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Staffing Update

At this time of year, rumours tend to start abounding about staff at the school, so rather than allow the guessing games to continue, I thought a quick update might be appreciated.

Mrs Kibbler will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She is moving with her husband back up to the North to be closer to her family.

Mrs O'Shea is also leaving us this academic year. Mrs O'Shea is moving back to Canada—the commute was apparently a touch too far. Mrs O'Shea's last day in school will be Friday 2nd July. However, she will still be interacting and teaching with her class for the final two weeks of term—only she will do this be Microsoft Teams.

I'm delighted to say that Mr Bates, who has been off work since January, having suffered with Long Covid will be returning to work on Monday. All staff are required to complete a phased return when they have been absent for a significant period of time. Mr Bates will be working alongside Mrs O'Shea for the next two weeks and then, when Mrs O'Shea leaves to go to Canada—Mr Bates will take over her class for the rest of the term.

Our Year 1 provision will then stay as it is for the rest of this term with Miss Roberts continuing to teach class Eagles. As they start their transition sessions to the Town site—Mr Bates' old class will have an opportunity to see him.

Finally and more sadly. Many of you will be aware that Mr Skinner, our Site Assistant at the Town site, has not been at work for some time and his duties are being covered by Mr Kelly. Mr Skinner was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer at the start of the year and is currently under going treatment. I know many of you enjoyed morning conversations with Mr Skinner and if you do want to send him a card or well wishes, please just drop anything into the Town Office and we will make sure that they are passed on. I will of course keep you informed of Mr Skinner's progress as we wish him the best for getting well.

We have appointed a full complement of staff to cover those that are leaving us and I will let parents know which teachers will be in which year groups in the next couple of weeks.

Awards

- Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Whole Class (MM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Riley (MM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Ava (MM)
- Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Kiara (MM)
- Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Dmitri (RROX) & Gideon (MLM)
- Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Lilly-Sue (MM)
- Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Bae & Freddie (MLM)
- Year 4 (Mr Rudge) - Alexi (CC)
- Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Mollie (CC)
- Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Charlie (RROX)
- Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Millie (RROX)
- Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Nikola (CC)
- Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Nolan (RROX)
- Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Victor (MM)
- Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Kiara (MM)
- Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Lotta (MM)
- Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Daisy (RROX)
- Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Lilly (RROX)
- EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Owen (MM)
- EYFS (Miss Cook) - Aria (MLM)
- EYFS (Mrs Palmer) - Scarlett (MLM)
- HUB— Oliver (RROX)
- Attendance— Garrison & Trinovantes

100 Challenge Day—Non Uniform Day Next Friday 25th June (Apart from Year 6)

Over the past three years, we, as a school have supported Cry in the Dark's shoebox appeal, a charity that works with children in Romania with life-limiting illnesses and ensures they receive the rights every child deserves (UNCRC). Due to the pandemic, we were unable to support them in the same way this year so instead we are taking on '100 Challenge' day!

Inspired by Captain Tom's 100 fundraising laps last year, on Friday 25th of June the whole school will be undertaking a variety of '100 challenges'. From 100 paper airplanes to listening to music from every decade of the last 100 years! Every class will have the opportunity to test their skills in a range of activities.

The day will also be a non-uniform day and we ask that the children bring in £1 to donate to Cry in the Dark.

Year 6 Your 100 Challenge Non Uniform Day will be Thursday 24th June.

Please remember (current Year 5 Kingswood) and (current Year 4 Danbury) that payments for these residential are now due or in the case of Kingswood—OWING!

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, or call the Resourcing Team on 0333 013 5888.

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

Please remember the information meeting this Monday (21st) at 5.00p.m. at AF. This meeting will furnish you with the final bits of information you need for the residential.

The meeting will be on the playground—so keep your fingers crossed it's not raining. Please enter the playground via the school car park—but please do not park in the school car park as people will be walking through it.

Year 6 Leavers Photographs

Next Friday (25th) July, Happy Days Photography are coming in to take photos of the Year 6 children for their Leavers Book. This is the only time Happy Days are able to come in this term so please try and ensure that your Year 6 child is in school and looking as 'sharp' as they can.

Class Lathes—who do have PE that day, please just bring in a pair of trainers—but you MUST wear your school uniform for the photographs.

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



st-johns-green-pta.square.site

Please place any orders by Friday 18th June



"SUMMER RAFFLE - Friday 2nd July 2021

Thank you for supporting the PTA during this past year. We know it has been a difficult year for all of us! Unfortunately, we will not be holding a Summer Fair this year but we do want to continue to do some fund raising during the Summer Term. We will, therefore, be holding a Summer Raffle and the draw will take place on Friday 2nd July at school.

Your child should have bought home last week two sheets of raffle tickets for you to buy or sell! Details for payment are on the letter attached to the raffle tickets.

Donations to the raffle will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for individual items for Summer Hampers such as toiletries/ food/drink (e.g. new toiletries/picnic food items/bottles of Pimms/wine etc) and also games for the garden/beach (e.g. cricket/tennis sets etc). If you do know of any local businesses who would like to support our fund raising, we are happy to receive any items or vouchers and in return we can advertise by adding business names to the PTA Facebook page. Please hand any raffle donations to either school office by Friday 25th June 2021.

Deadline for orders is Monday 21st June at 3.30 p.m. at both sites. Please place orders either through st-johns-green-pta.square.site or by handing in order form at either site with the correct cash.