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Crazy Hair Day—Friday 14th February.

Please remember that next Friday (14th) is 'Crazy Hair and Non Uniform day'. (Children don't have to have crazy hair and can still come in with non uniform) £1.

[This event has been organised by the 'The School Council' and money raised is for the Family Welfare Fund. This fund helps families and children at St John's Green who may need a little extra support when faced with difficult circumstances.]

PTA Valentine's Quiz

We are a bit short on teams for our PTA quiz next Friday. If you were planning on coming with a team but hadn't let either School Office know, please could you do so by Monday or the decision will be taken to postpone it. Many thanks.

Full Governing Meeting 7/2/25

The Governing Body met on Wednesday 5th February. The Governors all gave feedback about our recent visits to our classes and about the great work the children are doing and the quality teaching that we all observed. On a personal note, as well as visiting Year 6 I also had the pleasure of attending Year 5 and 6 Awards Assembly, I was so impressed to hear the reasons that the children had won the awards, there is so much more to learning than getting 10 out of 10 in a test, and we must all remember to constantly celebrate the learning dispositions Motivation - be keen to succeed; try your best Reflection - learn from experience; build on your learning, Collaboration - work well together; support each other Make Links - make connections across all areas of your learning, Resilience - keep going even when it's hard; never give up.

We also had a long discussion about the importance of reading, we already know that reading is an important skill in and of itself and that it helps progression in all other subjects, but as school we want the children to love reading for the many reasons that there are to love it: it is relaxing, we can learn new facts, we can escape our surroundings and enter different and exciting worlds! We know that children have lots of distractions these days and reading doesn't seem to be as popular as it once was but as parents and care givers we can encourage them to revisit this important skill. If there is anything that you are doing at home which is helping your child to read please do share it with your class teacher, we are genuinely interested!

We currently have a parent Governor vacancy, if you think that this is something that you may be interested in please let either school office know or speak to Mr. Billings/Mrs. Skinner or Mrs. Bullivant.

And on the subject of Mr Billings, he told us all about the great things that the PTA have planned for the year ahead, it did nearly set him off into another rendition of Dominick the Donkey but we managed to stop him just in time! but please do keep a look out and support the events over the coming months.

Elisa Vasquez Walters.

Awards

STAR— Jasmine (RREX), CHARIOT— Noah (MLM), JUMBO— Eliza (RREX).

EAGLES— Lyanna (RROX), ROSES— Noah (RROX), CIRCUS— Harley (CC).

MERCURY— Jude (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Mia (RROX), ROMANS— Tabasom (RROX).

DUTCH— Isabella (MLM), ICENI— Veronika (RROX), PAXMAN— Neve (MM).

CASTLE— Myla (RROX), GARRISON— Max (RROX), CAVALIER— Felipe (RREX).

OYSTERS— Lily (MM), RAEDWALD— Olivia (MM), MAGNETS— Isabelle (MLM) & Tilly (MM).

TRINOVANTES— Erica (MM), CYMBELINE— Maynee (CC), LATHES— Aaryan & Tia (CC).

ATTENDANCE— Cymbeline & Lathes

HUB—Phoebe (MM).

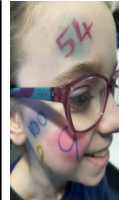
The Day the Crayons Quit

After showing a WAGOLL letter from Red Crayon (The Day the Crayons Quit), Mrs Wall discovered her class had NEVER heard of or read this book; she was stunned! So at the end of the day on Wednesday, she settled them down on the carpet and, after reminders to stop fidgeting, talking, poking, playing with hats (they gave her the real Year 1 experience), she read it to them. You are never too old for story time... Tomorrow: The Day the Crayons Returned...



Year 5 Drawing

Year 5 have had a fantastic time sketching iconic landmarks in Colchester, carefully capturing the details of the buildings and streets (Magnets class will do this next week). This hands-on experience helped them develop their observational drawing skills, which will serve as inspiration for their upcoming mixed media landscape and cityscape pieces. We can't wait to see how they bring their sketches to life using a combination of different materials and techniques!



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Term Dates

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half Term

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April—Easter Break

Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday—The School is Closed

Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half Term

Friday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th January—Year 6 Swimming Starts.

Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February—Crazy Hair/Non Uniform Day—organised by our School Council £1.

Friday 14th February—PTA Quiz Night (Love is in the Air) 7.00p.m.—9.00p.m. @ AF

Wednesday 26th February—Parents Open Evening—AF & T.

Thursday 6th March—World Book day—Non Uniform Book Character.

Thursday 13th March. 5.30p.m.—7.00p.m. Shared Supper @ AF.

Assembly Theme for WB: 10/2/25—What is Good Learning

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.

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Dreams and Goals

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

Year 4 Danbury

Please remember that the next Danbury payment of £30 is due next week.

Year 5 Kingswood

Please remember that the second instalment was due Friday 24th January 2025 - £75.00

Sick!

We have been asked by parents at the school to confirm our policy regarding "sickness/vomiting" following some cases over the last couple of weeks.

Children quite often are sick or vomit due to having a cough (phlegm/mucus) and sometimes children can be sick due to eating too quickly, running around after eating or eating rich food, etc. Therefore, if your child is sick due to these reasons, we are happy for your child to return to school 24 hours following a bout of sickness.

If your child is obviously poorly with a stomach bug (sickness/diarrhoea/stomach cramps), then we advise you keep your child off school for a full 48 hours before returning to school after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. Please call the school offices if you are unsure about your child and our office staff can give advice accordingly.

Please use your initiative regarding sickness - basically the school is happy for your child to return to school after a bout of sickness if feeling well enough and they've stopped being sick!

Once at school, our staff can monitor your child and if they believe your child is not well enough to be in school, they will, of course, phone you to come and collect them and tuck them up.

