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One Square Mile—Please remember to follow on: <https://m.facebook.com/people/One-Square-Mile-Heritage-on-our-Doorstep/100086912204893/>

Please remember that this Monday (1st May) is a Bank Holiday and the school is closed.

NEU Strike Action

The NEU have called for strike action on Tuesday 2nd May. The NEU members of our school have decided not to take strike action on this day and all year groups/classes will be open as normal.

Congratulations to Miss Salmon

Congratulations to Miss Salmon and her partner Chris.

Miss Salmon gave birth to Alice Ellis on 31st March, weighing in at 7lbs 10oz.

Alice had to have a heart operation in London, but is now settling into life at home well.



One Square Mile

Exciting times ahead for our One Square Mile Project. In the next week or so, we'll give you details of a 'Roman Wall Exhibition' which will be based at our Town site and will be for our children and you as parents to experience.



Last week, all the teaching staff were given a lesson in how to drawer by local artist Nicola Burrell. You may have seen us on the 'Green' at the front of Town site last Wednesday, clipboards and pencils in hand.



I can't show you any of our excellent work I'm afraid as it's been taken away for us to hone our skills ready for next time. Instead, I offer you some photographs of us doing our very best to be artists extraordinaire.



Netball Team Success

Our netball team did get off to a shaky start this year but, on Tuesday, found that style of free flowing, effortless passing that saw us emerge victorious in a very enjoyable game against Brinkley Grove.



Really well done to our netballers for your resilience and tenacity—and especially well done for the win. Special mention as well to Mr. Gilbranch for coaching our team to victory.

Ofsted

Many thanks to all the parents who managed to complete the parent questionnaire for our recent 2 day inspection, it was very much appreciated.

It may be some time before we get our letter as there are several processes that have to be gone through first.

As soon as it is published, we will let you know—but as with all things linked to government, this is not always a speedy process.

Kingswood 2023

Just a reminder to Year 5 Parents that the next Kingswood payment is due at the end of May.

Nothing wrong with paying it early!

Goodbye Mrs. Cottham

Very sadly we say goodbye to Mrs. Cottham today. Mrs. Cottham has been a part of our school for a number of years as both her children came here. She was also both a LSA and a member of our Family Support Team.

We wish Mrs. Cottham the very best.



"Nothing EVER goes away once it is posted online."

Awards

STAR—Hudson (MM), CHARIOT—Roman (RREX), JUMBO—Isabel (RREX).

EAGLES—Esmee-Shea (RROX), ROSES—Anastasia (MM), CIRCUS—Noah (RREX).

MERCURY—Whole Class (CC), CLAUDIUS—Scarlett (MLM), ROMANS—Isa (MLM) & Charlie (MLM).

DUTCH—Delilah (MM), ICENI—Arsenii (MM), PAXMAN—Ranaaa (MM).

CASTLE—Connor & Jackson (MM), CAVALLIER—Holly (RROX), GARRISON—James (MM).

OYSTERS—Markas (CC), MAGNETS—Charlie (CC), RAEDWALD—Tia (RREX).

TRINOVANTES—Alan (RROX), CYMBELINE—Dominic (MLM), LATHES—Yusuf (MM).

ATTENDANCE—Chariot

School Dinners

Please—and a particular focus on Year 6 parents—could I ask parents to pay for school dinners promptly and in advance.

It does take a considerable amount of time to chase for arrears.

If we do have to continue to chase for payment—we may be put in a situation where we cannot offer a school dinner until the arrears is cleared.

If you are struggling financially please let us know. But if it's more that you haven't got round to it—please get round to it quicker!



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Term Dates

Monday 1st May—May Day Bank Holiday—The School is Closed.
Monday 8th May—King Charles Coronation—Public Holiday—The School is Closed.

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—Half Term

Wednesday 19th July—Monday 4th September—Summer Holiday

Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th April—Non Uniform day for Spring Term Book Bingo completed challenges.

Tuesday 2nd May—Friday 5th May—Year 4 Danbury Residential

Tuesday 2nd May—EYFS Space Dress Up Day.

Thursday 4th May—STEM—Space Day.

Thursday 4th May—AF Class Photographs

Friday 5th May—School King's Coronation Celebration.

Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs

Friday 19th May—T Class Photographs.

Please note dates for Year 4 Production 'Fantastic' are on the school's website calendar.

Assembly Theme for WB: 2/5/2023—Why is Reading so Important

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I Make Good Decisions?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Relationships

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Leave of Absence Requests

We have had quite a few Leave of Absence requests this term. Please remember that the school can only consider leave of absence requests for exceptional circumstances and that attendance must be over 97% for the 14 weeks preceding the request. 14 weeks is 70 school days. 1 day of absence = 1.4%. So if a child were absent for 3 days, the school could not consider the request.

That's really a very nice way of saying—please make sure your child is in school each and every day. They miss out on so much when they're not here.

Mobile Phones/Social Media

As a school and I'm sure yourselves as parents we fairly constantly pick up problems/issues that children have when using social media.

Many parents, I know, want to give their children a phone—especially when they start walking to and from school by themselves—but a phone doesn't mean they need the social media apps that cause the social problems. There are age restrictions on apps for a reason and 'whatsapp' which causes us and you, no end of grief is age restricted 16. One of the simplest solutions to social problems your child may be having on-line—delete the social media apps. Second easiest solution—block the contacts.

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