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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st October—Assessment Period 1 reports sent out to parents

Wednesday 22nd October—Year 5 Oysters Informal Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October—Informal Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd October—Kingswood, Year 6 Residential, Information Meeting for Year 5 parents in class Oysters (Abbey Site) @6.00p.m.

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—Half Term & Sponsored Reading Week

Tuesday 4th November—Animal Dressing Up Day—in aid of RSPCA—£1

Tuesday 4th November—Danbury, Year 4 Residential, Information Meeting for Year 4 parents in class Castle (Town Site) @ 6.00p.m.

Friday 19th December—Last day of Autumn Term



Super Heroes

Rest assured we were the safest place in Colchester today as the Justice League came to our Foundation classes. Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Captain America and a Mutant Ninja Turtle, to name but a few, were all on hand keeping us safe as our Foundation children held a Super Hero day. Our Super Heroes had to find the 'Key to their Learning' which had been taken by the villainous Professor McNasty. Would truth and justice save the day?

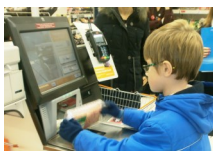
Will all our Super Heroes graduate from Super Hero school? Only your children know the answer...



Sainsbury's

Class Dutch set off for Sainsbury's this week, armed with a shopping list and a pot of money. This was linked to both their maths and theme work as they used money to purchase the ingredients they'll be using next week

to make Norman Soup and Pottage. I must remember to be at the Town site at the right time as I do quite like pottage...



Absence

Please do remember that attendance at school is absolutely key in helping your children progress and ensuring they do not miss key learning. Attendance is also a very important life skill which is important to embed early.

However, if your child is too unwell to come to school—for example because of sickness—then it is vital that you notify the school by phone, e-mail or text by 9.00a.m. Many thanks.

Conker Competition

I say it every year—but to truly do well in our annual conker competition you must remember to say when you find your first conker, 'oddy, oddy, onker, my first conker,' this then ensures good fortune and few tangles for the duration of the conker season.

Last week, the sound of horse chestnut against horse chestnut rang out at both sites, as the children battled for that elusive title—Supreme Conker Champion of St John's Green. In the end, it came down to a titanic battle between the conkers of Harry Duffett and Reggie Skinner. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner and Reggie's conker is no more. Well done to both boys, and congratulations to Harry our 2014 champion.



Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Nina Preston
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Sophie Adams
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Lottie Lloyd
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Katie Roberts
Lion Award (Dutch) - Ella Lovelock
Sully Award (Mercury) - Harrison Green
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Harley Heading
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Morgan McGivney
Bumble Award (Circus) - Leyla Corani
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - William Gledhill-Wragg
Mickey Award (Roses) - Egor Steward
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Oliver Price
Heads' Award - Dutch
Spot—Kira Robinson
Attendance—Trinovantes

Flu Immunisation

All children in the school will receive a Flu vaccine at the school on Thursday 9th December. The vaccine is administered via a nasal spray. We will send more details out after half term. There is therefore no need to take your children to the doctor to have the vaccine as it will happen at school.

Newsletter Challenge

Each week we will print a partial photograph of an object in the school. All the children have to do is say what the object is and where in the school the object is.

The partial photo from last week was the welcome mural in the entrance at the Town site.

This week, a new partial photo....



If you are on Town Site—answers to Mr. Bates door. If on Abbey Site—answers to Mrs Smith's door.

Clubs

The following clubs will start during the WB 3/11/14
Mon. 3rd November for six weeks - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Town Site - Years 2/3/4 Dance Club with Louise Walmsley (Carolyns School of Dance) - Fee £15.00 for six weeks. **(Payable in Full)**

Tues. 4th November for six weeks - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Town Site - Years 2/3/4 Football Club with Chelsea Foundation coach - Fee £15.00 for six weeks. **(Payable in Full)**

Wed. 5th November for six weeks - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Abbeyfield Site - Years 5/6 Football Club with Chelsea Foundation coach - Fee £15.00 for six weeks. **(Payable in Full)**

Thurs. 6th November for six weeks - 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. - Abbeyfield Site - Year 1 - Dance Club with Louise Walmsley (Carolyns School of Dance) - Fee £15.00 for six weeks. **(Payable in Full)**

If any parent is interested in their child starting these clubs please call in to the school office at either site to collect a letter and to put name on list.

Details of additional clubs will be in the newsletter next week

And Finally...

One of the biggest challenges we have faced with the split site is ensuring effective communication. Part of our solution is that Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bullivant and myself meet at 7.30a.m. every morning to talk through the day. I may need to adopt a similar strategy at home as, on Monday, I asked the afore-mentioned if they could give me some advice as to how I tell my wife that I would not be at home on Wednesday until after 7.00p.m. due to staff training. This was made worse by the fact that my wife had arranged to go out at 6.00p.m. that night with a friend. Mrs Bourne and Mrs Bullivant were less than helpful and provided advice such as 'you may as well leave home now' and 'is your car comfortable to sleep in.' I did, obviously survive the revelation but like, I hope, all men, I turned into a quivering wreck as I broke the news...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



Dear Parent/Guardian,

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a **school sponsored read** between **Monday 27th October** and **Sunday 2nd November 2014**, which coincides with half term.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Representative, *Tamara Hodgson-May* and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school for the libraries in both our Town and our new Abbey site.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne also will donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. **So for every £600 raised we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!**

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they like.

Should you wish to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form for your child. A reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading, will be given to them in class.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by **Wednesday 12th November 2014**.

Cheques should be made payable to ***Tamara Hodgson-May***

Please support our sponsored read so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy.

For more information, contact **Tamara Hodgson-May** on 01206 576321
or visit us online: www.usborne.com/schools