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Newsletter

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Parents Evening (Wednesday 17th November 5.00p.m. – 6.30p.m.) @ AF & T

I know that parents are eagerly anticipating the chance to come in to the school next week to have a look at their children's work.

Children's books will be on tables in the classrooms and there will be a crib sheet for your child/ren to talk you through their work.

Although class teachers will be present, they will not be in the classrooms. They will be stationed outside the classroom and will be available for an informal chat and will be two meters away.

Classroom windows will be open as will classroom doors, so it will be advisable to wear a coat.

All adults and secondary age children who attend MUST wear a mask to come into school. The only exception to this is parents who are ECV. If you do fall into that category you must wear your lanyard. If you don't have a lanyard you will be expected to wear a mask. There are no exceptions to this.

All children and parents will also have to clean their hands as they enter the school buildings. This can either be with hand sanitizer or with soap and water.

Whilst we are very keen for this to happen and very much appreciate how much parents would value it, I would ask all parents to be aware of the symptoms of Coronavirus and to not attend if you are at all feeling unwell.

I would also ask parents to maintain, as much as possible, social distancing in the classrooms and save those catch up conversations with other parents for outside.

Lastly, to make you aware neither Miss Stockwell (Year 4) nor Miss Cook (Year 2) will be present at the Parents Evening. Both these members of staff are quite far along as far as pregnancy is concerned and as such will not be there. However, their children's books will be in the classroom for you to have a look at.

To enable Mr Bromley to fog the whole school after the parents evening we will be finishing at 6.30p.m.

Other than that—it really will be great to welcome you all back into the school building and give you an opportunity to celebrate the successes of your children, with your children, in their work.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Celebrating Differences

Our Assembly Theme for next week is 'What Makes us Unique'.

As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush

Earnings

Just a reminder please that children MUST remove their earrings before they do PE.

School staff are not allowed to do this, so if your child cannot remove their earrings themselves, it is important that you remove them for them when they have PE.

Please also remember that earrings should be studs and not dangly.

Goodbye Mr Folkard

Very sadly we say goodbye today to Mr Folkard who is leaving us for pastures new.



Mr Folkard has worked tirelessly on behalf of the school and as well as supporting and impacting on the learning of numerous children over the years, has also been very heavily involved in our Forest School development and work and our School Council, working with them and the school on our Rights Respecting School's work.

We wish Mr Folkard the very best.

Year 1 PE Days

From next week, Year 1 PE days will be as follows.

Eagles: Monday and Thursday

Circus: Tuesday and Thursday

Roses: Tuesday and Thursday

Term Dates

Last day of Autumn Term—Friday 17th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th November and each Tuesday. 'Tuesday Trot' Wednesday 17th November. Parents Open Evening @ AF & T. 5.00p.m.—6.30p.m.

Thursday 18th November. EYFS Parents Workshop—'Helping your child to Read'. 9.00a.m. AF Hall.

Thursday 18th November. Year 4 Parents Information Meeting for Year 4 Danbury Residential. 5.30p.m. @ AF (This is the meeting that was rescheduled)

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

Friday 26th November. Non Uniform Day in Support of PTA Christmas Market.

Friday 3rd December—Unite the Uniforms—School Non Uniform Day (Red, Blue, Green, Orange) £1

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

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Colchester Walks

This week's walk is 'Town to Sea' and there are specific walk instructions on the school's website—as well as the map.



Flu Immunisations for pupils at our school take place at both sites on Thursday 25th November. Your child should have bought home yesterday a permission form for you to complete if you would like your child to be immunised with the flu nasal spray. **Permissions forms will need to be completed and returned to either school office by the very latest Wednesday 24th November.** Please note there will be no online system available to give permission for the immunisation, paper copies only.

Please remember that orders for PTA Christmas Cards need to be handed in to either School Office by Friday 19th November.



