

## Latest News on launch of School Ping

Further to our last newsletter and parents meeting, the school has now sent letters to all parents/carers with parental responsibility for their child with login details and passwords for School Ping. Thank you to everyone who have registered, so far we have 43% of parents/carers registered for school Ping. If you have not yet registered please do so as soon as possible as from 1st May all emergency notifications, parent meetings, monthly newsletters and educational visit letters with educational visit consent forms will be sent by School Ping. Please note you will need an email address as you will be asked to enter your email address to verify your account.

If you have lost your letter with your login details please contact details.

## Sports Relief — £654.74 raised

'Sports Relief Day' was a great success! On Friday 23rd March 2018 the children and staff dressed up in sports clothing to raise money for this charity event. The children also took part in sports events through out the day at school and all money raised was donated to the Sports Relief Charity.

## A Big Thank you to Parents

Thank you so much for all your support during the book fair. The school sold over £914.96 worth of books! This gave the school a commission of £548.98 to purchase books from the book fair for the school.

## Scholastic — Essex Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/essex> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by April 23rd, 2018**.

## Before and After School Club News

Before School Club, and all other morning and after school clubs (except ECAM) will resume the week beginning Tuesday 16th April 2018. ECAM will resume week beginning Monday 22nd March 2018

## Lost Property

Lost Property will be available on Thursday 29th March after school in the KS1 playground from 1:30—1:45pm. Anything not claimed will be given to charity.

## New Menu

There will be a new school menu starting from the 16th April 2018. A copy of the menu will be sent to parents when we return.



# Essex Primary School

Newsletter March 2018

*Every Child Matters*

**Everyone valued, everyone challenged,  
everyone achieving**

★ ★ Holiday Dates ★ ★

**Last day of Spring Term—Thursday 29th March 2018**

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE at 1.30 PM**

**Spring break:** Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018  
Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

**Summer Term 2018**

**School term:** Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018

**May Day:** Monday 7th May 2018 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

**Half term:** Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

**School term:** Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018 (**closes at 1:30pm**)

**Eid-UI-Fitr:** (To be confirmed)

**INSET:** Monday 23rd July to Wednesday 25th July 2018 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

**Summer break:** Thursday 26th July 2018 to Friday 31st August 2018

**Autumn Term 2018 Start Date**

**INSET:** Monday 3rd September 2018 (**SCHOOL CLOSED for CHILDREN**)  
**SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN** Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 8:45 am

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All school dates and events are on the school website: [www.essex.newham.sch.uk](http://www.essex.newham.sch.uk)

We would like to wish everyone celebrating Easter a Happy Easter and everyone else a Safe and Happy Spring break.



## Year 3 and 4 visit Thrift Farm

On the 8th of March 2018, a group of year 3 and 4 children went on a memorable visit to Thrift Farm to witness the amazing lambing process. Children immersed themselves in the understanding and practicalities of how and why lambs are born at a certain time of the year.



Children had the rare opportunity to see how farmers tend to the newly born lambs, whilst also being lucky enough to feed the lambs themselves. A selected number of children were even more fortunate, actually witnessing the birth of a lamb.

The children represented the school impeccably, fully respecting the farmers and environment they were in. They asked many questions regarding the lambing process, which enhanced their overall knowledge. They will feed this knowledge back to their fellow peers in school.

It was a fully engaging and worthwhile experience, aided by the farmers' informative and tentative approach.

Children have shared this wonderful experience with parents at an assembly.



## Year 4 visit Kew Gardens

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Kew Gardens. The children really enjoyed learning about all the different parts of the rain forest. They were taught survival skills on how to survive in a rain forest. It was interesting to know how much of the rain forest can be used to help us in our daily lives; although this often comes at a cost to our environment. The most exciting part of the visit was when we had the experience of walking along the tree top walk as Year 4 was able to enjoy the beautiful views around Kew Gardens from up high. It was fantastic to breathe in the fresh air and run in the open areas.

## Essex Primary School Debating Club into Finals

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, eight children attended league 2 of the debating competition, at Elmhurst primary school. The children had two motions to debate - the first was, 'Celebrities should be punished more harshly than the general public.' and the second, 'School exams should be banned.' The children successfully won both debates against the two schools they faced. The experience has been fabulous for developing their confidence in a range of key skills.

## Sports at Essex Primary School—Spring Term

Since the beginning of this term we have been to 4 competitions with different year groups. Amongst these, we have had two athletics competitions with the year 3 and 4 children. One of them was a mixed gender competition, and the other was an all-girls competition. The teams secured 4<sup>th</sup> place in both tournaments out of 20 competing schools. The school was pleased with these results as the children showed immense progress from previous occasions.

Children have also taken part in a year 3 and 4 handball competition, held at Little Ilford School in which they won every single game they took part in by comfortable margins, meaning the team secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in this event. The children were delighted with the outcome and are eager for their next handball event.

### MANOR PARK SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

YEAR 3 AND 4 MIXED HANDBALL EVENT

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY @ LITTLE ILFORD

SCHOOL	W	L	D	PTS
ESSEX	6	0	0	18
SHERBURNHAM	1	2	1	10
SIR JOHN HERON	1	2	3	11
ST WINEFRIDE'S	0	4	2	8

SEMI FINALS

ESSEX	8 - 0	ST WINEFRIDE'S
SIR JOHN HERON	2 - 1	SHERBURNHAM

FINAL

ESSEX	4 - 1	SIR JOHN HERON
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3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

ST WINEFRIDE'S	0 - 1	SHERBURNHAM
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Year 1 boys and girls took part in the hot potato competition. The team secured 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 schools competing. This was a fantastic achievement for this group of children. The PE team felt proud with effort that the year 1 children put in and are confident that the team will progress further in future competitive