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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Friday 31st January—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed.

Wednesday 5th February—Open School 3.15p.m.—4.00p.m.

Thursday 13th February (p.m.) - Class Dutch Assembly to Parents

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half Term

Monday 7th April—Tuesday 22nd April—Easter Break

Please remember that next Friday, 31st January is a non pupil day and the school is closed.

Stranger—Danger

Yesterday afternoon I had a talk with all the KS2 children about being safe whilst out of school. This was as a result of some information that was given to the school about a person approaching some children from another school and saying to them that their school was closed and would they like them to walk them home. The talk I had with the children centred around the fact that if children are walking to school by themselves or playing out with their friends, they should never talk to strangers or do anything they ask. Instead, they should make as much noise as possible and get themselves to a place of safety. I know that you all, as parents, have the same conversation with your children but if you haven't had the talk with them recently please take an opportunity to remind them.



Year 4 Athletics Competition

Yesterday afternoon, six of our Year 4 children headed off to Leisure World with Mr. Bates and Mrs. Shah

to take part in an inter-schools athletics competition with twenty other Colchester schools. The children were competing in a variety of running, jumping and sprinting events. The children all did brilliantly—but a special well done to Samir Shafiy who came second in the vertical high jump.



Home School Agreement

Please remember that if you haven't yet signed and returned your Home School Agreement, this does need to be signed and returned to your child's class teacher. It is a very important document that outlines what the school, parents and children will do to try to ensure that your children get the best possible start to their lives.

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Biscuit Delight

Our Foundation classes measured, mixed, rolled and cut this week as they made biscuits as part of their curriculum work, linked to the book they've been studying, 'Teddy Bear Robber.' As always

the biscuits looked very nice—but in this instance I am unable to comment on the taste as I was not given one to sample.



Parent View

Please remember that Ofsted has a tool on its website called 'Parent View.' This is for parents of children at the school to comment directly on the school and that information is then collated. It is very important that parents do engage with this. There will be a direct link to this from the school website via 'Ofsted' or alternatively please just go to <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Book Fair

The Samaritans are holding a book fair tomorrow from 10.00a.m.—2.00p.m. at the Community Hall on Walsingham Road which is just the other side of the school car park. This is well worth popping in to. Parking is available in the school car park.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Summer Swain

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Kevin Wang

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ellii Bates

Lion Award (Dutch) - Sarah Mustafa

Sully Award (Mercury) - Maliha Khanom

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Alisha Vivian

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Yehia Abou-Wafia

Bumble Award (Circus) - Katie Baxter

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Heidi De La Cruz

Mickey Award (Roses) - Yaqub Kamal

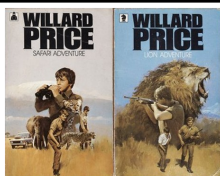
Simba Award — Year 4 Athletes

Spot Award — Yasir Slimani

Attendance Award - Daffodils

Book Review by Mr. Bates

Willard Price



When I was 8 or 9 there was nothing that could stand in the way of me reading a Willard Price Adventure book. Willard Price had grown up in the early 20th century and become a roving reporter for National Geographic Magazine, travelling round the world three times. It wasn't till the age of 62 that he wrote his first adventure book 'Amazon Adventure' in 1949 and over a series of 14 books he gripped generations of children with his tales of Hal and Roger and their exciting encounters with ferocious animals all over the world. He said himself:

'My aim in writing the *Adventure* series for young people was to lead them to read by making reading exciting and full of adventure. At the same time I wanted to inspire an interest in wild animals and their behaviour. Judging from the letters I have received from boys and girls around the world, I believe I have helped open to them the worlds of books and natural history'

Well he certainly did for me and I would recommend his books to anyone who likes exciting adventure stories.

Mr Bates

Year 6 Residential 2014—Kingswood

Year 4 Residential—Danbury

Please remember that the next installment of £65 for the Kingswood residential and £15 deposit for the Year 4 Danbury residential are due to be paid by Friday 31st January.

Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word '**quiescent**' which means 'inert/dormant.'

Please remember that Mr. Bromley is displaying all lost property in the Lower Hall at the end of the school day—Today.

And Finally...

I got a very terse letter from my father the other day with his Christmas Quiz entry almost demanding that I award him 100%. Sadly his entry arrived to late too be considered and even sadder he only managed a humble 47 out of 50. I haven't yet broken it to him. Christmas Quiz answers should go on to the website today.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings