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Diary Dates

Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term.
Monday 20th January. Closing date for Christmas Quiz.
Tuesday 21st January—Year 4 Swimming classes Castle and Cavalier.
Friday 24th January—Year 4 Swimming class Garrison
Friday 24th January. My Rights in a Day.
Monday 27th January. Non Uniform Day for Team Priory (yellow) only.
Tuesday 28th January. Year 2 Residential, Skreens Park. Parent Information Meeting. 5.30p.m. @ AF.
Tuesday 4th February. 5.30p.m.—7.00p.m. Star Gazing night with Mr Bates @ AF.
Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February. Half Term.
Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April. Easter Holiday.
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Governors

Our Full Governing Body have met twice recently, once just before Christmas and again this Monday.

Elisa Vasquez Walters, one of our governors, has provided a summary of the two meetings for parents.

We were advised of a number of issues which will be of interest to parents, A recent break in at the Town Site which is always so hard to understand when people commit offences which ultimately will only negatively impact on children's education.

On a more positive note the school has purchased some acoustic panels so that we can make much better use of the upstairs hall space at the town site without impacting on the learning that is going on in the classrooms. These will be being fitted in the February Half Term.

The Governing body will be attending a training event on the 4.2.2020 on How to Become an Outstanding School. We know that with the good efforts of our children and the equally good efforts of all our staff this is something that we should be aiming for, because we are an excellent school!

The new term has brought some changes to how the curriculum is taught and we look forward to the feedback on this.

We would also like to say a BIG thank you to the PTA for running such a successful school fayre which many of you enjoyed. Please do continue to support them in all their activities.

Governors looked at the Key Facts documents which looks at how children are learning and progressing. Governors will be speaking with teachers over the next few weeks to find out how they are teaching and supporting children in progressing in their learning.

We also discussed how the new curriculum is embedding, the children and the teachers are responding well to this.

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

Assembly Theme:

Work well with a partner or in a group.

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.

The Big Question

Following on from last week's newsletter where I talked about the changes in our curriculum.

A reminder that this Assessment Period 'The Big Question' for everyone is:

'Who is Responsible for the World?'

Animal Things

Any parent up at AF yesterday morning will be aware that we had a four legged visitor roaming the playground in the guise of a stray dog that had gone wandering from its owner.

Many thanks to the parents who offered their support that morning.

As soon as the playground was calm, the dog settled down and the Dog Wardens arrived and took him to safety by about 9.45a.m.

Later that morning, the owner contacted the school and the school directed them to where the dog was being kept safe.

As a reminder to all our dog owners, please could you make sure if you are bringing your dogs to school when dropping off or collecting your children that they do not come onto the school site and that you tie them up away from the school gates.

We do have a number of children who are afraid of dogs and it is traumatic for them when they have to walk past dogs that are barking/straining at their leashes.

We also have a few smaller 4 legged friends at AF at the moment cunningly disguised as rats. Pest control have been out and we are working on eradicating these visitors. If you do see a sleeping rat, please could you resist the temptation to move/kick/etc it and let school staff know.

Many thanks

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Layla A (MM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Sadie C (MM)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Alisha N (RROX)
Year 5 (Magnets) - William GW (MM)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Ava A (RROX)
Year 4 (Castle) - Beau B (RROX)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Gracie M (RROX)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Maisie F (MLM)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Adyan A (MM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Smera A (MM)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Roman S (CC)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Kian C (MLM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Mabel B W (RROX)
Year 2 (Romans) - Ivy H (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Athira M (RREX)
Year 1 (Circus) - Kejda N (RREX)
Year 1 (Roses) - Maynee S (MLM)
Foundation (Chariot) - William B (MM)
Foundation (Star) - Ethan A (CC)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Lotta V (MLM)
Attendance - Oysters

Well done to Team Priory (yellow) who, with a massive total of 12967 points last term, emerged victorious to secure that coveted non-uniform day. This will be on Monday 27th January.

Final Points standings were:
Priory-12967
Temple -12637
Siege-10275
Abbey-9975
Colne-8542

School Nurses

A reminder that School Nurses should not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.



Tuesday 28th January @ 2pm to 3pm
Leisure World Colchester, Cowdray Avenue, Colchester

Football Team

The mighty Colchester United have got nothing on our illustrious football team who, under the leadership of Miss Pickard, headed off to Monkwick Junior School for their first league game this season.

Our new kit, very kindly sponsored by t16 design, who are an independent building consultancy and design specialist company based in Colchester, <https://www.t16design.com/> was given its first outing and the team looked sharp, poised and ready for anything! Sadly the anticipation and preparation wasn't quite enough and we lost the game. From ashes great things rise though—so until the next time. Really well done to the team—an excellent effort.



And Finally,

Rat Facts....

-Rats make happy "laughter" sounds when they play.

-Rats succumb to peer-pressure, just like humans. Brown rats are prone to disregard personal experiences in order to copy the behaviour of their peers.

The urge to conform is so strong that they will even choose to eat unpalatable food if they are in the company of other rats who are eating it.

-Although very curious animals, rats are also shy, and prefer to run away than confront a potential threat. Rats are extremely clean animals, spending several hours every day grooming themselves and their group members. They are less likely than cats or dogs to catch and transmit parasites and viruses.

-The rat is the first of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac. People born in this year are thought to possess characteristics which are associated with rats, namely: creativity, intelligence, honesty, ambition and generosity.

Have a Great Weekend

Simon Billings