Awards

STAR—Olivia (MM), JUMBO—Antonio (RREX) CHAR-IOT—Oscar (MLM)

EAGLES—Connor (MM) CIRCUS—Jesse (RREX) ROSES—Daisy (MM)

MERCURY—Olivia-Kay (RREX), CLAUDIUS—Alice (MM) ROMANS—Ayesha (MM)

DUTCH—Amber (MM), ICENI—Dylan (MM) PAX-MAN—Chineye (MM)

CASTLE—Macie (MM), CAVALIER—Whole Class (RREX), GARRISON—Kai (MM)

OYSTERS—Sofia (MM), MAGNETS—Riley-Jae (MM), RAEDWALD—Riley (MM)

CYMBELINE—Charlie (MM), TRINOVANTES—Kiera (MLM) LATHES—Brandon (RREX)

ATTENDANCE—Trinovantes

Curriculum Letters/Learning Dispositions/SOLO & Reading

You will have received this week four very large pieces of paper. This is our new approach, with the hope that you will see these as posters and display them prominently somewhere in your kitchen to help support you in supporting your children's learning.

The curriculum letter details everything that class teachers will be teaching this term. When your child now says that they didn't do anything at school today please refer to the Curriculum Letter as a prompt in that I'm sure they must have learnt something.

Our Learning Dispositions link to all the children's learning as do our rewards. No more wondering what MLM means after a child's name—Making Links Mollie.

SOLO Taxonomy is another learning tool we use with the children and this poster explains what it is.

The Reading Poster talks about the school's expectations for reading, all children are expected to read to an adult 5x a week. It also talks about phonics, Book Bingo, DEAR Time and Shared Reading.

We very much hope that you found these helpful, if a little large! However, as I said, they are intended as posters to act as an aide memoire for both yourself and your children.

Trail map

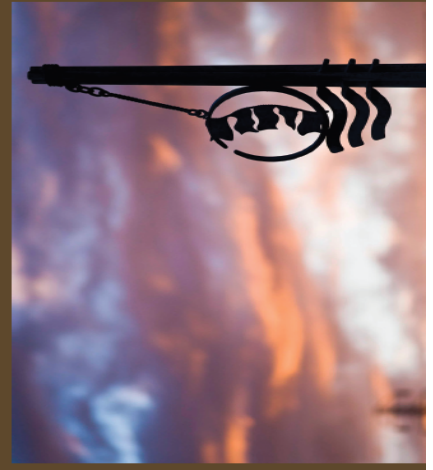
2 miles / 3.2 km

This unique art trail, designed for walkers and cyclists, follows the tidal River Colne through some of the lesser known areas of Colchester.

Unravel the poem in this leaflet and find the fourteen, hand-forged artworks along the route to gain insight into the area's history and wildlife.

