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Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break and wishing you the very best for 2020.

Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations. - Catherine Pulsifer



Year 4 Swimming

Please remember that swimming starts next week for children in Year 4.

Classes Castle and Cavalier will be swimming on Tuesdays and class Garrison will be swimming on Fridays.

Could parents please ensure that you provide your child with a towel and one-piece swimming costume (Girls) and trunks (Boys) in a waterproof bag (boys must wear swimming trunks and not swimming shorts. Swimming shorts increase the amount of drag in the water and are not as hygienic as swimming trunks).

Children must not wear swimwear to school under their uniform. Swimwear should be with their towel in their bag and all children should change at the pool. It is not hygienic for children to be wearing their swimwear, walking to the pools, going to the toilet during the morning and then swimming in them.

Children with long hair—both boys/girls—MUST wear a swimming hat.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Alexander R (MLM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - George T (MM)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Thomas E (MM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Jack S (MLM)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Harrison M (MM)
Year 4 (Castle) - Shanel C (RREX)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Steven P (RREX)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Ethen B (MM)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Mia H (RROX)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Safia S (MLM)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Yusuf A (RREX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Ela G (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Myles C (MM)
Year 2 (Romans) - Florence B (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Ariana M (MM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Samaa A (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Penny J (RREX) & Oscar P (RROX)
Foundation (Chariot) - Lillie B (CC)
Foundation (Star) - Olivia H (MLM)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Amelia M (MM)
Attendance - Romans

Assembly Theme:

Keep trying even when it's difficult.

Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Curriculum

We have redesigned our curriculum and have implemented this for the start of this term.

Our curriculum is now driven by key concepts in each Assessment Period. These, in effect, form a central spine that runs through every year group in the school and these drivers, which include both our Jigsaw (approach to PSHE) and Rights Respecting School Articles, mean that everyone is asking the same question but at a curriculum level that is both suitable and applicable to them.

Key Concepts

AP1 - Identity, Community and Diversity.
AP2 - Democracy, Education, Aspirations and Responsibility.

AP3 - Dignity, Equality, Health and Enterprise.

For each Assessment Period (AP) we ask a 'BIG' question.

AP1 - Where are my Roots?

AP2 - Who is Responsible for the World?

AP3 - How do we make Good Decisions?

Each Assessment Period is broken down into two parts. The first part (10 weeks) gives the skills for the project. The second part (2 weeks) allows children to link their learning together - it enables children to create, predict, reflect, imagine, evaluate and generalise or in other words it empowers them to have a 'Mastery' of their learning. This is the 'Extended Abstract' element of SOLO where the children apply their learning in different contexts

More details about our curriculum are on the school website in 'Curriculum Information' and then 'Our Curriculum'.

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

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Diary Dates

Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term.

Tuesday 14th January—Year 4 Swimming classes Castle and Cavalier.

Friday 17th January—Year 4 Swimming class Garrison

Monday 20th January. Closing date for Christmas Quiz.

Tuesday 28th January. Year 2 Residential, Skreens Park. Parent Information Meeting. 5.30p.m. @ AF.

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

Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2020

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. Please enquire at the school office at Town Site and Abbey Field Site.

There are restricted numbers on all clubs. Places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary!

All clubs start week beginning Monday 13th January (unless stated):

DAY AND YEAR GROUP	CLUB
MONDAY – TOWN YEARS 2/3/4	DANCE CLUB – Louise Walmsley 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. PAYABLE
MONDAY – AF RECEPTION	SINGING STARS (Learning through play the musical way – Mini Vibes) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. PAYABLE (Waiting List available)
TUESDAY – AF YEAR 1	MULTI SKILLS – COLCHESTER UNITED 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE THROUGH SIMSPAY Waiting List available (please see school office)
TUESDAY – TOWN YEAR 2	TENNIS (Ashley Ford) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. – PAYABLE
WEDNESDAY – TOWN YEAR 3	SPANISH (KIDSLINGO) (Places available) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. – PAYABLE
WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 5/6	FOOTBALL CLUB (EPC Football Coaching) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. (selected children) - FREE
WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 5/6	YOGA CLUB (Mrs. Mishra) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. FREE – Places available
THURSDAY – TOWN YEAR 2	MULTI-SKILLS CLUB – Colchester United Football in the Community – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - PAYABLE
THURSDAY – AF RECEPTION + YR 1	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE – Places available
THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1	SPANISH (KIDSLINGO) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE – Places available
FRIDAY – AF YEARS 5/6	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE – Places available
FRIDAY – AF YEAR 1 (starts Friday 10/01/2020)	TENNIS CLUB – Ashley Ford 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE FULL – Waiting List available

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS, CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT TOWN SITE AND FROM THE RECEPTION AREA AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT ABBEYFIELD SITE.

Leave of Absence

It is inevitable that at this time of year our thoughts invariably turn to a holiday and warmer climates.

Please remember that the school can only authorise Leave of Absence requests if your child's attendance is 97% or above in the 14 weeks preceding the request. In other words, if you're thinking about a holiday, please make sure your child/ren are in school every day.

And Finally,

The month of January is named after the Roman god Janus. Janus was a two-faced god of Roman mythology who kept the gate of Heaven. He was the god of beginnings and ends, and so of gates, doors, doorways and passages. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. The Romans named the month of January (Ianuarius) in his honor. In January, we look back on the last year and forward to the next.

Have a Great Weekend

Simon Billings



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