to register with Van Cols to view and order photos, you can do this [here](#)

Colchester Foodbank—Fill the Van Plan

Thank you for all the items that have been donated for Colchester Food Bank. Tuesday next week (13th October) is the final day to bring in your donations to help 'fill the van'. There is a box outside both the infant and junior school to put your items in. Thank you for your support.

Friends of Prettygate Fireworks Night—Sunday 1st November

The Friends of Prettygate have organised our annual community fireworks event for Sunday 1st November. To make this evening a great success, we need your help.

If you can help to deliver leaflets in the local area, please follow this link. [Leaflet delivery.](#)

If you can offer some help on the day of the event, please sign up here. [Event help](#)

Tickets can be purchased by following this link [friends of prettygate event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Parent Consultation Meetings

Have you booked your parents' evening appointment? Online booking is now closed. If you would still like to book an appointment, please speak to the office staff before the end of the day on Monday 12th October.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Half Term Clubs

Please take a look at our [News and Events](#) page on the website. There are details of local clubs taking place over the half term holiday.

Essex Professional Coaching, the sports company we work with, have a discount code for children at Prettygate. Use the code **PRETTYGATEPRI_10** for 10% discount.

School Meals

Next week we will be eating meals from menu 1. <https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/lunch-menus>



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Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Each week, 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 photos of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Jassar A
RL	Ella C
1S	Freddie D
1M	Ivelin S
2MB	Ada S
2N	Abigail S
3H	Adelynn C
3PJ	Amelia K
4G	Kiki S
4K	Alfie C
5D	Haoran X
5RG	Sara A-B
6L	Eva H
6MH	Nayeli E



House Points

Venus – 503	1st
Pluto – 418	2nd
Mars – 313	3rd
Jupiter – 218	4th