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Social Distancing

As we approach the end of term and look forward to the (hopeful) removal of current restrictions in a couple of weeks time, it would be very easy to become blasé and less cautious in our approach to Social Distancing and the restrictions we are currently beholden to.

Please could I remind parents that despite the numerous sporting test events that we've been watching on TV (the Euro's and Wimbledon), the school and us as a general public are still very much governed by the rules.

This means that we would still have to ask a mini bubble to self isolate if we had a positive case in KS2 and the whole class in the cases of EYFS and KS1.

Whilst this will most likely change as we go into the Autumn Term it is as it is at the moment.

Many of you have plans firmly in place for the Summer including both trips to see family and holidays. For the sake of a few more weeks please could I urge you all to maintain social distancing when in and around the school site and also in your own leisure time. We seem to be so close to the end, the one thing I really don't want to have to do is to have to tell families/classes that they need to Self Isolate but the school is governed by the rules and obligations.



"SUMMER RAFFLE" - Friday 2nd July 2021

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Summer Raffle through donations and buying raffle tickets. The draw is taking place after school tonight and a list of the prizes will be posted on the St John's Green PTA Facebook page over the weekend.

Good Luck.

Mrs O'Shea

This Monday will be the last time we see Mrs O'Shea in person in the school as, on Tuesday, she flies back to Canada to be closer to her family.

Mrs O'Shea will still be appearing in class on a daily basis as soon as she's arrived in Canada but through Microsoft Teams. Mr Bates will be picking up the mantle for class Dutch until the end of term.

On behalf of the school, I want to wish Mrs O'Shea and her son the very best as they move to Canada and thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm on behalf of the school over the years—she will undoubtedly be very much missed.

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs O'Shea.



Full Governing Body Meeting—Tuesday 29th June.

For most of the country everything came to a standstill on Tuesday as people watched England take on Germany in the last 16 of the Euro's. Unfortunately, due to a time-tabling error, the school governors had their last FGB meeting of the term—it would be unfair to comment on whether everyone was fully focussed but for some governors, there was most definitely more attention being placed just to the left of their computer screen...

Mark Scaife, one of our Parent Governors was most definitely focussed...

This week we had the final Governing Body meeting for the school year. The meeting was opened by welcoming our new governor Manoj to the team. Manoj expressed his gratitude at being accepted as a governor and showed a lot of enthusiasm to get involved.

The head reported on the latest situation relating to Covid which demonstrated a very proactive and positive situation. At the time of the meeting, no class bubbles or teachers are isolating, which was great to hear. Clearly this has been an exceptional year and it was noted that pupils and staff (and parents) have been feeling the pressure.

The recovery curriculum has been very advantageous in bridging the gap caused by the lockdowns and teachers are beginning planning for the next school year.

Mrs Skinner provided a great summary of all the work that is happening to support the teachers to support the pupils learning including the 'Road to Writing' and 'Hammer the Grammar'. It was noted the computer curriculum is moving from Purple Mash to a new system.

Two of the Governors attended the school council meeting in June and they reported how impressed they were with the levels of engagement and thoughtfulness the pupils demonstrated in the group.

There was some healthy discussion regarding the proposed changes to the school day, which have now been confirmed by the FGB.

Tina Bourne reported back on the work that is going into support families and pupils.

It is pleasing to hear that the school residentials are starting to happen again. Risk assessments and planning will continue to ensure the safety of the pupils.

The superb work by the PTA continues. They have delivered a lot of great projects over the school year and are already planning big things for Christmas 2021. The school is lucky to have such an enthused group of parents and the governors thank the whole PTA committee for their commitment. The staff expressed gratitude for the cakes the PTA provided baked by Lizzie Harper.

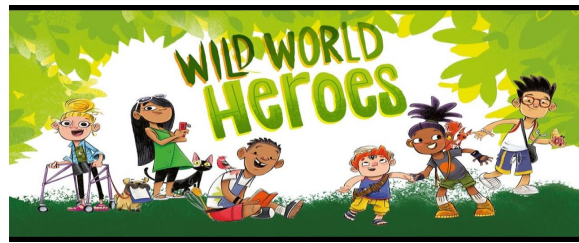
Summer Reading Challenge: Wild World Heroes

The Summer reading challenge starts again on Saturday 10th July and runs until Tuesday 31st August.

The theme this year is 'Wild World Heroes.'

libraries.essex.gov.uk

- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge - IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
 - Choose books to read over the holidays
 - Collect stickers for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!
 - Set your own summer reading goal
 - Rate and review your books to unlock badges
 - Play games and enter competitions
- Enter the codes printed on your stickers to unlock extra rewards
- Use the Book Sorter to find books recommended by other children



The final total collected for Cry in the Dark - non uniform 100 challenge day was £523.11
Thankyou.

PTA Uniform Exchange

On Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th July The PTA will be leaving a large box outside each School Office. If you have any unwanted school uniform that is surplus to requirements please could you pop it in the boxes and the PTA will take it to the Uniform Exchange as a donation from St John's Green.

Many thanks.

Awards

- Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Ava (RREX)
- Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Alexia (MM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Leland (RREX)
- Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Kiara (MM)
- Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Harvey (MM)
- Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Harrison (MLM)
- Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Mathilda & Alissa (MLM)
- Year 4 (Mr Rudge) - Yusuf (MM)
- Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Jacob (RROX)
- Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Ramone (CC)
- Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Whole Class (MM)
- Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Connor (MM)
- Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Holly (MLM)
- Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Leah (MM)
- Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Freddie (MM)
- Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Grace (MM)
- Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Jojo (RREX)
- Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Theo (MM)
- EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Skye (RREX)
- EYFS (Miss Cook) - Daniel (RREX)
- EYFS (Mrs Palmer) - Delphine (MM)
- HUB— Oliver (RROX)
- Attendance— Romans

Year Group Sports Days will take place next week. They are for children only I'm afraid.

End of Term Reports and class lists will come out on Wednesday 14th July



Saturday 10 July to Tuesday 31 August 2021

Join the Challenge in all Essex libraries!

Dear Mum, Dad, Carer and Teacher

Here's the best way to keep your children motivated to read through the summer holidays, keeping up those hard earned skills and having fun finding their next favourite author! All free at your library.

This year Essex Libraries and The Reading Agency are excited to team up with the World Wildlife Fund for Nature for a very special nature themed challenge which will inspire you all to stand up for Earth. The World Wild Heroes are coming to a library near you this summer.

Who are the Wild World Heroes?

The Wild World Heroes live in Wilderville, which is a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the children like Faiza, David, Willow, Callum, Marcus and Carys can do to make their town even better for the people and animals who live there.

How can children take part?

Wild World Heroes runs from Saturday 10 July to Tuesday 31 August in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries. Children read six books over the summer holiday, helping the Wilderville children make a difference to the environment. They have a map of Wilderville and collect rewards on the way. When they have read six books, they receive a medal and a certificate.

What books do children have to read?

Children can read any library books of their choice; fiction, fact or information books, picture books to share with you and family, jokes or poetry; anything they enjoy.

The main challenge is for children aged three to twelve but there is a mini challenge for the under threes.

It's free to join the library and free of charge to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Find a library near you: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/library-locations-and-opening-times/>



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