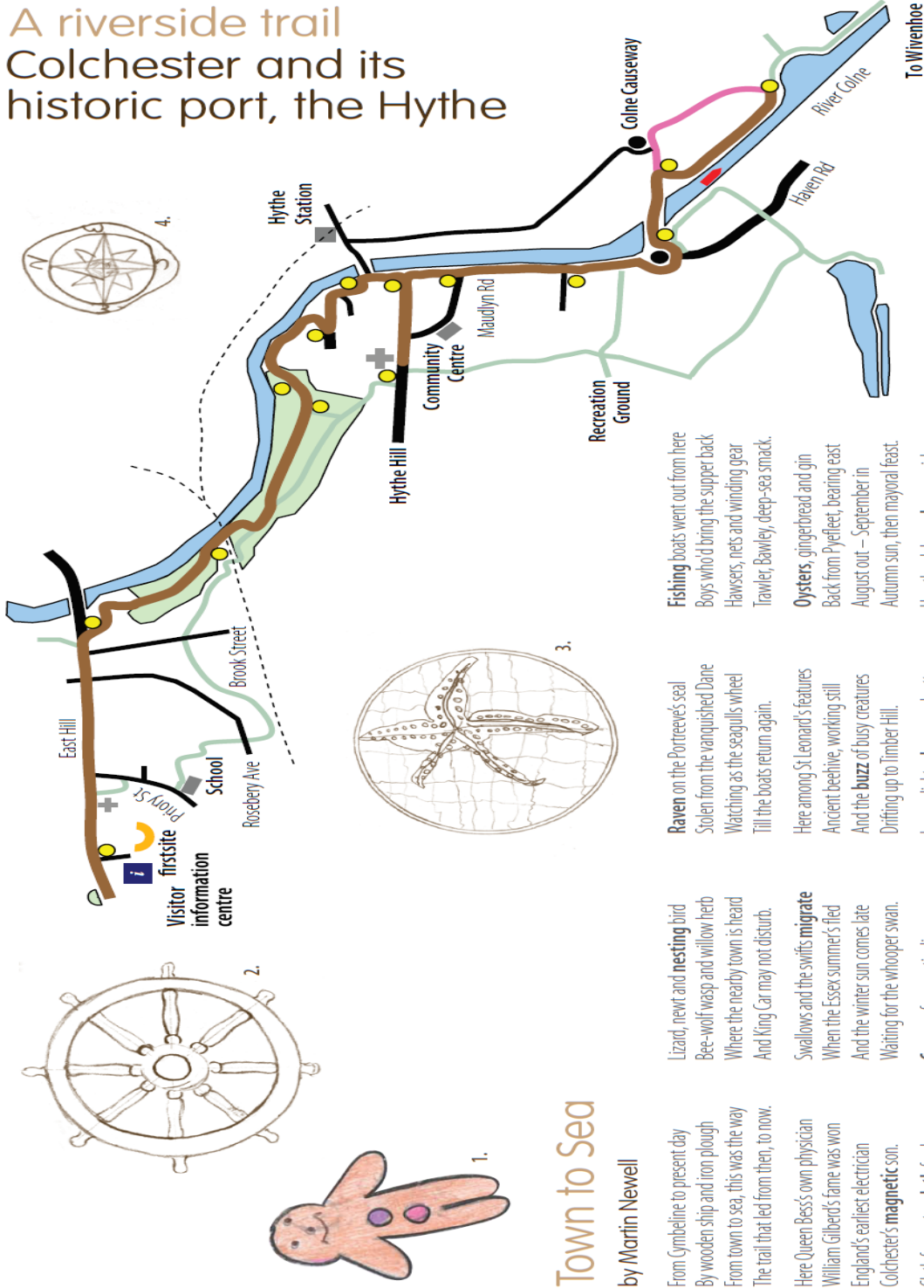
Artists Andrew Rowe, David Mackie, Heather Parnell and Becky Adams worked with the local community to create the stunning imagery which Wivenhoe based poet, Martin Newell, has taken as the inspiration for the trail's poem. Start or finish at firstsite, or extend your journey to the charming port of Wivenhoe and why not stop at a café or pub for refreshment?

www.visitcolchester.com



A riverside trail

Colchester and its historic port, the Hythe



Town to Sea

by Martin Newell

From Cymbeline to present day
By wooden ship and iron plough
From town to sea, this was the way
The trail that led from then, to now.

Here Queen Bess's own physician
William Gilbert's fame was won
England's earliest electrician
Colchester's **magnetic** son.

Cloth for master, **cloth** for dame
Flemish Weavers passed this way
Wove the borough wealth and fame
Gave the town its bay and soy.

Rails run towards the wharf
Where the rusty river curled
Lathes and **diesel**, oil and swarf
Engineering for the world.

Lizard, newt and **nesting** bird
Bee-wolf wasp and willow herb
Where the nearby town is heard
And King Car may not disturb.

Swallows and the swifts **migrate**
When the Essex summer's fled
And the winter sun comes late
Waiting for the whooper swan.

Cargoes from exotic climes
Wafted on the summer winds
Lemons, oranges and limes
Cinnamon and tamarinds.

Boats built by the river bank
Since the distant dawn of sail
Keel, keelson, rib and plank
Rudder, rivet, cleat and rail.

Raven on the Portreeve's seal
Stolen from the vanquished Dane
Watching as the seagulls wheel
Till the boats return again.

Here among St Leonard's features
Ancient beehive, working still
And the **buzz** of busy creatures
Drifting up to Timber Hill.

Lugger, lighter, **barge** and cutter
Graced this quayside with their load
Schooners bringing fruit and butter
Ghosts that gaze at Maudlyn Road.

Export cargoes hoist by crane
Boots and shoes and tuns of ale
Sacks of feed and Essex grain
Waiting for the ship to sail.

Fishing boats went out from here
Boys who'd bring the supper back
Hawfers, nets and winding gear
Trawler, Bawley, deep-sea smack.

Oysters, gingerbread and gin
Back from Pyefleet, bearing east
August out – September in
Autumn sun, then mayoral feast.

Here the globe **exchanges** riches
Electronics, education
Take the place of fish and fitches
Nation trades with other nation.

Underneath this eastern sky
Went the weaver and his pack
Sailing ships and seagulls' cry
Sea to town the trail leads back.