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Newsletter

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Practise Time/Story Time

We have changed the end of the day structure slightly to utilise the most of our 'Practise Time' sessions. Practise Time is now happening slightly earlier at both our AF and T sites. (AF—2.45p.m., T—3.00p.m.) This is where teachers and LSA's practise with the children, key skills either from their learning that day or something that needs to be reinforced.

This is then followed by 'Story/Reading Time' whereby the class teachers read to the children and continue to develop/embed a love of reading—utilising our Core Books.

Hopefully, your children may have mentioned it, although if the conversations with your children are anything like the ones we have at home with my children, then possibly not. Jessica, my daughter, who is Year 2, spent a good 10 minutes yesterday convincing my wife that she'd spent all day making 1654 fishes and had done nothing else all day. Did we believe her—No!

Security Cameras at Town

Just to make parents aware, we have had two security cameras installed at the front of the Town site.

Both of these cameras face the zig zag lines at the front of the school.

I am appreciative that parents have responded so positively to earlier newsletter comments about not stopping/parking on the zig zag lines at the front of the school during the times the restrictions are in place—which is at the start and end of the day.

Please also keep driving sensibly and slowly around the school sites. There are over 570 children coming in and out at the beginning and end of the school day and their safety and yours is paramount.

My thanks again.



Colchester Citizens Founding Assembly

Last week, Year 4 pupil Sahir gave a speech in front of 200 people at the Colchester Citizens Founding Assembly. He spoke positively about an issue that was important to him and how solving this had made a difference in his life. We are so proud of Sahir. Absolutely brilliant.



Assembly Theme for Next Week:

I try to keep myself and others safe.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 17:

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Sponsored Read

Many thanks to the parents who took part in the sponsored read as part of book week.

If parents could start handing their sponsor money into the school offices as soon as possible, that would be very much appreciated.

Year 2 Residential Skreens Park

Just a reminder that the final payment for our Year 2 residential of £25 is due by Friday 22 March.

Many thanks

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell



After our defeat last week, our intrepid footballers went off to North Primary School to demonstrate their sporting prowess. Miss Pickard and Mrs King's pre match pep talk clearly worked because we raced into a two goal lead. Unfortunately, we may have peaked too soon, because North came storming back. A brilliant game of football, which we narrowly lost—the final score 5–3 to North.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th March. Children's Evening. AF & T. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.

Thursday 28th March. Year 4 Danbury final information meeting for parents/children. 6.00p.m. @ Town.

Tuesday 3rd April. Year 4 Production to Parents. Town. 2.00p.m. Pre-school children/babies welcome.

Tuesday 3rd April & Wednesday 4th April. Year 4 Production to parents. No pre-school children or babies. 6.00p.m.

Thursday 4th April. PTA Coffee Morning. 9.15a.m. @ T

Thursday 4th April. Year 3 trip to V&A Museum

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 30th April—Friday 3rd May. Year 4 Danbury Residential.

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May. Year 6 KS2 SATS.

WC 24/6/19—Year 2 to Skreens Park

Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 4th September. First Day of Autumn Term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

School Funding

Please look out for a letter that will be coming out early next week about school funding and asking for parents to sign a petition.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Ruby Williams (RREX)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Stacy Kang (RREX)
Year 5 (Oysters) — Cameron Harris (RREX)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Bertie Westover (MLM)
Year 4 (Castle) - Henry Thornley (RREX)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Dominic Nowak (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Mackenzie O'Shea (RREX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Jasmine Wilson (RREX)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Danny Scotting & Reece Walker (CC)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Abigail Allen (RROX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Tallulah Taylor (MLM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Samuel Akintola (RROX)
Year 2 (Romans) - Chloe Adams (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Samuel Cantwell (MLM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Nikola Mihai (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Leonard Doyle (MLM)
Foundation (Chariot) - Ya-Yau Tia Yeung (CC)
Foundation (Star) - Victor Widlarz (RR)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Eva Rogerson (MM)
Attendance — Chariot

Swimming Payments: Just a reminder that final payments for Year 4 are now due please.

Head Lice



Please could I ask all parents to have a route through their children's hair over the weekend in a search for head lice.

We have had several instances recently, especially in Year 3/4 where they have taken up temporary residence.

There is I'm afraid no simple solution for this other than regularly checking hair—and if you see your child scratching—diving in.

According to the NHS the first point of action should be Wet Combing

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

wash hair with ordinary shampoo

apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)

comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Please do check your children's hair, it's really important that all parents get involved. Up to 12 million children get head lice every year and we have had them in our house several times!



Resilience Rex (Keep going even when it's hard; never give up)

Adversity is a fact of life. Resilience is that ineffable quality that allows people to be knocked down by life and come back at least as strong as before. Rather than letting difficulties or failure overcome them and drain their resolve.

Psychologists have identified some of the factors that make a person resilient, among them a positive attitude, optimism, the ability to regulate emotions, and the ability to see failure as a form of helpful feedback.

At school we use the acronym FAIL—First Attempt In Learning. If you fail, don't give up—because the end is not the END. In fact 'END' means Effort Never Dies. This can followed in the children's learning by NO, which is not that the answer is not right but the Next Opportunity.

Resilience is a really important life skill—which is why it is an integral part of our Learning Dispositions.

To not give up, to keep trying and to constantly do our best are key factors that will help our children succeed.

And Finally,

Mrs Bullivant is brilliant as a SENCo and has many, many strengths. All things computers is not one of them! Last week she sat looking at her new Surface Tablet and eventually asked how to turn it on. She was told that it was voice activated and you had to shout at it very loudly, 'Turn On.' Just as Mrs Bullivant was preparing herself for her first conversation with the computer, Mrs Simmons came in and spoil the effect by telling Mrs Bullivant, that you just had to press this button!

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings