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Half Term

Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the Summer Term starts on Monday 7th June.

It's a Mask Thing



With the recent relaxing of some of the national restrictions with regards to Corona-virus, the school is also relaxing some of its protocols.

From after Half Term, parents will no longer be required to wear masks when coming onto the school site. Should parents/staff wish to carry on wearing masks when on the playground then that is their absolute right and will be respected.

Parents MUST still wear masks when coming into the school building.

Please remember, especially at the end of the day when collecting your children (as this is the main time when parents tend to talk and congregate) to maintain social distancing.

The one way system at the two sites will no longer be maintained, which means parents are free to choose whichever entry/exit points they prefer. Please though be respectful of each other with regards to pinch points.

Children WILL still be coming straight into school as soon as they arrive on the school site.

Current Year 6 Kingswood July 2021

A final reminder to our Year 6 Parents that we cannot book your child's place on the Year 6 residential in July unless payment has been made in full by Friday 4th June. Please can parents make sure that payment is made to secure your child's place. **We cannot book your child's place without full payment.**

Awards

Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Logan (CC)
Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - John (CC)
Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Arianna (RROX)
Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Francesco & Ezra (MLM)
Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Annie (MM)
Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Demi (RREX)
Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Millie (MLM)
Year 4 (Mr Rudge) - Maddie (MM)
Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Alan (CC)
Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Amber (RROX)
Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Ali (RROX)
Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Viktoria (MM)
Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Joe (MLM)
Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Aiden (RREX)
Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Ollie (MM)
Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Zack (RREX)
Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Charlotte (RROX)
Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Ethan (MM)
EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Sienna (CC)
EYFS (Miss Cook) - Sidney (CC)
EYFS (Mrs Palmer) - Kane (MLM)
HUB - Lucas (RROX)
Attendance - Trinovantes

School Meal Arrears

The school often finds itself between a rock and a hard place when it comes to school meals. You wouldn't expect to go to a restaurant or McDonalds and just walk out without paying for the food. Yet we often find that when it comes to meals for their children at school, parents are often remiss when it comes to paying or dare I say in some cases—just don't pay at all.

At the moment, the school office are having to spend a considerable amount of time chasing parents for school meal payments.

I do not ever want to be in the situation where we have to deny a child lunch because a parent has made the decision to repeatedly not pay for school meals—but at the same time, the school budget cannot sustain non payment for school meals. Nor is it right or fair.

Please could I remind parents that school meals should be paid for in advance.

Going forward if parents do not keep up to date with payments for school meals then the school will have to take the decision to not provide a meal for that child—which will mean that parents will have to bring a packed lunch into school for their child until the debt is settled.

Year 6 parents, in particular, please be mindful of the above as we cannot have children leaving us where there is still a parental debt against the child's name.

Many thanks.

Near Miss

We had a near miss this morning before the start of school when a car had to perform an emergency stop to avoid hitting a child. Fortunately this was a near miss and the child was unharmed. A number of weeks ago we had a parent drive into the back of another car. Both of these events were avoidable and I worry that it is only a matter of time before someone gets killed. I must impress upon parents that when driving—drive with full care and attention and do not speed—a child's life is not worth it. I would also ask parents to remind their children that they are walking—that you stop at roads and check before you cross—you do not cross in the hope that cars will stop. This must work both ways.

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Term Dates

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

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term—Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021

Autumn Term Starts—Thursday 2nd September 2021

School Crossing Patrol

You will, I'm sure, remember that the school partitioned Essex CC for a crossing patrol on at the crossing on Circular Road North.

Essex County Council have advised us that this crossing meets the criteria for a crossing patrol and they have started the process of trying to recruit for this site.

This is, of course, excellent news as far as the school and our children are concerned.

If any parent is interested or knows of anyone who is interested in this position, please see the advert and contact details as below.

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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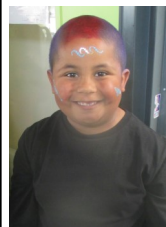


PTA—Break the School Uniform Rules £1.00

The school and the hair styles were certainly very colourful today as our children and some staff—really embraced the PTA's Break the Rules—Non Uniform Day.

The total is currently £442 but there are a few £1.00's outstanding from parents who remember the non uniform bit—but not the £1.00 bit!

Thank you to all our parents for your creative efforts this morning.



PTA Tote Bag

Every class in the school has been busy getting creative this last week with some cunning designs and self portraits for a Tote bag. Price is £5 per bag, however if additional bags are required (for siblings, etc) the price is £4 for second and subsequent bags.

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.

There is quite a lot outstanding as far as this year group is concerned, which bearing in mind everything is not surprising. However, if parents could please now up the ante as far as these payments are concerned it would be appreciated.

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

