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Meet the Staff—Continued

Thank you for the feedback on staff photos and roles. This week we continue with introducing some of our staff who you might not see, but who do always work tirelessly for the school. This week—our Finance Staff.



Wendy Poole.
School Business
Manager



Paula Worrell
Finance and HR
Assistant

And also Judith Houghton, who is our Finance Assistant, but as yet no picture.

All children will have brought home their data sheets this week. If there are any changes to contact details/addresses/medical information, please can you update the sheet and return to the school.

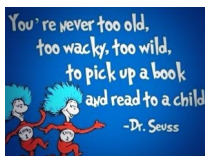
Go Read

Thank you to those parents who have already engaged with the app—it is fantastic to see all the wonderful reading that is going on at home. We know how important reading is not only for their academic development but also their emotional well-being, we all love a bit of escapism!

You can use the app to log any books that you share together at home. Even if it was you that shared the story with your child, this is just as important and will help develop their reading for pleasure.

If you have read your child's colour book at home, you can read it again as fluency and understanding is key to developing their reading skills. Children's books will be changed once a week, sometimes more.

Guided reading and shared reading happens daily in every class but this may not always be recorded on the app. Don't forget the expectation is 5 reads a week and book bingo is an ongoing reading challenge to use alongside this.



PTA AGM

Please remember that the PTA Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 12th October at 7.30p.m. at the Abbey Field site.

Everyone is welcome, so please pop along if you would like to be involved in anyway.

Year 5 Danbury Residential (19th-22nd October)

I will be holding a final information meeting on Thursday 7th October @ 5.00p.m. at the AF site. This will furnish you with all the bits of information you need for the upcoming trip. Please do try and come along if you are able.



Stone Age Stew

In Design Technology, year 3 have been learning to write recipes using ingredients from pre-history. This week, they took a trip to Sainsbury's to buy all sorts of vegetables (and plenty of bread and cheese!) They then peeled, sliced and cooked the ingredients to create a delicious Stone Age stew.

Thanks as well to Mrs Blackery, who oversaw the slicing and cooking!



Term Dates
Half Term—Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October
Last day of Autumn Term— Friday 17th December
First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th October @ 5.00p.m. Year 5 Final Parent Information Meeting re: Danbury - AF

Friday 8th October @ 7.30p.m. PTA BINGO Night @ AF

Tuesday 12th October—PTA AGM, 7.30pm

Thursday 14th October—Individual School Photographs @ AF

Friday 15th October—Individual School Photographs @ T
Tuesday 19th October—Friday 22nd October—Danbury Residential (Year 5)

Thursday 25th November. Revised Date for Flu Vaccinations AF & T

Saturday 4th December, 2.00p.m.—5.00p.m.—PTA Christmas Fair

The **Big** Question for this Assessment Period—**Where are my Roots?**

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Being me in my World.

Natasha's Law

Many of you will be aware that 'Natasha's Law' comes into affect today. In essence, this new law ups the ante with regards to food labelling, especially if something is being sold.

There are also implications as far as school's are concerned with regards to cakes that are brought in and/or made at home.

Cakes that are shop bought are actually quite easy to deal with because a full list of ingredients are included on the packaging.

Cakes/biscuits that are home made must now have included with them a list of ALL the ingredients that have been used to make the item. This doesn't need to be a printed list, just handwritten is fine as long as ALL the ingredients are listed. This is really important as far as the school is concerned as we do have a number of children that have different allergies in the school and our primary concern is to safeguard them.

PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

Could I please remind parents again that we do have a number of children in the school who have a NUT allergy and therefore NUT based products—including bags of nuts, nut bars and chocolate spread should NOT be being brought into school either as a snack or as part of their child's packed lunch.

Learning at Home

A special mention to Ned this week who carried on his learning at school with some excellent learning at home. At school, the children were focussing on Roman Busts. It reminded Ned of some clay modelling he had done at home. Ned started making some pots there and begun making some faces on them.



Awards

STAR—Chloe (RROX), JUMBO—Amelia (MLM), CHARIOT—Imogen (MM).

EAGLES— Willow (RREX), CIRCUS—Ruby (MM), ROSES - Tessie (RREX).

MERCURY—Lucianna (MLM), CLAUDIUS— Rupert (RROX), ROMANS—Furkan (MM).

DUTCH—Joshua (MM), ICENI—Whole Class (CC), PAXMAN—Whole Class (CC).

CASTLE—Ody (MLLM), CAVALIER— Reggie (MM), GARRISON—Tia (RREX)

OYSTERS—Freya (RREX), MAGNETS— Chloe (RROX), RAED-WALD - Tallulah (MM)

CYMBELINE—Scarlett (RROX), TRINOVANTES—Aleksas (RREX) LATHES— Sebastian (CC)

HUB— Advik (MLM) ATTENDANCE—Dutch

Parking/Driving Near the School

Despite my numerous pleas, the inability of a small proportion of our parent body to either park or drive sensibly never ceases to amaze me.

We had a member of the public hit by a car outside the Town Site earlier on this week, due to excessive speed. My understanding is that the police are now involved with regards to that incident.

In addition, we still have parents utilising private parking spaces and blocking access in and off Londinium Road, which is the new estate off Flagstaff Road.

There is ample parking on the AF which is private land and which means you can't get a fine if you park there.

Please just slow down a bit and THINK!

St Helena Open Morning's

Year 6 Parents please remember that St Helena are offering two Open Mornings next week. All Year 6 parents were e-mailed with the information this week. If you didn't receive that information please let either school office know.

And Finally,

I must apologise as I appreciate many parents haven't seen me for a couple of weeks. I was obviously on holiday with the Year 6 for a week, so was elusive by default. I have also been struggling with my back which I have pulled twice, once picking up a pair of socks before Kingswood and then again, having returned, by coughing too vehemently.

This has necessitated a more sedentary lifestyle this week, so although I have been around, I just haven't moved much. I am much more agile (although not quite Olympic standard yet) today and so if you're at the T site later, you may just catch a rare glimpse—a bit like a Kingfisher (I do have a blue waistcoat on today) and I'll flash past.

Tomorrow, the mighty Colchester are at home and as their home form has been less than inspiring recently, I doubt my back will be troubled by having to get out of my seat to celebrate any goals.

Have a good Weekend - Simon Billings

FUN BINGO



Friday 8th October

7.30 – 9.30 pm

Abbey Field Site

£5 entry

Fun Prizes to be won

Raffle

BYO

Tickets available at
both school offices

