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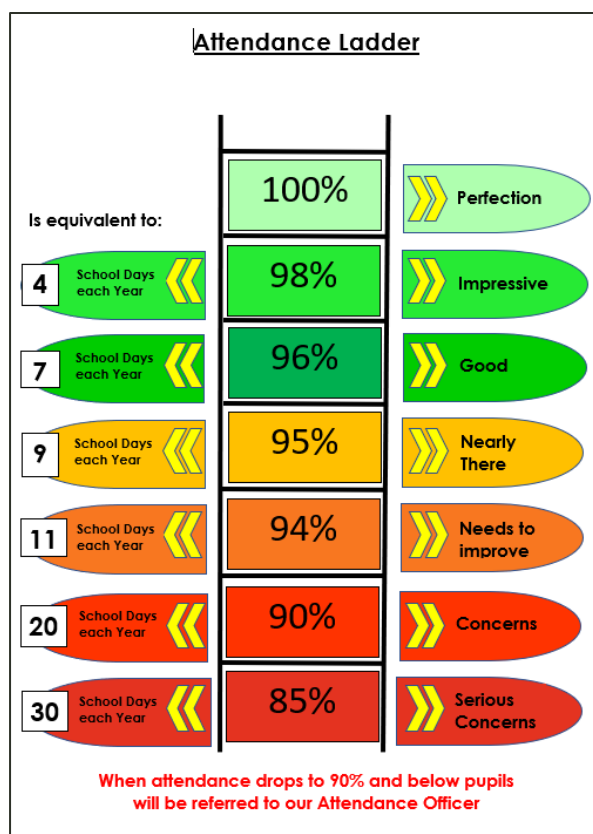
Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

When we had our Ofsted inspection back in April, pupil attendance was highlighted as a key area of development for us as a school. We are working really hard this year to put systems into place to improve children's attendance levels and to decrease the number of children who are persistently absent. Children are considered to be persistently absent when their attendance falls below 90%.

We have put together this helpful infographic for parents and carers to refer to when checking their child's attendance through the 'My Child at School' app. I have also reattached our attendance leaflet for further information on our attendance policy and practice.

Our average attendance this week is 94.7%.



As you can see from the infographic, this needs to improve. We regularly meet with our attendance officer to look at children's absence levels, so that we can identify where there are concerns regarding attendance. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, you should expect to receive a letter to alert you to this and what next steps may be taken to improve this.

On a positive note, we have 234 children who have attended school every day, on time, so far this year, so have 100%. Well done everyone!

World Multiplication Tables Day



TT Rockstars have launched Rolling Numbers to celebrate world multiplication tables day. The call-and-response times tables slides, with lyrics and videos offer an alternative way for your children to practise their times tables. They are totally free to access and no logins are required. Just head over to <http://rockingandrollingnumbers.com/>

On world multiplication day, the children have been practising their times tables and developing their recall speed, in lots of different ways. Year 3 practised their 4 x tables by swatting flies!



Little Wandle



From next week, the children who are currently using the Little Wandle e-books, will also have a physical book to take home. This book is not phonetically matched and is known as a 'sharing book'. Children can enjoy listening to someone read their 'sharing book' or join in. There is no expectation for the child to decode this book. The priority is still for children to read their **e-book** independently.

New Menus

At the end of this letter is a poster giving you lots of information about our school meals and a copy of each of our new three weekly menus, **which will start from after the autumn half term on 31.10.22.**

If your child is having a school meal, these can be paid for via the **My Child at School** App. Remember, if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2, they are entitled to a free school meal each day.

ActivAte Half Term Camps

Colchester United Football in the Community is working in conjunction with Active Essex Foundation and are delighted to be offering free sports sessions and food provision across Colchester for those in receipt of free school meals, or need financial support for childcare throughout summer. Please see the below specific course information for our ActivAte Camps at **Shrub End Community Centre**, **Colchester Academy School** & **Maldon & Tiptree FC.**



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If interested, they strongly suggest you book sooner rather than later! Throughout each day on camp, children will participate in sport and enrichment activities. Children will also receive a lunch and snack. Booking information and programme list is attached to this letter.

Road Safety Week 14th-20th November

Road Safety Week is the UK's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations, and communities get involved to share important road safety messages, remember people affected by road death and injury, and raise funds to help Brake care for more road victims and campaign for safe roads for everyone.

The theme of Road Safety Week 2022 is **SAFE ROADS FOR ALL**.

Learn more by clicking here: <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>

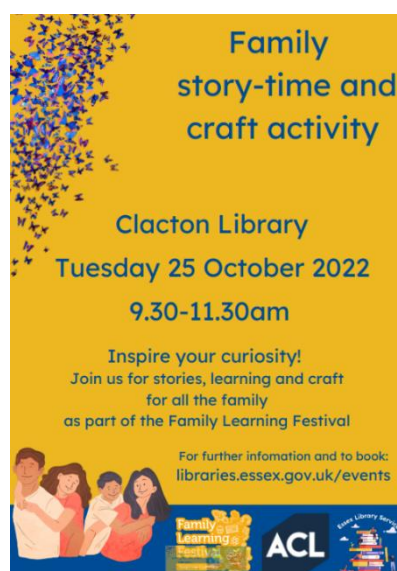
Essex Library Services - Upcoming Events

From 15 to 30 October Family Storytime and Craft events with the theme, 'Inspiring Curiosity,' will take place at some of our libraries, as part of the [Family Learning Festival](#).



