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PLEASE REMEMBER—READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN 5X A WEEK AND LOG IT ON GO-READ.

Older Children can do this for Themselves.

FGB Meeting Wednesday 5th October (Mark Scaife-Parent Governor)

The Full Governing Body met on Wednesday 5 October and discussed a wide range of topics regarding the running of the school.

Firstly, we heard about the outcomes of the annual Health and Safety Inspection, which reported a "well looked after school with an impressive maintenance regime". Glowing words! Only a hand full of minor issues got flagged and these are being addressed, but in general a good result, especially as Town site is approaching its 125th birthday (more on that later!). This is all down to the diligence of Mr. Bromley and Mr. Skinner.

This was followed by a presentation on the updates to the Child Protection Policy which puts the welfare of the children at the heart of everything that happens at the school.

The headteachers report presented the latest Key Facts data up to the end of July 22. It is clear from the output of these that the school provides an honest review of our pupils achievement and attainment. This is a conscious decision to support the children rather than inflate the performance of the school. This is to provide a good bedrock for the pupils heading into secondary school and beyond.

In terms of Pupil matters, attendance is down from where the GB would like to see it, and support is being offered to parents. A Stay & Play group has been set up to provide a place for parents to bring younger siblings to get together. Staff are being provided with access to an Employee Assistance Programme which will provide advice on a wide range of issues (stress, money worries, mental health, grief and much more), which is a great scheme to be offered.

There has been a lot of work behind the scenes regarding the 125th birthday for Town site and some funding has been secured to help the school produce an impressive legacy for the future. However, I am not at liberty to share more on this at this time other than to say it is going to be very exciting!

Finally, just a note to say the PTA will be having their Annual General Meeting on 13th October at 7:30pm at the Abbey Fields site. Anyone is welcome to attend. They have lots of activities planned for the next school year and are always looking for proactive people to get involved in delivering the wonderful things they do to support the children.

Just One Tree—Non Uniform Day (Friday 17th October)

The intention of the JUST ONE Tree Day is to empower children to take control of their future and show them that a greener future is possible.

JUST ONE Tree supports established re-forestation companies who plant in areas severely affected by mass deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Haiti & Indonesia. In doing so, they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming, whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes.

JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to take collective action on the climate crisis because Just £1 plants 1 Tree.

For wearing non uniform next Friday, 14th October, we are asking children to bring in £1 to plant a tree - uniting children, parents and schools across the world in taking positive action for our climate. Together let's plant a future for our children.

For us, this is a School Council led initiative.

<https://www.justonetree.life/>

PTA AGM

Please don't forget it is the PTA AGM next week.

Thursday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. At AF.

All welcome. Please come along to find out how the fund raising from last academic year was spent.

Anyone interested in joining the PTA Committee, please contact the PTA directly or ask at either school office.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held recently at both sites raised £83.48 in total. Thanks to the PTA, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Blackery for organising.



Hello Yellow—World Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October (This Monday) is 'World Mental Health Day.'

We are inviting the children—and staff to wear just a splash of yellow that day to help raise awareness for Mental Health.

This is only a splash of yellow— this could be—yellow t shirt, yellow socks, yellow scrunchie, yellow scarf etc. All other school uniform stays the same.

There's NO money involved— rather this is just about raising awareness.

According to the latest NHS figures, nearly half a million young people are being referred for mental health problems every month, with many not being able to get the support they need.

This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to show young people that how they feel matters, and help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

Term Dates

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—Half Term

Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term

Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

Diary Dates

Thurs 13th October, 7.30pm PTA AGM

Our Assembly Theme next week is: DIVERSITY—Black History Month

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Being Me in My World

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

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Trip Deposits—Danbury (Yr 4, Kingswood Yr 6)

£50 Danbury deposit—Now overdue.

£70 Kingswood Deposit—Now overdue.

Please pay asap. Many thanks.

Secondary School Applications

Secondary School applications need to be completed by Year 6 parents by Monday 31st October.

Applications can be made online via: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Mini Marathon

As per the article in the newsletter last week, just a reminder that the school has signed up to take part in the Mini-Marathon. The idea is for children in Years 1-6 to run, jog or walk 2.6 miles at school before Friday 21 October - around the time of the TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October 2022.

You may well see the children out and about—feel free to give them a wave.



Awards

STAR—Franklin (RREX), CHARIOT— Gabriela (CC), JUMBO—Blake (MLM).

EAGLES— Albert (CC), ROSES— Neave (MM), CIRCUS—Harrison (RREX).

MERCURY— Daniel (MLM), CLAUDIUS— Harper (MM), ROMANS— Lilly-Mae & Lilah (RREX).

DUTCH— Jack (RROX), ICENI— Amelia (RREX), PAXMAN—Raven (MM).

CASTLE— Esme (MM), CAVALIER— Alex & Summer (MM), GARRISON— Kia-May (MM).

OYSTERS— Lenny (RREX), MAGNETS— Jake (MLM), RAEDWALD— Viktoria (RROX).

TRINOVANTES— Alexander (MM), CYMBELINE— Jessie & Tallulah (CC), LATHES— Niamh (MLM)

ATTENDANCE— Chariot & Roses.

LIBRARY AWARD—Izzy

Thankyou to everyone that has donated books, comics, annuals that they no longer use it home—we have been inundated and Mr. Payne (our librarian) is delighted - Please keep them coming.