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School Newsletter

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EYFS

Welcome back! This week we have started a new topic on 'Amazing Animals'. We have already found out some truly amazing facts. Due to the extreme 'summer' weather on Tuesday, Oak Class went to the Poly tunnel on the school site to look for ladybirds and snails instead of going to the woods. We also tripped over a dinosaur bone... We have been sorting animals depending on where their habitats are (land, sea or air) and the children have been having fun in the role play animal labs

In maths, the children are really getting to grips with the idea of doubling and will be treating you to 'The Doubles Rap' for Home Learning this week.

If you haven't already done so, please ensure the permission slip for the Abberton Trip is returned ASAP and the trip is paid for. Thank you.

On Tuesday 13rd June Ash Class will be going on Trekking Tuesday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you've all had a restful half term week: it's been lovely to see the children return full of renewed energy and enthusiasm. Despite the rain earlier in the week, several trips have taken place this week and once again, the children have behaved beautifully and been a credit to you.

I'd like to draw your attention to the information given further in the newsletter relating to an Internet Safety presentation for parents. This will be given by 'The Two Johns', former policemen who are well known in Essex schools for the high quality training sessions they provide. We do hope that you will be able to attend, as online safety is of vital importance in today's world.

In assembly today I spoke to the children about classes for the next academic year. School has grown considerably over recent years and many new pupils have been welcomed. The impact of such growth however means that classes can become imbalanced in many aspects, and in order to 're-balance,' we will be shuffling class groups for September. This will give children an opportunity to make new friends who might currently be placed in the parallel class, in addition to continuing to work alongside some of their current peers. At some time next week your child will be asked to list three friends who they would be happy to be placed with next year, and we will guarantee that they will be placed with at least one (if not more) of these friends. Please do talk to your child about this over the weekend, and be reassured that teachers will give careful consideration to each child's requests. We will do our utmost to ensure that we have created new class groupings that meet everyone's needs. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher, myself or Mrs. Cox at any time.

We're looking forward to seeing you at next Saturday's Summer BBQ - thank you to all FAFA members for their hard work to make this event possible. Have a lovely weekend!

Ms Clare Woodward
Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor


Attendance for this Week: **95.17%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 90.32%	Oak YrR 98.28%	Elm Yr1 94.17%	CONGRATULATIONS Beech Yr1 99.14%	Birch Yr2 95.92%	Hazel Yr2 93.53%
Absences	24	4	14	2	10	15
Lateness	1	1	2			

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 - 97.9%, Blue = 85 - 94.9%, Red = <84.9%

KS2 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **96.72%**

	Maple Yr3 98.28%	Rowan Yr3 97.50%	Holly Yr4 94.35%	Willow Yr4 98.33%	CONGRATULATIONS Hawthorn Yr5 100%	Sycamore Yr5 91.67%	Chestnut Yr6 97.50%	Aspen Yr6 96.25%
Absences	4	6	14	4		20	6	9
Lateness	2	1	3					

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**Summer time
Craft & Gift Event**
Myland Parish Hall
Mile End Road, Colchester
Saturday 29th July 2017
10.00-3pm

A fun day out in your local community. Come and browse beautiful hand made items made locally, including arts, crafts, gifts and homeware.
Fun for children: Facepainting, sweets, sand art and more!
Charity raffle for Brain Tumour Research UK!

Stall enquiries: HRTEvents@outlook.com
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FREE ENTRY!

This week's Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Willow Class



This Weeks
Character Counts
Award was presented
to:
Indie-Bo Manning

For: Being a fantastic learner. Indie is always keen to challenge herself and improve. Any advice she is given is acted upon and the results can be seen in her work.

Indie is a good friend to everyone and is a thoughtful and helpful girl.

