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## Newsletter

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### Term Dates

Summer Term: Monday 12th April—Friday 16th July 2021

Autumn Term Starts—Thursday 2nd September 2021



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Hancock and her husband Stuart. On Tuesday 2nd

June at 5.12a.m., Rupert Hancock was born weighing in at 8lbs and 11oz.

According to Mrs Hancock, they are settling well into family life and will hopefully pop in at some point before the end of term to show him off—quite rightly too.

"Many believe that parenting is about controlling children's behavior and training them to act like adults. I believe that parenting is about controlling my own behavior and acting like an adult, myself. Children learn what they live."  
LRKnot

### Patience is a Virtue

The ability to wait patiently for something does not necessarily come easily. Our instincts often want or expect things to happen immediately because we have asked for something or ordered something. We often find it difficult to take a step back.

Children in particular find this difficult. On Tuesday night, my 13 year old son returned home from squash training. His first comment to me was 'Can you download this app for me?' I politely bade him good evening and said I'd have a look at the app in a bit and make a decision as to whether he could have it on his phone. But he wanted it now—there and then! Thus ensued a conversation in which he wanted something immediately—which I was not prepared to give.

My son knows that patience is a virtue and also knows that we won't download things onto his phone until we have looked at them—but in the mind of a 13 year old—that will never be good enough.

However, the way we react to situations as adults, will directly impact and influence our children. They imitate and mimic their role models—us.

We all want the best for our children but if we do not show patience when sitting in traffic, crossing the road, taking our turn etc—then having expectations for our children to behave in a way that we haven't is unrealistic. Sometimes as parents we have to look closer to home for why our children may behave in a certain way.

Nobody ever said that parenting would be easy, but we can make it easier on ourselves by demonstrating to them in our own actions the way we want them to behave.

## School Crossing Patrol Officer - Vacancies

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team. We currently have vacancies open across Essex including:

**St John's Green Primary School, Colchester**

To apply visit [www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com), or call the Resourcing Team on 0333 013 5888.



## INSPIRED TO DO MORE



### School Day

As a school, the pandemic has forced us to do things differently. We have evaluated the provision we provide for our children and looked at those elements we want to keep and also those elements we feel we need to change.

Children coming straight into school for example, we feel, has made a significant difference. The children are much calmer as they enter the school and the smoothness of the transition from the playground to the school building is now almost seamless and helps create a really positive start to the day.

School timings, we feel, need to change slightly. Parents, particularly at T have a longer wait at the end of the day for their children, which we think we can mitigate better.

The school's proposal then, going forward from September, is to amend the school day timings as below:

### AF

EYFS: 8.40a.m.—3.00p.m.

Year 1: 8.40a.m.—3.00p.m.

Year 5/6: 8.40a.m.—3.05p.m.

### T

Year 2/3/4: 8.50a.m.—3.15p.m.

Just as we currently do, the doors at AF will open at 8.30a.m. This means that in the morning, parents of children at both sites will, (if they chose to drop their children off at 8.30a.m.) have 20 minutes to walk their children down to the T site. The T site doors will open at 8.40a.m.

At the end of the school day, the school would continue to advocate that the older children (Year 5/6) should be able to walk from the AF site to the T site with friends as there is a significant amount of foot traffic from our school at the end of the day.

For the younger children finishing at 3.00p.m., Parents have 15 minutes to walk between the two sites which we feel is plenty of time. For parents of older children, there is 10 minutes walking time and teachers at AF will be sharp with their timings.

The slightly earlier start is mitigated by the slightly earlier finishes at both sites and the classroom teaching time remains longer for our KS2 children because they have less timetable breaks during the day than our younger KS1 children.

Should parents have any queries, please e-mail the school via the admin account.

### Awards

Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Ross (MLM)

Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Alexander (MLM)

Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Aden (RREX)

Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Luke (MM)

Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Shriyan (RREX)

Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Freya (MLM)

Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Jessie (MM)

Year 4 (Mr Rudge) - Jimmy (MM)

Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Maddison (MLM)

Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Bridie (MM)

Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Reggie (MM)

Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Ela (CC)

Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Oscar (RR)

Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Lydia (CC)

Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Tanveer (MLM)

Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Alfie (RROX)

Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Ivy (MM)

Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Jordan & Natalie (RREX)

EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Emma (MLM)

EYFS (Miss Cook) - Tre (MLM)

EYFS (Mrs Palmer) - Daniel (MLM)

HUB—Lucas (MM)

Attendance—Star & Castle

### Current Year 6 Kingswood (4/6/2021-9/6/2021)

Children going to Kingswood will all have been given three letters today—please unearth them from where ever they might have put them.

All are equally important but if I could draw your attention to the letter that talks about a final information meeting—this will be on Monday 21st June 5.00p.m at AF. All the information you need is in the letter.

### 21st June

At the moment, none of us knows what we can expect for the further easing of lockdown—although I suspect that with a rise in transmission of the Delta variant—current restrictions could remain in place.

Our advice to parents is to remain vigilant. Please respect social distancing in and around the school sites and remember that when entering the school building—face coverings must be worn.

Please also maintain washing your hands and good hygiene.

Finally, whilst we have currently removed the need for a one way system, please do respect bottle necks and wait patiently if people are passing—Patience is after all a virtue.

### A Headteacher's Diary

As painful as it is for me to write positive comments about my friend Alan Garnett, Headteacher of North Primary. Please could I draw your attention to his recent publication of being a Headteacher during a pandemic.

'A Headteacher's Diary—making it up as we go along' is available from Red Lion Books.

The direct link is here

<https://www.redlionbooks.co.uk/product/a-headteachers-diary/>

Please do not be put off by the photo—he's a lot older in real life—and greyer!

All proceeds from the sale of the book will go to North Primary School and Nursery, which whilst not as worthy as St John's Green—is none the less a worthy cause.

### Kingswood Residential (Current Year 5, Sunday 19th September—Friday 24th September)

A reminder please to our current Year 5 parents that payment for the residential in September should be made by Friday 11th June. **That's Today...just saying!**

"In the end, kids won't remember that fancy toy you bought them, they will remember the time you spent with them"



A HEADTEACHER'S DIARY  
MAKING IT UP AS WE GO ALONG  
THINKING TO GIVE A SCHOOL THROUGH A PANDEMIC



By ALAN GARNETT

# Class tote bags

Every class in the school has been busy getting creative with some cunning designs and selfportraits for a Tote bag. Each class design will be different. Price is £5 per bag, £4 for second and subsequent bags.

Your child should have received an order form during this week. If you would like to buy any, please fill in the form and return to the school or order with the PTA's on-line page.



Here are some sample pics, the tote bag will be similar



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Please place any orders by Friday 18th June

