



The Butler Buzz

R A Butler's Weekly Newsletter – 10 November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

There is much excitement in the Junior Hall with the final of RAB's Got Talent underway. We look forward to sharing more with you next week.

Remembrance Day

The children have been learning about Remembrance Sunday in assembly this week and the school gathered at the end of break today to observe a two minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. We are very proud of how respectful they were of the occasion. Thank you to Ben Bouzan, our brass teacher, for playing The Last Post.



Y2-3 Applications Now Open

Y2 parents have now received information about how to apply for Y3 places for next September. **All applications must be submitted on-line by 15th January 2024.** You can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy and let her know you have completed your application.

Reception 2024

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2024. The application window is now open and you can apply via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions **You must apply by 15th January 2024.**

Odd Sock Day on Friday

As part of Anti-Bullying week next week, we are inviting children to come into school on Friday wearing **odd socks and a bright accessory** to show we celebrate difference. In the afternoon, we are planning a 'Make a noise about bullying' feel good disco event in the playground. We are asking children to **bring a colourful top to change into** and there will be a mini disco in the playground from 1:30-3:15. We know that Y3 are swimming in the afternoon and we will aim to squeeze in as much disco time as we can for them.

Dodgeball Competition

Four Y4 teams went to Lord Butler to compete against other local schools in a Dodgeball competition this week. There were two competitions taking place simultaneously and we saw some brilliant Ds (dodge, duck, dip, dive) throughout. The teams did a great job placing second and third in one competition and third in the other. Well done to everyone who took part.

National Online Safety Flyer

We have been sent a flyer from the National Online Safety team—[What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X](#) (Twitter). It will only take a couple of minutes to read and we hope you find it useful.

Individual & Sibling Photo Days

As you will have seen in the newsletter dates section Pret a Portrait will be coming in on Monday and Tuesday to take individual and sibling photos. Due to the complications of timetabling, taking into account school events and siblings we ask that children come in looking smart in their school uniform on both days ready for photographs. If your child has PE on Monday or Tuesday, they should bring their PE kits into school and they will change in school. If your child has a before school sports club they can come in their PE kit but please ensure they pack their full school uniform & shoes on both days. Your child will be sent home with a unique sitting ID card enabling you to pre-register for an email alert as soon as your pictures are available. Viewing cards will be shared once we receive them from Pret a Portrait.

Safeguarding Training Session for Volunteers—20 November 9am

If you are volunteering or planning to volunteer we do require that you attend Safeguarding Training. Our next sessions is Monday 20th November at 9am. Please email Wendy on admin@rab.academy to book your slot. We do encourage you to attend regularly so if you have not attended for a year please do come along.

Diary Dates Next Week



Today	Christmas Card Ordering Deadline
13-17 Nov	Week 3 Autumn Menu
13-17 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
13 Nov	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
13&14 Nov	Individual & Sibling Photos
15-17 Nov	Presents for Parents Ticket Sales
15 Nov	Y3 Times Tables Workshop 9am
16 Nov	Anti Bullying Workshops
17 Nov	Odd Sock Day
17 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre Donations
17 Nov	Y1 Saffron Hall Trip
17 Nov	Y3&4 Swimming @ LBLC
15 Jan 24	Deadline for Reception & Y3 2024 Applications www.essex.gov.uk/admissions



South Road

There have been a couple of instances of people driving the wrong way down South Road, which is a one way street, and then pulling into the school car park. Although it is a one way road, we would strongly advise people to look both ways when crossing the road just to be on the safe side. We would like to assure you, if we see anyone doing this and coming into our grounds, we do always talk to them.



ENDS TODAY: Christmas artwork card and gift project – order deadline today!

If you haven't yet ordered any cards and gifts featuring your child's fabulous festive artwork, please remember the order deadline is today, Friday 10 November. Any orders placed after today **will not** be processed.

The children love seeing their work in print across a wide range of quality cards, tags, wrapping paper and gifts – and every order made raises valuable funds for the school.

Don't forget you'll need your child's order card with their unique codes to place your order.