Diary Date Reminders:-

Mon 12 th Jun	Yr 4 Swimming Lesson (5of9)	1.30pm
Mon 12 th Jun	Sept17 EYFS Parents Information Evening	6.30pm
Tues 13 th Jun	Yr 4 Colchester Castle Trip	
Thurs 15 th Jun	Yr5 parents invited in for 'Romeo & Juliet' rewrite.	2.30pm
Fri 16 th Jun	Yr6 PE Festival @ The Gilberd School	10.30am to 12.30pm
Sat 17 th Jun	FAFA – Summer BBQ	2pm till 5pm
Mon 19 th Jun	Yr 4 Swimming Lessons (6of9)	1.30pm
Tue 20 th Jun	Sept17 EYFS Taster Session (1of2)	9.30am to 11am
Wed 21 st Jun	Year 1 Trip to Easton Farm Park	
Thur 22nd Jun	Sept17 EYFS Taster Session (2of2)	9.30am to 11am
Thur 22nd Jun	Whole School 'Field Day'	
Mon 26th Jun	KS2 Athletics Competition (Details TBC)	
Mon 26th Jun	Yr 4 Swimming Lesson (7of9)	1.30pm
Tues 27th Jun	KS1 Sports Day at here at QB	9.30am – 12.30pm
	Followed by picnic lunch on the Astro	
Weds 28th June	KS2 Sports Day at the Gilberd	10am – 1pm
	Followed by a picnic lunch on the astro back at QB	
Thur 29th June	Reserve Sports Day	
Thur 29th Jun	EYF Trip to Abberton Reservoir	
Sat 1st July	STOMP Guinness World Record Attempt – Castle Park	10am
Mon 3rd Jul	Yr 4 Swimming Lessons (8of9)	1.30pm
Mon 3rd Jul	Yr 5&6 Cricket Tournament (Details TBC)	
Mon 3rd Jul	St Benedict's Yr6 Induction day	
Thur 6th Jul	Stanway Yr6 Induction Day & Parents Evening	
Mon 10th Jul	Yr 4 Swimming Lessons (9of9)	1.30pm
Tue 11th Jul	Summer Production Performance (pre-schoolers welcome)	2pm
Wed 12th Jul	Summer Production Performance (No Pre-schoolers)	7pm
Thur 13th Jul	Summer Production Performance (No Pre-schoolers)	7pm
Wed 19 th Jul	Parent Internet Safety Event FREE	PM
Thur 20th Jul	End of Term Concert (Families welcome)	9am – 10.30am
Fri 21st Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	2pm
Mon 4 th Sept	Non Pupil Day	
Tue 5 th Sept	First day of Autumn Term	

This Week's Presentation
Awards go to...

William Wadley
Imogen Halls



To this week's Head Teacher
Award Winners:

Holly Giles
Jude Toner
Holly Clark
Isaac Ronald
Jay Vutha
Byron Boswick-Pagani
Sam Bateson
Shriram Rajesh
Rachel Campbell
Max Percivall
Ozcan Rasih
Sanchay Minocha
Jake Nash
Isaiah Okafor



Visit ParentINFO via the link that can be found on the schools website for important FREE safeguarding advice. **Topics this week include:-**

- Peer pressure - a parent's guide
- How learning to speak 'teenage' could help you communicate with your child
- Helping your child cope with media coverage of traumatic events
- Preventing violent extremism – what parents can do
- Preventing far-right extremism: a guide for parents
- FREE booklet for parents to help boost their child's self-esteem

Forthcoming School Trips – Payment due dates

Tues 13 th Jun	Yr 4 Colchester Castle Trip	Payment OVERDUE - was due by 2 nd June
Wed 21st Jun	Year 1 Trip to Easton Farm Park	Payment is due by 16 th June
Thur 29th Jun	EYF Trip to Abberton Reservoir	Payment is due by 23 rd June

We have no choice but to ask for your contributions to enable these extremely beneficial trips to go ahead. Although these contributions are classed as voluntary, where the school does not receive enough money to cover its costs, activities may not be able to go ahead.

IMPORTANT Date for your Diary

Wednesday 19th July
Early Evening



Internet Safety Presentation

*****Including a FREE movie night for all pupils whose parents attend *****

Presenters, The 2 Johns, have a combined Police Service history of over 50 years. In that time they have worked as covert officers targeting paedophiles online and have a unique insight into how they target our children.

When you think about Stranger Danger are you thinking of a white van outside a school or a man with a dog that has just had puppies?

In 2017 the Danger that Strangers can present to our children has never been more profound and never been further removed from the lessons we learnt growing up.

The aim of the evening is to change your perspective of what our children's lives look like online and to make you challenge many of your current thought processes when trying to keep children safe from today's hidden harms.

A complex web of reasons are behind why children subjected to online sexual exploitation may not disclose to us. This is because of grooming techniques used by paedophiles, but more alarmingly, is worsened by our current approach as both teachers and parents.

John and John wrote, produced and present the 'Walk Online' roadshow. To date this has been seen by over 14000 children. Over the past 3 years John and John have been key speakers at numerous major events including the Essex Headteachers conference, Essex Deputy Headteachers conference, the Essex Safeguarding Children's Board conference and the Rape Crisis conference.

At the end of the event we believe you will have a much greater understanding of what children are doing online and a much better chance of keeping them safe. We will be covering many new and emerging apps that have appeared over the last year.



We were very lucky to be one of just 30 schools that secured a visit from STOMP musicians on Tuesday as part of their preparation for a world record attempt on being of the most number of people performing a Stomp routine at one time.

The record attempt is due to take place at 10am on the 1st July in the Castle Park.

Stomp musicians, Dave and Nazz, taught the routine to the whole of KS2, 240 pupils, and invited everyone to join them on Saturday 1st July for the filmed record attempt.

If you would like to be part of the event (if will be re-taught on the morning so do take along the whole family) then go along to...



Saturday 1st July - 10am – 7pm
Lower Castle Park

This is a family event featuring hands on workshops, the STOMP routine World Record attempt, rock and pop bands, orchestras, jazz groups, choirs, world music, food, children's and refreshments!

