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our learning

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Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas Holiday.

We are already a week into the second Assessment Period and some parents may well have already noticed that both senior staff and teachers are upping the ante as far as expectations for your children are concerned.

To put it frankly, we want your children to be the best they can be, to succeed and to follow their dreams and goals.

However we can only do that, if children give their best and you as parents give your best for your children. In short we need them in school, ready and raring to go, to learn just one thing that they can take forward in their learning for tomorrow. Your children are brilliant—believe in what they can achieve.

Tomorrow  
is the  
first blank  
page of  
a 365-page  
book. Write a  
good one.

BRAD PAISLEY

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:

Keep Trying Even when  
it's Difficult.

The 'Right' we will be  
focusing on this Half  
Term is Article 42:

You have the right to  
know your rights! Adults  
should know about these  
rights and help you  
learn about them, too.

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### Diary Dates

Friday 25th January. Non Uniform day for Team Priory (Yellow) only.

Wednesday 30th January. 3.30-4.00p.m. Open School.

Monday 4th January—Friday 8th January. Science and Computing Week. This includes;

- Tuesday 5th February, Safer Internet Day

- Wednesday 6th February, Star Gazing Night at AF.

Wednesday 13th February. Open Morning. 9.00-10.00 AF & T.

Friday 15th February. Non Uniform Day (Purple/Pink) - Pinkie Purple. Supporting Rotary Club, End Polio Now. £1.

Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

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

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

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

### After School Football Clubs

We have decided to bring to an end our association with Chelsea Football Club and the after school clubs they ran for us. We had one or two incidents over the course of last term, that in effect meant we weren't happy with the service or quality of the provision that the children were getting.

We are in the process of sourcing a new provider and will let you know as soon as we have something in place.

In the meantime, there will, I'm afraid, be no football clubs.

Please make sure you read with your children at least 5 x a week and record it in their reading diary—it really does make a tremendous difference to your child's learning.

### Year 4 Pantomime Trip

Once again, my thanks to the PTA who arranged for our Year 4 children to go and see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Wednesday afternoon.



Obviously the children had a fantastic time and if you haven't had an opportunity to go and see it—ask your children about the cow!

There was some added excitement during the afternoon as the fire alarm also went off at the theatre.

Your children were brilliant and we have had phone calls from the Mercury Theatre and members of the public complimenting the children and staff on how brilliantly sensible and how much of a credit to you and the school they were. Be very proud, because we are.

### Colchester United

Huge apologies if you took my advice and went to watch Colchester United over the Christmas Break. They were shocking! Amazingly, despite the disastrous festive season, they're still in touch with the 'play offs' so I'm sending out a rallying cry...

Next home game is Saturday 19th January against the mighty Mansfield.

Children are NOT a distraction from more important work. They are THE MOST important work.

C.S. LEWIS

Please see page 2 of the Newsletter for information on the clubs that will be starting next week. We will add to the clubs as the term progresses.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Ben Hill (MLM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Rosie Whitwell (MM)  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Michael Manktelow (MM)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Charlotte Anderson (MLM)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Mia-Rose Richardson (RR)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Talia Phillips (MM)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Hussein Nada (MM)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Dylan Shields (CC)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Danny Scotting (MM)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Charlie Hodgson (MM)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Jacob Sorrell-Wright (RR)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Alex Blanco Mizgulin (RR)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Tyrese Knight (RR)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Ali Gohar (RR)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Sunny He (RR)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Igor Gazda (CC)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Kain McCree (MM)  
Foundation (Star) - Felicity Tuck (MM)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Freddie Payne (MM)  
Heads' Award - Year 4  
Attendance - Romans/Magnets/Trinovantes

### Christmas Quiz

Christmas Quiz entries need to be handed in to either School Office by Monday 21st January.

### Year 4 Parents—Swimming



Please remember that swimming starts next week for all Year 4 children and if you haven't yet handed in the consent slip, it's really important that you do so as soon as possible.

Classes Castle & Cavalier will be swimming every Tuesday, Class Garrison will be swimming every Friday.

The children will be walking to Leisure World so please make sure they have a proper winter coat.

As per the letter it is also essential that:

Children with long hair wear a swimming hat,

Girls—a one piece swimming costume,

Boys—Swimming trunks (NOT Swimming Shorts). This is for two reasons;

i, we're teaching them to swim and swimming shorts significantly increase drag.

ii, swimming trunks are more hygienic than swimming shorts.

### Newsletter Challenge

The ability to reflect on our learning is a really important skill, the key is to then make it better next time.

We often write things down, which aren't quite right, but can't see it ourselves when we read back through it.

The newsletter Challenge for this next half term is to 'Reflect' on the sentence written below but more importantly write it out again correctly with the errors corrected.

As it's the start of term, I'll tell you what the errors are this week. All you need to do is write the sentence out correctly and hand it in.

**'On the ancient train to London, J.K Rowling used a napkin, that was as wite as snow to write down the creative initial ideas for Harry Potter'**

(two spelling mistakes, two commas and one full stop missing)

A bonus prize for someone from each phase who makes the sentence even better. Answers, with your name and class popped in the folder outside Miss Salmon's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at Town.

As always, the winning entry from each phase will be chosen and that child will then be able to choose a free book.

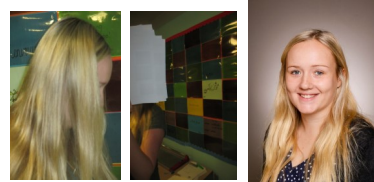


And Finally,

I had all sorts of trouble this morning attempting to take a photo of Mrs Minshall to give her a proper photographic goodbye as she has decided to start her maternity leave a week earlier than originally planned. Fortunately we do keep staff photo's so all is well. On behalf of everyone, we wish Hannah and her husband Connor, the very best, with their first baby due at the beginning of February.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2019**

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. Please enquire at the school office at Town Site and Abbey Field Site.

There are restricted numbers on all clubs. Places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary!

All clubs start week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (unless stated):

<b>DAY AND YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
<b>MONDAY – TOWN YEARS 2/3/4</b>	<b>DANCE CLUB – Louise Walmsley 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. PAYABLE</b>
<b>MONDAY – AF YEAR 1</b>	<b>MULTI-SKILLS (Jumble Juniors) – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. PAYABLE</b>
<b>TUESDAY – AF FOUNDATION</b>	<b>MULTI SKILLS - JUMBLE JUNIORS 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>
<b>TUESDAY – TOWN YEAR 2</b>	<b>SPANISH (KIDSLINGO) 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 1</b>	<b>DANCE – Taylor’s Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. PAYABLE</b>
<b>THURSDAY – TOWN YEAR 2</b>	<b>MULTI-SKILLS CLUB – Colchester United Football in the Community – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>
<b>THURSDAY – TOWN 3/4/5/6</b>	<b>CHOIR CLUB – Mrs Rowe – FREE 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY – AF FOUNDATION</b>	<b>DANCE CLUB – Taylor’s Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>
<b>THURSDAY – AF YEAR 5/6</b>	<b>ART CLUB – Artypants 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>
<b>THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1</b>	<b>SPANISH (KIDSLINGO) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE</b>
<b>FRIDAY – AF YEARS 5/6</b>	<b>DANCE CLUB – Taylor’s Dance Company 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – PAYABLE</b>
<b>FRIDAY – AF YEAR 1 (starting Friday 11/01/19)</b>	<b>TENNIS CLUB – Ashley Ford 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - PAYABLE</b>

**PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS, CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT TOWN SITE AND FROM THE RECEPTION AREA AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT ABBEYFIELD SITE.**