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We are all
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Newsletter

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Barleylands

On Wednesday, our Year 2 children went to Barleylands Farm Park. Whilst they were there, they took part in a variety of activities. They made apple and blackberry crumble; which despite my best efforts yesterday afternoon I have still not sampled, the children were very possessive—quite rightly. They went on a very bumpy tractor ride. They met some farm animals and some of the children even got to feed some lambs which were only 3 weeks old. They also went to the museum and learnt how farming has developed over the years. An excellent day and a brilliant way to start their new theme—'What a Wonderful World.'



Text Messaging

We are in the process of setting up a text messaging system for parents. This sits directly on e-schools, which is the system we use for the school website and calendar. E-schools also links to our management software, which means that as long as we have your correct primary contact details—mobile phone and e-mail address, we will be able to text/e-mail you directly.

The school has to purchase bundles of texts to enable us to use this service which we have done.

However, ever mindful of saving money, if parents download a free app then the cost of us sending you a text message is absolutely free.

This is a direct link to the app:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.eschools.eschools&hl=en_GB

Or

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/eschools/id824220621?mt=8>

We have asked a few parents to trial the downloading of the app, which is free and it is a bit of a faff, with various permissions being needed. However, it would be appreciated if you could take the time to do this as it will ultimately save us money.

Both the links are available on the school website via 'Parent Information' and then 'Text Messaging.'

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Anshrik Valmikam (RREX)
- Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Laia Hicks (MLM)
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Teegan Monks (MLM)
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Ruby Cornell (MM)
- Year 4 (Castle) - Benjamin Slapin (MM)
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Ella Hughes (CC)
- Year 4 (Garrison) - Kitty McNally (MM)
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Freya Hunt (RREX)
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Beanie Uren (MM)
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Harry Breeze-Robbins (CC)
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Leah-Marie Totman (MM)
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Tommy Randall (MM)
- Year 2 (Romans) - Anna Hearn (RROX)
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Charlie Grey (MM)
- Year 1 (Circus) - Tabitha Norton (RROX)
- Year 1 (Roses) - Mia Ross (MM)
- Foundation (Chariot) - Oliver Knowler (RREX)
- Foundation (Star) - Thomas Bull (MM)
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Holly Holliday (RROX)
- Attendance - Claudius

Mrs Hancock (Nee Miss Gammons)

Congratulations to Mrs Hancock and her husband Stuart who got married over the Easter Break.

A few of our older children also attended the service and sang their hearts out to congratulate the newly married couple.

As a married man myself, my best advice for Stuart is as follows...

Two things are necessary to keep a wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it.



Danbury 2019

There is but a matter of days before we take our Year 4 children to Danbury.

Just as reminder for Year 4 parents the 'Final Information Letter' and 'Packing List' are on the school website in 'Parent Information' and 'Danbury.'

Colchester United

Just a reminder (as if you needed reminding) that this Saturday is Colchester United's last home game of the season against MK Dons. To have any chance of getting into the play offs and joining Ipswich in League One—Colchester really need to win. Hope springs eternal!

Parents of children in the Foundation Stage, please check your children's bags for Forest School information as these sessions start on Monday.



Library March

Everyone is aware Essex County Council are reviewing the position of all libraries and several of our local libraries are under threat of closure. SOLE (Save Our Libraries Essex) is a non-political party organisation (with many members who work in the education system) opposing this.

In order to highlight the fact that almost a quarter of all library users are under the age of 18, Colchester SOLE, along with other towns on the same day, are organising a "Young People March for Libraries" on the same day.

Saturday, 27th April, 2.30pm assemble at Colchester Central Library, Trinity Square.

March to Castle Park (if dry) or Firstsite (if wet).

Music, cakes, songs and fun.

If you want to: bring along your favourite book or dress as a book character.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR LIBRARIES
27 APRIL
2.30PM

Assemble at Colchester Library at 2.30pm then march followed by a rally, and we plan to include music, songs, speeches, and cake.

SAVE OUR LIBRARIES ESSEX

St Helena 500 Word Competition

You will, I'm sure, remember the St Helena 500 Word competition that was run at the same time as the BBC Radio 2 one.

I'm delighted to inform you that Charlotte Anderson from Year 5 was awarded 3rd place for her excellent story and went to St Helena yesterday afternoon to receive her award.

Really well done to Charlotte—fantastic.



Sims—Update to Sims

As of 1st May 2019, there will be a change to how debit and credit card payments you make to us via Sims Agora will appear on our payment pages and on your bank statements. From the 1st May these will appear on cardholder bank statements as "PAY360*school name"

And Finally,

Tune into your TV this Sunday morning and if you're quick enough (because they run very fast) you might just catch a glimpse of Mrs Bourne and Mrs King who are running the London Marathon alongside Mo Farra—Hopefully he'll be able to keep up with them. Good luck to them both and also to any parents who are also running.

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings