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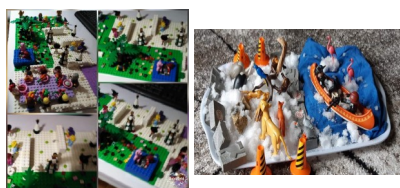
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PTA Lego Competition

Really well done to Max and Lucy who were the winners of last week's Lego competition with the theme of Winter Wonderland.



Next week's Lego Competition theme is 'Theme Parks'.

Please remember that entries need to be uploaded to the PTA facebook page by Wednesday (3rd) March. As always, there is a prize for the best entries from EYFS/KS1 & KS2.

Coronavirus Vaccination: A number of staff and I'm sure parents have now had at least their first Coronavirus vaccination. On the school website Welcome Page, there is a short video that explains about the vaccine, should your children be asking any questions about it.

Awards

Year 6 (Class Bubble) - Faina (CC)
Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Bibhuti (MLM)
Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - William (RREX)
Year 5 (Class Bubble) - Aaliyah (MLM)
Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Finley (MM)
Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Harry (CC)
Year 4 (Class Bubble) - Niamh (MM)
Year 4 (Mrs Hancock) - Whole Class (RREX)
Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Chloe (MM)
Year 3 (Class Bubble) - Romany (CC)
Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Ronak (MLM)
Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Tabitha (MM)
Year 2 (Class Bubble) - Lilly (MM)
Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Dylan (MM)
Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Erin (MM)
Year 1 (Class Bubble) - Harrison (RREX)
Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - George (RREX)
Year 1 (Mr Rudge) - Luciana (MM)
EYFS (Class Bubble) - Skye (MM)
EYFS (Miss Cook) - Daniel (RREX)
EYFS (Mrs Farley Hewitt) - Maya-Olive (RREX)
HUB— Oliver (RREX)

Breakfast Club

I'm so sorry about this...

As you know, we have been trialling a new system for payments called "Wrap Around Care". We have now been informed by our software provider (Capita) that this account is no longer supported by Sims Pay. This means we will have to ask you to revert back to making payments in the original account "Clubs - Breakfast Club".

As from Monday 1st March, please use the original account "Clubs/Breakfast Club" in SimsPay.

The school also keeps a manual system for attendance and payments into Breakfast Club and will continue to do so. This means we have a log of all payments through Sims Pay.

We apologise for the inconvenience to you regarding the changes to the payment system but as we are sure you aware, it is totally out of our control.

If you have any enquiries regarding your child's breakfast club account, please call or email Abbey Field School Office.

Reading Week and World Book Day

Next week will be our School's Reading Week and on Thursday, World Book Day.

Children may dress up (as with staff) if they so want to—but there is absolutely no need, there aren't that many shops open after all!

Class Teachers will be letting children know about the plans they have for their classes and Year groups—but some essential whole school challenges...

1, Build a Reading Den—You will need to have a Reading Den ready and be prepared to spend some time in it (reading) on World Book Day (Thursday 3rd) - Photo's please to be sent to school.
2, Book in a Box—Choosing one of their year groups key texts, see https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/reading_and_phonics/288515

The children then need to be creative with a box to represent that book in a box. There's not really a right or wrong way to do this—just be creative. Please do send in the photo's but more importantly bring your 'Book in a Box' into school on 8th March.



8th March

This week (at last), we had confirmation that all our children can return to school from 8th March and we have been given a 'Roadmap' from the Prime Minister, with regards to the long term plan for the easing of restrictions, light at the end of the tunnel as it were.

There are a few things school's have been asked to remind parents of:

- 1, We are still in a National Lockdown and therefore the rules regarding face coverings and social distancing remain in place for parents and will and must continue to do so at the school.
- 2, The return to school on 8th March for all Primary children is mandatory—in other words, children 'must' all be returning and we will be chasing down those that don't appear.
- 3, If we get a confirmed case of Coronavirus, the class will still need to Self Isolate.

The School's Plan for the 8th March

Children will not return to their original classes. When the children return on 8th March, they will not be returning to their original classes from the Autumn Term. Instead, their new class will be their on-line learning class from the last 8 weeks. For example, in Year 6 from 8th March, Mrs Smith's On-Line learning class will be an in school class, Mrs Wall's On-Line class will be an in school class and Mrs Rayner's in school class (Key Worker/Vulnerable Children) will be an in school class.

This will be the same across the school.

There are a number of reasons for this.

- By keeping class bases as above, it means that if we do have a positive case in the first week back, we would only need to Self Isolate one class base and not two.
- The children that have been in school will be far more resilient than the children not in school, due to their regular contacts and interaction. If we remix the Bubbles at this point, the children returning to school for the first time are more susceptible to other bugs because they will have less resilience.
- The children have formed good working relationships within their On-Line group and it makes sense to maintain that going forward.

The above will remain in place until the end of the term when we will review it, but there is no wriggle room as far as the above is concerned.

There will be no 'Live' Teaching or interaction On-Line from the Teachers or Support Staff next Friday (5th March). These staff will be back in school re-setting up their classrooms ready for Monday.

Pre-Recorded Lessons/or Links and resources will be time-tabled for these children instead.

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

Into School on Monday 8th March

We will be using Hand Gel only at the doors from Monday 8th with children coming straight into school and into their class bases. This will reduce the queuing by the washbasins, which will still be utilised during the day.

Children may still use the wash basins but this must be supervised by their parents.

THE ONE WAY SYSTEMS AT BOTH SITES REMAIN IN PLACE AS DOES WEARING FACE COVERINGS

EYFS—8.45 Start—3.00p.m. Finish

Year 1—8.45 Start 3.05 Finish

Year 2—9.00 Start—3.20 Finish

Year 3—9.00 Start—3.20 Finish

Year 4—9.00 Start—3.30 Finish

Year 5—8.45 Start—3.15 Finish

Year 6—8.45 Start—3.15 Finish

I will confirm the entry and exit doors for the start and end of the day and all of this information again—in an e-mail to parents next week.

Chess Success



Huge congratulations to Ruqayyah who is going

from strength to strength in her chess playing. In a recent competition, she was the highest points contributor for her Essex Girls Team and was ranked 2nd overall among 131 participants from 12 counties.

Absolutely phenomenal—so well done Ruqayyah, who I don't think I will be challenging to a game of chess anytime soon!

And Finally,

Ok, so as alluded to in my assemblies, I have been making a concerted effort to up my game as far as running is concerned...It's a 4 way head to head at the moment. Miss Wiggins has a personal best for 5K of 27.13 I have a personal best for 5K of 33.24 (and I had to lie down for quite some time after that!) My son has a personal best for 5K of 26.38, so I'm claiming that as a victory over Miss Wiggins. Mrs Burke—seems to spend a lot of her time either running in the North Sea or off the coast of Africa, so there's clearly some questions to be asked about what she's doing at the weekends. Absolutely no idea what Mrs Burke's time is for 5K only that she took 6314 steps and lost 432 calories (which was very careless!)
Have a good Weekend - Simon Billings