NEXT WEEK: Christmas Presents for Parents tickets on sale next Wed/Thu/Fri

Yes, it's that time of the year again when RAB PTA crams the shelves with goodies and prepares to open wide the doors to 'Elfridges', our seasonal department store. Teaching the gift of giving, Presents for Parents allows your child to choose a gift for the special grown ups in their lives, from mums and dads to grandparents, aunties and uncles, big cousins or any of their everyday superheroes! Presents come home wrapped and ready to place under the tree.

Elfridges will open during school in mid-December but we sell tickets next week in advance so we can ensure a fantastic range of presents are in store once we know how many children will be our valued customers again this year...

- * **Tickets cost £3 each, max 2 tickets per child** (each ticket will allow 1 gift)
- * **Advance purchase only**
- * **On sale at drop off and pick up next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**
- * **Cash and card accepted**
- * Find us in the **KS1 playground** by the exit gate or at the **top of the car park**

If you're not in school during those times, please send cash in an envelope to the School Office or Early/Late Play labelled clearly with 'P4P', your child's name and class and how many tickets you want (max 2 per child). Look out for more info on this next week.

REMINDER: Winter Fayre Donations Day – next Friday 17 November

We will be ready and waiting at the school gates next Friday morning to collect any donations you can contribute for this year's Winter Fayre. A huge thank you from us in advance.

And remember you don't need to shop especially, we are very happy to accept any unopened chocolate and bottles, along with unwanted, nearly-new children's toys and gifts, so please take a look in cupboards at home.

Please bring your donations to the school gates at **drop off next Friday**.

Suggested donations by year group:

Reception, Y1 & Y2: Chocolate of any shape and size, from bars to boxes for the chocolate tombola (no nuts, please)

Y3 & Y4: Children's Toys and Gifts – anything unused or nearly new for the toy tombola

Y5 & Y6: Anything in a **Bottle** for the bottle tombola: from wine and perfume to sauce and pickles...

All Years: clean, washed **teddies**, **jars** filled with sweets and **raffle prizes**

BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING? Sign up to easyfundraising

Planning to hit the sales online or get your Christmas shopping sorted? easyfundraising turns your online shopping into FREE donations when you sign up and shop with over 7,000 brands such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -



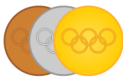

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=160195&invite=QRK70J&referral-campaign=s2s>

There's no catch or hidden charges – you'll simply be raising funds for our school whilst you shop online. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

Thank you!

RAB PTA

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Stars of the Week			RAB READING OLYMPIANS		
 Reception Alannah P Kerem K Year 1 Archie L Anya I Year 2 Allie D George H Year 3 Phoebe T Max P Year 4 Josie H Marley G Year 5 Taisiia L Lily W Year 6 Aaliyah A Molly H Infant Lunchtime Cup Junior Lunchtime Cup	Harry B Emelia S Vienna L Florence P Jack G Herbie S William N Bryher T Ethan C Grace T Guy T Albie M Veda A Martha S 2MG 4MM	 Elsie-May W Simbie G George G William M Muhammed G Charlotte A Poppy-Mae S Logan M Ryan E Ella P Jack L Sophie J Ava K Emir G	 BRONZE Isla A Jakey A Heidi B Callum B Henry B Bram B Max C Ivy C Eleanor E Georgia R Sam F Lily G Jessie H Neora J Amelia L Albie M Amelia M Luke M Amber O Henry R Isla R Hayley S Guy T Ava W Ettore Z Jack L Sophie J Precious M	SILVER Charlotte H Charlie C	GOLD
			 RAB BOOKWORMS		
			BRONZE Cara G Henry M Charlie C Amelia M Thomas C Annie B	SILVER Edward C Sophie M	GOLD

Future Diary Dates

20 Nov	Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9am
24 Nov	Inset Day School Closed to Children
1 Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre 4-6pm
5 Dec	Music Concert 6pm
6 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 2pm
6 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 5pm
7 Dec	Y1 Christmas Play 2pm
7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Play 5pm
11 Dec	Connection Coffee Morning 9am
12 Dec	Early Years Christmas Play 9.15am
13 Dec	R-Y6 Book Look 8.40-9.10am

20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Carols @ St Mary's Church all welcome
20 Dec	1.30pm End of Term
You can find term dates for this academic year and next here .	