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Coronavirus

We are now in day 2 of the new lockdown, which means, all things being equal that we have 25 days to go.

The following guidance has been sent to schools:

'Schools continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions.'

Being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time.

The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools can take action to reduce risks still further.'

Hopefully, this will reassure parents that there are no plans for the closing of schools and we will carry on throughout this lockdown period in the same manner that we have since September.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

Malcolm Gladwell

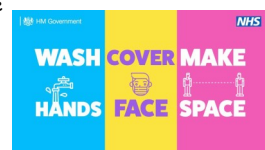
YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

Keeping Safe

Whilst most parents have been brilliant with regards to this, there are one or two, who persistently do not wear face masks when on the school site or whom do not maintain social distancing, especially when waiting to collect their children.

Whatever you may feel about the restrictions and the requirements for face masks and social distancing, (and opinions range from absolutely ridiculous to we should doing even more) the schools primary concern is to stay open for the children and for you.

The best way to ensure this is for each and everyone of us to follow the guidance, however frustrating we may find it.



Fake News/Real News—Coronavirus

Fake News: That from Wednesday of this week the Government is rolling out mass testing in schools. I have absolutely no idea where this one came from, although I would suspect Facebook. Please be assured that this is definitely fake news.

Real News: If we get a child or member of staff that tests positive for Coronavirus, we will first notify Essex, who will then advise/tell the school the appropriate next steps, which could include sending the Bubble home. We will not keep you in the dark about it

Real News: If a teacher/staff are absent from school, then this could be for a number of reasons: they're poorly, they're undertaking training, they have an appointment.

Real News: We will not notify you every time a child or member of staff has a test. It serves no purpose other than to raise peoples anxieties. We'll do the worrying for you, so that you don't have to.

Poppies



From Monday of next week, poppies will be on sale at the school for children only. Remembrance Day is next Wednesday.

If you want your child to get a Poppy, then please send them into school with a minimum of 50p donation.

Poppies will be brought round to the classroom doors—for children to buy their poppies.

We would advise that younger children have their money in a named envelope (and bearing in mind, the ability of some of our older children to lose things—this might not be a bad idea for them as well).

Christmas Card Orders

If you wanted to place an order for Christmas Cards but hadn't quite got round to it yet.

You now have until Friday 13th November to get your order to either School Office.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Thomas (MLM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Kairon (MM)
Year 6 (Lathes) - Shajun (MM)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Scarlett (CC)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Jay (RREX)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Violet (RREX)
Year 4 (Castle) - Freya (RREX)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Alex (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Myla (RROX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Alicia (MM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Trae (CC)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Viktoria (MM)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Dahlia (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Lola (MM)
Year 2 (Romans) - Kejda (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Jack (RREX)
Year 1 (Circus) - Lexi (CC)
Year 1 (Roses) - Henley (MM)
EYFS (Jumbo) - Fletcher (RREX)
EYFS (Star) - Antonia (CC)
EYFS (Chariot) - Maya (RREX)
Attendance—Roses
HUB—Austin (MLM)

Stones

Please could you send your child into school on Monday with a pebble/small stone.

The children will be painting/felt tipping these stones on Monday with a Poppy design and these will be taken to the front of the Barracks on Tuesday, ready for Wednesday.

The pebbles will not be varnished in any way and then as the paint washes off—the pebble is returned to its natural self, just like the poppy fields.

PTA—Watch this Space

Two things to look out for from our PTA over the next few weeks.

1, A Christmas Lights Trail

2, PTA Bake Off

The PTA haven't revealed much more at the moment but I'm sure they will, as always, be brilliant.

Please look out for a ballot paper and covering letter for a Parent Governor Election next week.

Pumpkin Trail



Huge thanks to our PTA who organised the 'Pumpkin Trail' at the end of HT. A lot of work went into this from both the organisers and the parents who volunteered to display pumpkins and clues on their windows.

The PTA would like to say a special thankyou to everyone who took part.

There are more pictures on the PTA facebook page—so these are just a sample.



Text Messaging—E-schools App

Our text messaging system to parents sits directly on e-schools, which also hosts our website.

This system also links to the schools Management Information System, so as long as we have your correct mobile number and e-mail address means then we can contact you electronically by text and e-mail.

However, if parents download the app then there is no cost to the school when we send a text message.

The direct links to the app are on the school website in 'Parent Information' and then 'Text Messaging'

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/text_messaging/405092

Once you've downloaded the app, you will need to login with the login details which will be provided by the school office.

If you have misplaced or lost your login details or this is the first time you've downloaded the app—then once it's downloaded please contact the school, preferably by e-mail to admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk and we will send you the details you need.

I do appreciate it's a bit of a faff—but it does save the school a few pennies and only costs you a bit of time.

If you're not receiving the newsletter every week by e-mail and you have parent responsibility, then this means that we don't have your e-mail address correctly logged in our system.

Likewise, if you have parental responsibility and you didn't receive a message this morning that said 'Test' this means we don't have your mobile phone details correctly logged, which is not a good thing if we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please notify us immediately via either School Office of your correct details or to alert us that we have your correct details but that the communications aren't being received as this does also sometimes happen.

And Finally

I was working late last night and was given my own private fire works display from Abbey Fields from a couple of families. One rocket in particular at around 7.00p.m. nearly gave me a heart attack. If you are doing some family fireworks this weekend in lieu of an organised display—stay safe and read the link below and the article on page 2

<https://www.cbtrust.org.uk/fireworks/>

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings



#BurnSurvivor Rosie-May: Mum of Daughter hit by a Firework tells her story

29.10.2018

By Alison Tweddle

Following a firework accident that is any parent's worst nightmare, mother Eleanor tells the story of her amazing daughter Rosie-May and the day her family would prefer to forget.

'November 5th 2017 started out as any normal Sunday, we were all happy and excited to be spending an evening with friends, enjoying hot dogs whilst watching the fireworks. When in a flash ALL our lives were changed, the laughter and happiness of the children instantly became fear, as parents this became the worst day of our lives.

My little 4-year-old Rosie-May got hit by a firework that had gone astray. The fear on her face and the other children will stay with me forever. One of the multi-shot fireworks hit her in the neck. Instinctively she moved her head down in pain. Her coat caught on fire.

We acted quickly to get her clothes off her and led her to a bath of water until paramedics arrived. We were promptly taken to hospital where we were told we had to be sent 50 miles away to the specialist burns unit at Morriston hospital in Swansea.

At the hospital the consultants, surgeons and nurses took over and made our little princess their 100% priority. She endured 5 weeks in hospital, having to have many baths to clean the burns, a surgical scrub and a skin graft which was taken from her scalp. This meant her beautiful blond hair had to be shaved. We then had many weeks of weekly visits back to Swansea for dressing changes.



After many counselling sessions and reassuring talks, Rosie-May's scar on her neck reminds us of that horrific night. Our little girl has amazed us every single day of how brave and strong she has been, not just for herself but for others who were with us that night.

<https://www.cbtrust.org.uk/fireworks/>

November 2020

I have had so many Children's University Challenges sent to me this half term and I have awarded learning credits.

It has been a very popular sheet indeed.

For activities that come into school, the codes which the children can record in the Passport and on their Digital Dashboard if they have one are as follows:

Activity	Hours	Code
Autumn Rainbow	1	Purple8881
Conker Creatures	1	Green3441
Pumpkin Math and other things	1	Red0162
Hedgehog Rolls	1	Red8773
How many words?	1	Purple 2108
How tall are the trees?	1	Green0490

Thank you.

Debbie Bennett
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