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Open Evening

Please don't forget that next Thursday from 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m. is our Open Evening. This is your opportunity to come along and look at the work your child/ren have been doing in school, what they're proud of and discuss the next steps in their learning.

Your child's AP2 report will come home on Tuesday. Please remember this report is for you. To give you a summary of how we're supporting your child in their learning and the next steps/support they need to move their learning forward.

Lost property will also be on display at both sites and as always Mrs Burke, Mrs Blackery and their teams will be cooking up some treats to sustain you during the evening. Please do come along for your children, they crave you valuing what they do in school.

Walking Bus

Please could I remind parents to be mindful of the Walking Bus as it brings children from the Abbey Field site to the Town site after breakfast club. There is a bit of a pinch point as we cross Walsingham Road by the dentist surgery and the bus has become entangled with push chairs on a couple of occasions.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Adam Blezsan
Year 5 (Oysters) — Laia Hicks
Year 5 (Magnets) - Yehia Abou Wafia
Year 4 (Castle) - Zander Hart
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Harvey Feasey
Year 3 (Dutch) - Ryan Taylor
Year 3 (Iceni) - Thomas Evans
Year 3 (Paxman) - Jason Dev
Year 2 (Mercury) - James Ratcliffe
Year 2 (Claudius) - Faye Lake
Year 2 (Romans) - Annalise Gallagher
Year 1 (Eagles) - Harry Cording
Year 1 (Circus) - Dominic Krivickas
Year 1 (Roses) - Lexi-Anna Smith
Foundation (Chariot) - Ariyan Mustafa
Foundation (Star) - James Wilkins
Foundation (Jumbo) - Riley Mason-Leather
Heads' Award— Roses
Attendance —Magnets



Year 4 Parents— Danbury

Please do not forget that on Tuesday at 6.00p.m. at the Town site, I will be holding an information meeting about Danbury.

This is basically to furnish you with the last few bits of information prior to the residential in May. A letter has come home to all Year 4 parents about the meeting and this includes a red medical form which does need to be completed, signed and returned to the school.

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

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for Next Week: I know how to be a good friend.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half

Term is Article 24 You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.



Football Match v Queen Boudica

Yesterday afternoon our football team took on the might of Queen Boudica in their penultimate league match. Despite a rousing pep talk from Miss Pickard, the team weren't quite firing on all cylinders and went into Half Time 2-0 down. A change of formation at Half Term and some more rousing words and in the second half the team began to find their feet—and the ball. 2-0 down quickly became 1-2 down and the comeback was on. Sadly it was not to be and a late goal meant we finished the game losing 3-1. Nevertheless a great game with a good atmosphere—brilliantly refereed!



All Things Attendance

As we head into Spring and hopefully warmer weather, our thoughts invariably turn to holidays! The school's attendance policy has recently been updated in line with guidelines.

Fundamentally our policy has not changed and the school will still authorise 'Leave of Absence' in extenuating circumstances, providing the child has 97% attendance in the 14 school weeks preceding the request.

However, there are a few changes that parents should be aware of:

- *Penalty notices may be issued if there are 6 consecutive sessions (3 days) of unauthorised absence in September.*
- *Leave of absence requests will not be considered if a child has any un-authorised absence.*
- A penalty notice may be issued for persistent lateness.

The Attendance Policy is on the school website in 'Parent Information' and 'Policies.' The main part changes in the policy have been highlighted in grey.

The long and the short of it is that the school will authorise leave of absence requests in extenuating circumstances but only if attendance is at 97% or above and not in September or during test weeks.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th March. Year 5 to Layer Marney Tower

Tuesday 20th March. 6.00p.m. Year 4 parents information meeting for Danbury. Town.

Tuesday 20th March. AP2 Reports to parents

Thursday 22nd March. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m. Open Evening.

Tuesday 27th March. 2.00p.m. (Pre school children allowed) and 6.00p.m. (No pre-school children allowed). Year 4 Production, 'Olivia.'

Wednesday 28th March. 6.00p.m. Year 4 Production, 'Olivia.' (No pre-school children allowed)

Thursday 29th March. Last day of Spring Term

Tuesday 17th April. First day of Summer Term

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Mural

I'm sure you will remember that last term some of our children were involved in an art project with local artist Nicola Burrell. The end result of that project was a rather dazzling mural depicting the history of Colchester. The work was inspired by Henry Collins and Joyce Pallot, two local artists, who both lived and worked in Colchester. Their original work included a series of concrete murals and these can still be seen today in the St Botolph's Circus underpass; the Crouch Street underpass; and on the façade of the Sainsbury's supermarket in Priory Walk. You have probably walked past the murals hundreds of times, especially if you use the underpass to get into the town centre.

We now have our own version, albeit not made of concrete and courtesy of Mr Bromley and Mr Skinner, this is now proudly on display at our Abbey Field site.



Bar Modelling Challenge

Can you answer the question below using Bar modelling?

Jinnie is 134cm tall. Her sister is 107cm tall. How much taller is Jinnie than her sister?

Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mrs O'Shea's door if you are at Town site.

The winning entry each week from each Year Group will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally,

Getting into my car the other morning having made a couple of journey's back into the house for things I had forgotten I set off for work. Fortunately, I glanced in the rear view mirror and to my horror saw one of our cats perched happily on the parcel shelf. 2 1/2 (so named because it's my daughters cat and she was 2 1/2 when we got it) had obviously hopped into the car whilst I was faffing around and was now embarking on a journey to school. Stopping the car, he didn't even have the good grace to hop out and so was dumped gently but unceremoniously in my neighbours garden!

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings