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our learning



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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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Early is on Time—On Time is Late

A polite reminder please to all parents that the school's doors open at the following times.

AF: 8.30—8.40.

T: 8.40—8.50.

Children should arrive and be in the right building at their school start times. I appreciate it's been very cold outside but we have an increasing amount of children/parents leaving it until the very last minute or later to get into school. This does impact on the start of the children's day as children who have arrived on time are already in and settled.

For those of you that are always early, eager and ready to go, thank you.

Please—a big effort going into the end of the month.



Danbury

Year 4 Parents please be aware that the next Danbury payment of £30 was due today.

Kingswood

Year 5 Parents the second instalment for the Kingswood Trip for Year 6 is due Friday 26th January 2024

Virgin Media—Flagstaff Road

We have been told that Virgin Media are going to be carrying out some work on Flagstaff Road.

What this may or may not actually entail we have absolutely no idea—but please be aware that there may be a hole dug in the road somewhere!

Symmetry

At the end of last term, our Year 6 children were getting very creative in their maths work - using angles and measurements to create a reflection of the Titanic. Amazing work.



Awards

STAR—Allie (MLM), CHARIOT—Chloe (MM), JUMBO—Leo (MM).

EAGLES—Ruby-Mae (RREX), ROSES—Reuben (MM), CIRCUS—Aliyah (MLM).

MERCURY—Sidney (MLM), CLAUDIUS—Lexi (MM), ROMANS—Jimmy (RREX).

DUTCH—Mya (MLM), ICENI—Jack (CC), PAXMAN—Elisabeth (RROX).

CASTLE—Ciprian (CC), GARRISON—Jack (MM), CAVALIER—Jack (MM).

OYSTERS—Amelia (RREX), RAEDWALD—Artem (RREX), MAGNETS—Albert (RREX).

TRINOVANTES—Sophia (MM), CYMBELINE—Charlie (RROX), LATHES—Ned (MLM).

ATTENDANCE—Roses

Curriculum letters

All children will have brought home last week a Curriculum letter which details the learning that your children are going to be doing this Assessment period (term) in school. Please, if you haven't had a chance, do have a read through, because your support in your child's learning is key in supporting their success.

If you've misplaced yours, they can also be found on the school website in 'Curriculum Information'.

Percy the Park keeper.

What a great start to the week for our EYFS children when Percy the Park keeper himself popped into school to say hello to the children and talk a little bit about his job and looking after animals in the park.

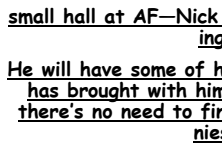


Nick Butterworth/Percy The Park Keeper

Every single one of 'Percy The Park Keepers' Woodland friends turned up at school today to meet the creator of Percy The Park Keeper—Nick Butterworth.

Nick spent the morning working with the children in each of the EYFS classes, sharing his drawings with them and his love of reading and writing.

Please also don't forget that straight after school today in the



small hall at AF—Nick is doing a book signing. He will have some of his books for sale and has brought with him a card reader, so there's no need to find some elusive penies.

A superb opportunity.

Term Dates

Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break

Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer Term

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday—The School is Closed

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Friday 19th July—Last Day of Summer Term

Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th January—Height and Weight Checks for EYFS children

Friday 26th January—Non Uniform day Team Colne only.

WB 29th January—Maths Week

Friday 2nd February—NSPPCC Rocks Number Day—Non Uniform Day—£1

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 16th February—Purple Pinkie Day—Non Uniform Day—supporting Rotary Club—End Polio Now—£1.

PTA—School Discos—Dates & Times TBC

Monday 22nd April—Thursday 25th April—Year 4 Residential—Danbury

Assembly Theme for WB 22/1/2024: Democracy

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Rights Respecting Schools

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.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Thank you to all parents who are continuing to donate school uniform. We have got a shortage of spare school cardigans and school sweat-shirts - we need all sizes apart from 3/4. Also, if any parents have old club uniforms no longer needed (e.g. Rainbows, Brownies, Cub, Scouts etc), please put these in the Uniform Donation Green bins situated at both sites. Any other spare clothing (NOT school uniform) can go in the clothing bins situated in the car park at Town Site and at the back of Abbey Field Site. Many thanks for your continued support!

DON'T MISS...

Your child's poem could be published in our next edition!

The team at *Essex Life* magazine is giving the county's children the chance to have their poem published in our spring issue of the magazine. We are inviting Essex youngsters to send us in a poem celebrating their mum — or the person who is like a mother to them.

Suggested entry titles include:

Why I love my mum

Why you are so important to me

Why I'm thankful for you this Mother's Day

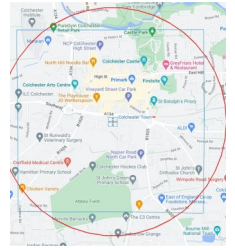
Each entry must include the young poet's first name, age and school and should be sent as a word doc or PDF.

THE PRIZES:

Our favourite entry will win 1x Annual Pass Voucher for Adventure Island and 1x Afternoon Tea for two at Sands by the Sea. A selection of entries will appear in our Mother's Day edition of *Essex Life* magazine. Entries should be sent to: EssexLifePoet@newsquest.co.uk no later than Friday, January 26, 2024.



HISTORY ON OUR DOOR-STEP... ONE SQUARE MILE.



The Minories, Colchester

Did you Know?

- The Minories is a Grade II listed building and gardens situated at the east end of the High Street.
- The house is believed to have been built in the Tudor period.
- In 1731 it was purchased by the baize manufacturer Isaac Boggis for £420. (That would be about £81,000 in today's money).
- In 1915 Geoffrey Crawford Bensusan-Butt and his wife Dr. Ruth Crawford took over the lease, purchasing the property along with a portion of land that included the Gothic Folly.
- Crawford later had three exhibitions of his artwork shown at the Minories in 1962, 1964 and 1975.
- Dr. Ruth Crawford was the sister-in-law of the painter Lucien Pissarro and was one of the first female GPs in Colchester. She used the front rooms of The Minories as her consulting rooms, and also reportedly opened Colchester's first infant nursery there.
- In 1956 Dr. Ruth, who had survived her husband, sold The Minories along with the garden to the Victor Batte-Lay Trust.
- By the early 1990s the Trust's resources were significantly reduced, and the gallery closed in 1992. It reopened in 1994 when Firstsite took on the lease and continued to pay some of the Trust's obligations.
- In early 2008 Firstsite left The Minories and moved into Crouch Street while their new building was developed, and in June 2008 Colchester Institute took on the lease for the Minories.
- In October 2015, the cafe and tearoom in the back of the venue was taken over by Wilkin & Sons and is now operated as the Batte-Lay Tearoom.
- The Friends of the Minories is an organisation which supports the gallery and assists in its funding. About four or five events occur each year, generally visits to local places of interest. The revenue from these fundraising events goes into maintaining the garden and its 18th-century Gothic Folly. The garden and Folly are both registered with the Essex Gardens Trust

