

February Half-Term Holiday

We are fast approaching the half-term holiday—where has this first half term of 2024 gone?!

We will be breaking up for the February half-term holiday on **Friday 16th February**.

We have a non-pupil day on Monday 26th February so the first day back for pupils will be **Tuesday 27th February, 8:40am**.

There are a number of holiday activities and clubs being run over this half-term. If you are interested in signing your child up for any of these then please click on the links below:

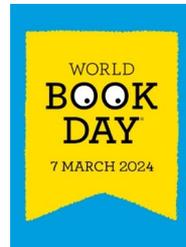
[Camp Epic](#)

[Active Essex](#)

[Southend United All Girls Soccer School—Tuesday 22nd February](#)

Upcoming Events at Eversley

We have a number of events happening when we return to school after half-term including:



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Come to school dressed as a book character. We will be asking for voluntary donations of £1 for this event so that we can raise money to purchase some new reading books for school.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Our theme this year is...hats!

This is a non-uniform day and children can wear any outfit and top it off with a hat of their choice. They can choose to make a special Red Nose Day hat if they wish! We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 for this day.



Donations for both events can be made through Parent Pay or by placing money in the buckets on the gates on the morning of these days.

SEND Monthly Newsletter

Does your child have a special educational need or learning disability?

If so, the monthly SEND newsletter is a valuable source of information, advice and links that could support your child and your family.

Sign up [here](#) to receive this email newsletter direct to your inbox each month.

Is your child a Young Carer?

We recently sent out a [letter](#) to families to ask if they think their child may be a young carer.

Young carers are children who live with a family member or have a friend who is ill, disabled or has a mental health problem or addiction. The additional responsibility of caring for this family member or friend can affect the child in school.

However, if we know your child is a young carer there is additional support and help that we can access for them in school and outside of school.

If you think your child is a Young Carer then let us know by completing this [online form](#) or email SENCO@eversley.essex.sch.uk

For further information on Young Carers then please click [here](#).

Studybugs

After Easter we will be stopping the use of Parent Pay for communication (but will continue to use it for making payments) and using Studybugs exclusively to pass on important messages and send letters to parents.

Please make sure you have downloaded the Studybug app in readiness!



Autism Central for Parents and Carers

Does your child have autism?

Autism Central provides support for families and carers for those who are looking after children with autism. They offer information, group online sessions and 1:1 support via telephone or Teams. A diagnosis is not needed to access this free service.

For further information, click [here](#).



Earrings in PE and sports clubs

As a school, we follow the Essex Local Authority requirement that earrings are removed for all sporting activities (PE lessons, including swimming and gymnastics at the Eversley Leisure Centre, and after-school sports clubs). **The taping of earrings for sports is not permitted.** Unless earrings are removed, children cannot take part in these activities, which is a big shame!

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please save new piercings for the start of the school holidays so it minimises the impact on participating in sports in school.

Children who already have earrings should have them removed on PE and sports days unless they can take them out themselves. We do not take responsibility for the loss of these items.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



Attendance

It is important that children attend school as regularly as they can as when they have a day off, learning for the rest of the class does not stop! When children return after a period of absence it can be difficult for them to access some of the new learning that has taken place while they have not been in school.

We recognise that there are times when children who are unwell should stay at home to get better and to stop others from catching their illness, however not all illnesses need to have the child kept off school.

The NHS have produced this handy guide to inform parents and carers about how parents should respond to different childhood illnesses. To read their guidance, 'Is My Child Too Ill For School?', please click [here](#).



Daily Mile

We run a Daily Mile Club before school every morning, from 8:15am. Children do not need to sign up for this club, they can just turn up any time from 8:15am and join other children completing our mile track around the KS2 playground.

The office is becoming inundated with children arriving before 8:15am for this. Unless otherwise pre-arranged with the office, please could all children waiting for the Daily Mile wait at the front gate rather than the lobby.

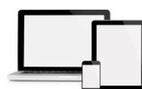


Ordering School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners need to be ordered through Parent Pay by **11:59pm** on the **Thursday** for the following week.



Remember that you can always find lots of information on our school website, or see what we are getting up to during the day by following us on Twitter:



www.eversley.essex.sch.uk



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