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our learning

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We are all
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Newsletter

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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the Spring Term starts on Monday 25th February.

The way we
talk to our
children
becomes their
inner voice.

Essex Book Festival

Look out for the Essex Book Festival Family Programme coming home with your child today. Now in it's 20th Year, there are so many free events for children and parents to enjoy. The festival runs from 1-31 March.



Primary 500 Word Competition with St Helena

St Helena are once again running their 500 word writing competition for their feeder primary schools.

The St Helena competition runs alongside BBC Radio 2's national competition, but is a separate event.

For the St Helena competition, children need to return their stories to the School Office by Wednesday 6th March. The school will then send the entries to St Helena.

There are two age categories: (5-9) and (10-11). Please make sure the stories have your child's name, age and school written clearly on them.

There are a lot of inspirational resources on BBC Radio 2's website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zgDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4H5/500-words-2019>

The premise is really simple. Children can write a story about absolutely anything they want, but no more than 500 words.

In the words of the HRH Duchess of Cornwall
"Keep saying a big fat YES to adventure"

If you want to also enter the national competition, then this needs to be done through the BBC Radio 2 website on-line.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Alisha -Mae Vivian (RREX)

Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Lola Folkard (RROX)

Year 5 (Oysters) - Morgan McGivney (RREX)

Year 5 (Magnets) - William Bennett (RREX)

Year 4 (Castle) - Ross Chappell (RROX)

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Elliot Hutton (RROX)

Year 4 (Garrison) - Hussein Nada (MLM)

Year 3 (Dutch) - Issy Massey (RREX)

Year 3 (Iceni) - Tiffany Gabcova (RREX)

Year 3 (Paxman) - Luke Bill (RROX)

Year 2 (Mercury) - Tommy Jones (RROX)

Year 2 (Claudius) - Riley-Jae Taylor (MM)

Year 2 (Romans) - Nissam Rai (RROX)

Year 1 (Eagles) - Oscar Tokely (RREX)

Year 1 (Circus) - Martin Kolev (RREX)

Year 1 (Roses) - Keilah Hayhoe (MLM)

Foundation (Chariot) - Martha Curtis (RROX)

Foundation (Star) - Oscar Pinner (RREX)

Foundation (Jumbo) - Harvey Larwood (MM)

Attendance - Star

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Minshall and her husband Connor.

Mrs Minshall gave birth to a baby daughter, Isla, on Thursday 7th February at 3.13p.m. weighing in at 6lbs and 7oz.

Obviously, both Hannah and Connor are over the moon.



Zig Zag Parking

Please remember that the Zig Zag lines are put outside the front of schools, quite simply, to help keep your children safe.

The law, makes it quite clear that when the time restrictions are in place cars can not stop, wait or even pause momentarily on the zig zag lines. This is because doing any of the above puts children's lives at risk.

We have had several incidents recently, where parents have ignored the above and put at risk our children's lives.

Please could I remind all parents that the zig zag lines are there for a reason.

I do appreciate parent's frustrations with parking around the school sites, but please do not compound this by endangering the children. For whatever reason.



One Week Left on Library Consultation

There is just one week remaining to have your say on the Future Strategy for Essex Libraries.

The consultation into what library services could look like in the future is set to end on 20 February. The County Council is encouraging all those who haven't yet completed the consultation survey to take the time to participate and have their voice heard.

<https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/librarystrate gy2018#>

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

Jane D. Hull

Purple Pinkie Day

Rotary's pledge for a polio free world was made in 1985 when there were 125 polio endemic countries and hundreds of new cases every single day. Thanks to Rotary, and the support of their partners WHO, Unicef, CDC and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, there are now just three countries still classed as endemic: Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan. To finish the job, over 2 billion doses of oral polio vaccine have to be administered each year in over 60 countries.

When a child is vaccinated, their little finger is painted purple, hence the name Purple Pinkie Day. With literally millions of children attending immunisation days, it is the only way to keep track of who has received their life saving medication.

My thanks for your support today in sending your child in in non uniform and their £1. In total, we have raised £474 so far.

Year 3 Home Safety Visit

Year 3 attended a home safety assembly on Thursday. They were advised to check the potential fire hazards in their homes such as candles in an appropriate place and electrical not charging over night.

The children were asked to go home and discuss an escape plan with their families so they would know what to do in an emergency.



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Diary Dates

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

Monday 25th February—Friday 1st March. RE Week. Chinese New Year.

Wednesday 27th February. 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m.—Shared Supper @ AF.

Friday 1st March. 5.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Year 1/2 Disco @ AF. 6.30p.m.—7.30p.m. Year 3/4 Disco @ AF

Monday 4th March—Friday 8th March. Life Bus in School.

Monday 4th March—Thursday 7th March. Book Fair (Travelling Books) @ AF & T—after school.

Wednesday 6th March. Deadline for St Helena 500 word competition.

Thursday 7th March. 9.15a.m. PTA Coffee Morning @ T.

Friday 8th March. Book Character Dress up Day. (Come to school dressed as a Book Character)

Friday 8th March. 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Year 5/6 Disco @ AF.

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

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Summer Term

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

PTA Children's Disco's

Our PTA have arranged to host some disco's for the children in the school after Half Term. Disco letters have now been sent out. As per the letter, please drop £2 entry fee along with completed slip into either school office in a named, sealed envelope.

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.

All you need to do is write the sentence out correctly and hand it in.

It was dark in the wood and they had to be brave, for things moved all around them. 'She'll bring us mice and things that are nice,' said Sarah. 'I suppose so,' said Percy. 'I want my mummy!' said Bill

(2 spelling mistakes, 2 capital letters, 1 full stop)

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.

Shared Supper—Wednesday 27th February @ AF 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m.

And Finally,

Apparently, people in the UK spend an average of £28.45 on Valentine's gifts and it is also the second most popular day to buy cards. I am a little bit worried about this, my wife and I delayed Valentine's Day until next week, which at the time was quite a result and one less thing to think about. Unfortunately 'our' Valentine's Day is getting ever closer and I'm not really that further forward. I need to buy a card and source a present—fortunately Colchester United do personalised merchandise including cards—easy!

Have a good Half Term

Simon Billings