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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to everyone and the start of this academic year. It is brilliant to see you all again—most especially the children and also, to welcome to the school, our new EYFS children.

Our newest children have all survived their induction this week, as have I hope their parents, and next week, the harsh reality that you have to go to school every day sinks in.

I fully appreciate that for all parents getting back into the routine is no easy thing, so if you do have any questions, please ask the staff that are always around at the beginning and end of the day. You are, of course, very welcome to ask me and I'll find someone who knows the answer.

Full Governing Body Meeting 4/9/24

The Governing Body met for their first meeting of the academic year on the 4/9/24. Lee Brooker, who many parents will know from the school playground, was appointed our Chair for the year ahead.

We started with a really good discussion about the School Development plan and the School Development Priorities. The governor's agreed the priorities and I'm pleased to report that there is a strong emphasis on both positive mental health and on celebrating the school's diversity, this includes staff training in these important areas, we look forward to monitoring this work in the year ahead.

Mr Billings was very excited to remind us that in excess of 75 children are currently looking forward to their trip to Kingswood. This is something that the school has organised for many years and we also look forward to hearing about how the children love this experience and how much the gain from it. I have a 28 year old and a 30 year old and they still remember how much they loved Kingswood!

The One Square Mile exhibition has now moved from the school and into The Minories (74 High Street, Colchester) and will be there from the 12th September until the 6th October. More information can be found here:

<https://www.theminories.org/event/one-square-mile>

Lastly, we said goodbye to Mark Scaife whose term as a governor has ended. We will miss him but he can still be found running laps at our local Parkrun! We do have 2 vacancies for the governing body and we would welcome applications, particularly from people with a finance background. Please speak to Mr Billings if this might be of interest to you or somebody you know from the wider community.

Welcome back to school everybody!

Elisa Vasquez-Walters



The Mighty Colchester United

I feel that it's important to mention that the mighty Colchester United are currently mid table with a massive 4 points.

These are exceptional heights for Colchester, so it is important that we make the most of these dizzy heights.

They are at home this weekend and I will be there—and the last time I went and wore my new top they won. So I should probably very much thank the parents/children that bought it for me. That said though, I then had to buy my son one—so I was actually out of pocket!

Assembly Theme for WB: 9/9/2024—Our Rights—Rights are for ALL children. Rights are there at BIRTH. Rights CANNOT be taken away. Rights DO NOT have to be earned. All rights are EQUALLY important.

Term Dates

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November—Half Term. The School is Closed.

Monday 4th November—Non Pupil day—The School is Closed.

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January—Christmas Holiday.

(Please also see school online calendar and school website)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th September—Year 5 Swimming Starts—(All Year 5 parents have been sent a letter about this)

Thursday 12th September—4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. at 'The Minories' Official Opening of OSM Exhibition.

Friday 13th September—5.00p.m. @ AF—Final Information meeting for children going to Kingswood.

Saturday 14th September—11.00a.m.—3.00p.m. Heritage Open Day—The School's Town Site is Open for guided Tours.

Monday 20th September—9.00a.m.—10.00a.m.—EYFS Parents Phonics Information Meeting AF Hall.

Sunday 23rd September (10.00a.m.) - Friday 27th September (3.30p.m.) Year 6 Kingswood Residential.

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 22: (refugee children) If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period
— Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Being me in My World.

PE Days

Please remember that children are not permitted to do PE whilst wearing earrings. They must be removed. School staff are also not allowed to remove earrings or tape them and this is Essex County Council Policy.

If your child cannot remove their earrings themselves, please can you make sure they are removed on the days when your child has PE.

EYFS—Wednesday and Thursday

Year 1—Monday (Circus), Tuesday (Roses), Wednesday (Eagles), Thursday—all 3 classes.

Year 2—Monday (Claudius & Mercury), Tuesday (Claudius), Wednesday (Mercury & Romans), Friday (Romans)

Year 3—Tuesday (Paxman), Wednesday (Dutch), Thursday (Iceni & Dutch), Friday (Paxman & Iceni)

Year 4—Tuesday (Castle & Garrison), Wednesday (Cavalier), Thursday (Garrison & Castle), Friday (Cavalier).

Year 5—Wednesday—Swimming for all classes, Monday (Raedwald), Thursday (Magnets), Friday (Oysters)

Year 6—Tuesday (all 3 classes), Monday (Trinovantes), Thursday (Lathes), Friday (Cymbeline)

PE Kit information can be found here: https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/school_uniform/288493

Why Physical Education?

ENCOURAGES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR LIFE	HELPS PREVENT OBESITY AND DISEASE
PROVIDES AN OUTLET FOR CREATIVITY AND SELF-EXPRESSION	Builds Self-Confidence
DEVELOPS COOPERATION & TEAMWORK	PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GOAL-SETTING
INCREASES PERSONAL FITNESS AND MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT	HELPS REDUCE STRESS & ANXIETY
STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS	BOOSTS ACADEMIC LEARNING

School Times

I do appreciate that for everyone coming back to school is a bit of a shock and it does take all of us a little bit of time to get going again.

Please remember though:

At AF—Doors are opened from 8.30—8.40

At T—Doors are opened from 8.40—8.50

Please make sure you are at school in plenty of time, so your children can start the day in the right frame of mind—class teachers always have morning activities to settle the children in and the later your children are, the more of these activities they miss.

End of day

EYFS/Year 1—3.00p.m.

Year 5/Year 6—3.05 p.m.

Year 2/3/4—3.15p.m.

Year 6 Kingswood 2024

Please remember if you haven't yet completed your payments for this year's residential—please do so as soon as possible, to save the Office Staff having to chase you!

Year 5 Swimming

All Year 5 parents will have received a letter about this term's Year 5 swimming.

Please make sure you've signed and returned the consent form before next Wednesday or your child will not be able to swim!

Please also remember that payments should be made via SchoolComms—

<https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/schoolcomms/288519>

