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## Newsletter

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### Tuesday Trot

One of our strategic priorities this year is to encourage pupils and staff to increase their physical activity outdoors and improve their wellbeing. Each Tuesday we are rewarding children and adults with a special Tuesday Trot sticker who complete a 2km circuit of the Abbeyfield. Finish before 4pm to get your sticker and a clap in front of Abbeyfield site. Well done to the 16 pupils, parents, staff and governors who completed the challenge this Tuesday!



### The Big Question for this Assessment Period—Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Celebrating Differences

Our Assembly Theme for next week is 'Remembrance'.

### Parents Evening/Open Evening

We are very aware and very conscious that for many of our parents, the restrictions over the last two years have meant that you have not really met your child's class teacher or seen the inside of the school.

We'd like to try and put this right.

On Wednesday 17th November from 5.00p.m.—6.30p.m. @ both AF and T, we will be holding an Informal Parents Open Evening.

Children's books will be on the table in their classrooms as well as a prompt sheet for your children to talk you through some of the things they are especially pleased with.

Class Teachers will not be in the classrooms but will be based nearby and should you wish to talk to them you will be able to, with Social Distancing measures for this set up.

The expectation is that all parents and children of secondary age who happen to come along wear a face covering when they enter and are in the school and sanitise their hands. The only exception to this are parents who are ECV, who will need to wear their lanyards to identify themselves as ECV.

Whilst we are very keen for this to happen and very much appreciate how much parents would value it, I would ask all parents to be aware of the symptoms of Coronavirus and to not attend if you are at all feeling unwell.

I would also ask parents to maintain, as much as possible, social distancing in the classrooms and save those catch up conversations with other parents for outside.

Classroom windows will be opened fairly wide, so it will be chilly in the classrooms—you might want to wear a coat!

### Little Stars Mercury

A number of our children are performing this coming Sunday at the Mercury Theatre. They are in a show called 'Don't Stop Believing' which is on Sunday at both 12.30p.m. and 6.00p.m.

The show is a journey through the last 5 years of Little Stars, showing the highs and lows and concluding that Little Stars doesn't stop believing!

To all of our children taking part—'Good Luck.'



As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush



### PTA Christmas Cards

"All parents should by now have received your sample Christmas card with your children's artwork on it. If you would like to order, please ensure you get the order slips in to either School Office by Friday 19th November. The order envelope has all the details you need, however if you have any further questions, please contact the PTA via their Facebook page".

### VEG TRUG

Really well done to Jack, who at the Eco Festival in September won a VEG TRUG for the school. Sadly, it didn't come fully made—but this has now been rectified and VEG TRUG is now



resplendent at our Town site and full of all sorts of wonderful edibles. My thanks as well to Wayne from 'Together We Grow' <https://www.activeessex.org/news-events/blog/together-we-grow-at-home/>



### Colchester Walks

This week's walk is 'West Mersea' and there are specific walk instructions on the school's website—as well as the map.



### Colchester United



The mighty Colchester United are live on BBC 2 tonight at 7.55p.m. in the first round of the FA cup. They are playing the not quite so mighty 'Sudbury'. Colchester have not got the best performance history when it comes to the FA cup, so whilst expectations should be high for progression to the second round, I would urge caution about getting your hopes up. Sadly I will not be there, as my season ticket was too far down the list to warrant a ticket, so like you I will be at home—armchair watching—at least I'll be warm!

### PLEASE



NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS

### Winter Coats

As the weather has turned decidedly chillier over the last few days, could I please urge all parents to make sure your children have a winter coat. Some of our children still have very thin anoraks! Even my son has been wearing a coat to school this week, which as he's 13 is nothing short of a miracle.

### Term Dates

Half Term—Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October

Last day of Autumn Term—Friday 17th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th November and each Tuesday. 'Tuesday Trot'

Thursday 11th November. Year 4 Parents Information Meeting for Year 4 Danbury Residential. 5.30p.m. @ AF

Wednesday 17th November. Parents Open Evening @ AF & T. 5.00p.m.—6.30p.m.

Thursday 25th November. Revised Date for Flu Vaccinations AF & T

Friday 26th November. Non Uniform Day in Support of PTA Christmas Market.

Friday 3rd December—Unite the Uniforms—School Non Uniform Day £1

Saturday 4th December—2.00p.m.—5.00p.m.—PTA Christmas Market

### Article 17 (access to information from the media)

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

### Diwali

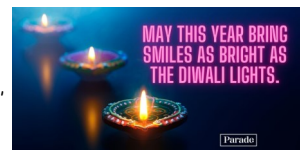
Diwali is the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.

This year Diwali takes place over five days from 2 November to 6 November with the main day of celebration, yesterday on Thursday 4 November.

Hindus celebrate the return of deities Rama and Sita to Ayodhya after their 14-year exile. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians.

Hindus interpret the Diwali story based upon where they live. But there's one common theme no matter where people celebrate: the victory of good over evil.

To all our families celebrating Diwali we say 'Diwali ki Shubhkamnayein' Happy Diwali.



### Awards

STAR—Boyd (RR), JUMBO—Kyra (MM), CHARIOT—Noah (MLM)

EAGLES—Ronnie (MLM), CIRCUS—Lilly-Mae (MM), ROSES—Freddie (RROX)

MERCURY—Theo (MM), CLAUDIUS—Delilah (MM), ROMANS—Theresa (MM)

DUTCH—Victor (RROX), ICENI—James (MM), PAXMAN—Holly (CC)

CASTLE—Ellion (CC), CAVALIER—Muneeb (MM), GARRISON—Mabel (RREX)

OYSTERS—Oliver (MM), MAGNETS—Rose (RREX), RAEDWALD—Alfie & Joey (RREX)

CYMBELINE—Jack (MLM), TRINOVANTES—Aliyah (RREX), LATHES—Callum (MM)

ATTENDANCE—Raedwald, HUB—Aidan (RREX)

# WEST MERSEA WALKS

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