Curiosity is important for adults and children as they grow and develop, and it prepares the brain for learning. Inspire your curiosity and join the free learning workshop, run in partnership with Adult Community Learning. The workshop will include story and poetry readings, and a butterfly craft activity. The butterflies will be displayed in libraries afterwards.

Events will take place at the following libraries: Basildon, Braintree, Canvey, Clacton, Colchester, Harlow and Harwich. [More details](#).



Upcoming dates for your diary (please check our [website](#))

14.10.2022: Individual school photos

19.10.2022: Harvest Festival

- please keep sending in the following items for the Clacton Food Bank, if you are in a position to do so: **tinned fruit, tinned/packet custard, long-life milk, UHT fruit juice, instant mash, tinned sponge puddings, small jar/packet instant coffee, hot chocolate powder.**

24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022: Half Term


2.11.2022: Flu vaccinations

16.11.2022 & 17.11.2022: Learning Conferences

21.12.2022 to 4.1.2023: Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes

Our new menus

We understand that lunch is an important meal in your child's school day, having nutritious balanced meals equips them with the energy and focus they need to gain the most for their afternoon lessons. That is why we have developed a new three-week menu for your children to enjoy – filled with nutritious and balanced meals designed to be appealing to the children. We understand that we cannot provide one option a day that every child will enjoy that is why we offer two hot options and two cold options daily.



Our homemade tomato sauce that we use as a base for our meatballs, pasta bar and pizza contains at least 5 vegetables. These are 3 of the children's favourite meals.



Children having schools dinners have access to our salad bar, which has a variety of nutritious items. This gives children the opportunity to choose foods they like. Our salad bar contains items such as cucumber, sweetcorn, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, bread, pasta and more!

We have added in allergen codes so that it makes it easier for children, parents and school staff to make informed choice if there are allergies.



If you have any questions, comments or feedback in regards to our lunch time offering please do not hesitate to contact the lead catering manager by email cpeast-catering@compassps.uk

We constantly review our menus and after 2 or 3 cycles, we amend any non-popular dishes so that they can be replaced with something the children will enjoy. This way we can ensure there is always something for everyone.

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Our Tasty Menu 1



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Pasta bar with a choice of sauces V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Minced beef, mash and gravy GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Sausage MF,EF OPTIONS	Coconut chicken curry GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Fish finger and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2	Rice bar with a choice of sauces V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan mince, mash and gravy V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roasted Quorn fillet V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Jacket potato with various toppings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Quorn dippers and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Salad bar	Baked beans
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cream cheese and cucumber sandwich GF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,GF,MF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

Every day there will be a pudding which will be a rotation of fruit platters, fruit containing desserts such as Smoothies (made from blended fruit and veg), yoghurts, carrot cake (packed with veggies and fortified flour) angel delight mousse (high in calcium and 30% less sugar than regular angel delight) and fruit crumbles topped with a fortified oaty crumble.

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MF=MILK FREE
EF=EGG FREE

All children having school dinners have access to the salad bar, water and milk at lunch times

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W/C 31/10/2022, 21/11/2022, 12/12/2022, 09/01/2023, 30/01/2023, 20/02/2023, 13/03/2023



Our Tasty Menu 2



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Macaroni cheese V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Chicken casserole and new potatoes GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roast pork loin GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Pepperoni pizza GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Fishwich and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2	Tomato and chickpea rice bake V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Jacket potato with various fillings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan sausage roll V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese and tomato pizza V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan burger and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Salad bar	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Salad bar	Sweetcorn
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna and cucumber wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

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Our Tasty Menu 3



Code		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
H	Hot Option 1	Jacket potato and various fillings V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Chilli con carne with rice or pasta GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roast Chicken GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	All day breakfast, bacon, sausage, egg, has browns GF,MF,EF	Fish fillet and chips GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
V	Hot Option 2		5 bean chilli with rice or pasta GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Roasted vegetable turn-over V,VE,MF,EF OPTIONS	Vegan all day breakfast V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Quorn dippers and chips V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
	Side Dishes	Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables	Roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Bread and butter, beans	Peas
P	Cold Option 1	Cheese and tomato wrap V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham and cucumber sandwich GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese baguette V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Ham pasta pot GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	BLT wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS
F	Cold Option 2	Tuna and sweetcorn wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Egg mayo and cress sandwich V,GF,MF OPTIONS	Tuna Baguette GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Cheese pasta pot V,VE,GF,MF,EF OPTIONS	Tuna and cucumber wrap GF,MF,EF OPTIONS

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IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ BEFORE BOOKING ANY BELOW COURSE

- ActivAte (OCTOBER ONLY)- If booking onto an October ActivAte programme, please write one of the following statements that applies to your circumstances, either: My child receives benefits based Free School Meals OR We are a low-income family. Activate can then ensure you have booked the correct link and are eligible.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN YEARS R-6

Low- income families

Location: Shrub End Community Centre, CO2 9BG

Dates: 24th, 25th, 26th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/265>

Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Shrub End Community Centre, CO2 9BG

Dates: 24th, 25th, 26th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking link- <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/264>

Low- income families

Location: Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, CO4 3JL

Dates: 25th, 27th, 28th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/262>

Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, CO4 3JL

Dates: 25th, 27th, 28th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/263>

Low- income families

Location: Maldon & Tiptree FC, Park Dr, Maldon CM9 5JQ

Dates: 25th, 26th, 27th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/273>



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Pupils in receipt of benefits based Free School Meals

Location: Maldon & Tiptree FC, Park Dr, Maldon CM9 5JQ

Dates: 25th, 29th, 27th October

Time: 10am-2pm

Age Range: 4-11 years old

Booking Link - <https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/272>