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Issue 7

### WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we all dressed up as book characters. It was great to see so many different characters amongst the staff and children. We also randomly selected two names from every class and the chosen children got to select a book of their choice.

### GEORGE - 6JCA

Unfortunately, George was unable to attend school on World Book Day but we were so impressed with the costume he made that we had to feature it in our newsletter.



Well done George!

### CAN YOU HELP?

14th - 18th March is National Science week and we are looking for any visitors with a Science based job to come in to tell the children a little bit about their role. Examples of this could be dentists/dental nurses, medical professionals, psychologists, sport scientists, vets etc. Does your job have an element of Science involved in it?

If you would like to come in and talk to our children please contact the school office.

### DIARY DATES



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
**2KR Class Assembly**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
**Year 3 Trip - Colchester Castle**  
*Children to be in at 8.30am*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
**4SD Class Assembly**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year 4 Trip - Kent Life**  
*Children to be in at 8.30am*

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**Year 5 - Ancient Egyptian Day**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
**5ES Class Assembly**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Break up for Easter holidays**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
**Return to school**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
**Year 1 Trip - Layer Marney Tower**  
*Children to be in at 8.30am*

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**1KC Class Assembly**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
**4AS Class Assembly**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
**3MW Class Assembly**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**1GS Class Assembly**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**Class Photos**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE -

### DINNER MONEY

Reminder that dinner money should be paid on the day or in advance.

**Our only method of payment is Parent Pay. If you do not have a log-on, please ask at the office and we can arrange this for you.**

**We no longer accept cash.**

It is the parents' responsibility to know how much credit is on their account. **Parent Pay now shows up to date running balances.**

Office staff will now only send dinner money arrears texts once per week.

However, please note that we do not allow arrears to go over £11.00. We will not provide a school dinner for children if the arrears are over £11.00 and parents will be contacted informing them that they need to either pay before 11.30am, bring in a packed lunch or collect their child to take them home for lunch.

### REGULAR ARREARS

When an account is regularly in arrears, we will insist on payment up front and a lunch will not be provided without payment in advance.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

When arrears reach £11.00, parents will be contacted and asked to bring the arrears up to date immediately. Failure to do this could jeopardise a child's place at Breakfast Club.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive either:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Universal Credit - provided your total net earnings are no more than £616.67 each month, starting from 1 April 2018
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**Please apply online if you think you may be entitled.**

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Even if you do not currently pay for your child's meals (because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) you should still apply if you think you are entitled. During school holidays we make weekly payments to those entitled to free school meals and you could be missing out if you do not apply.

## CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION:

Should you have any queries or concerns, in the first instance please ensure you speak with your child's teacher.

After speaking with the class teacher, and you are unhappy with the response received please follow the escalation procedure below:

- Class Teacher
- Key Stage Assistant Head Teacher (by appointment)
- Deputy Head Teacher - Mr Turner (by appointment)
- Head Teacher - Mrs Back (by appointment)

## BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club, we do ask that you pre-book. Places should be booked by Friday for the following week. Forms can be collected from the school office.

The advance notice will help us ensure that the club is fully staffed and enough food is ordered.

**Please arrive before 8.20am for your child to receive breakfast.**

Although we ask parents not to, we know that some do continue to drive into the school grounds and we ask that you ensure you turn your engine off when the car is stationary to prevent the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.



## MILK

Children under 5 receive free milk at school.

If your child is over 5 and you would like them to receive milk then please register your child online, visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) The current cost is approximately 24p per day.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF...

If your child is absent then you must phone on the first day of absence and leave a message when prompted. Please state the following:

- your child's name
- class
- **reason for being off**

It is not sufficient to just say that they won't be in. As a school we are expected by Ofsted and the Local Authority to know why a child is not in school and report any cases where there are persistent and/or unexplained absences.

Please ensure that you send a letter in with your child when they return to school. Please state the reason for absence as we need this for your child's file.

**When children are off regularly and parents do not call in to report their child's absence we will consider doing a home visit.**

## LATENESS

Can we please remind you that the school day starts at 8.55am. We have an increasing number of children arriving after this time. It is disruptive to classroom and office staff when your child is late and your child is missing out on valuable learning time when they arrive after their classmates.

**Letters are sent home to those with persistent lateness and meetings will be arranged if there is no improvement after the first letter has been sent.**

## After School - Club Timetable

Monday	Jujitsu ran by Angela Conquest	
Wednesday	Target Games	Year 1
Thursday	Boys' Football Target Games Study Club	Year 5 Year 3 Year 6
Friday	Girls' Football Boys' Football	Year 5-6 Year 5-6

## PARKING

There is no parking for parents on the school grounds. This includes Breakfast Club drop off. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

In addition, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the side roads and do not park across driveways (this includes the dentist surgery). Please note traffic wardens have been in the area and have issued at least one ticket to a parent who parked at the dentist surgery during the school run.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES ARE BACK!

We are pleased to announce that class assemblies are back. Please check front page for upcoming assemblies. Parents are welcome to watch class assemblies. They take place in the morning and are usually finished by 9.45am. Other family members are welcome to attend if parents are unable to watch

## EARRINGS ON P.E. DAYS

Reminder that the only earrings that are permitted in school are simple stud earrings. These should be removed on P.E. days. Those who have newly pierced ears i.e. within the last 6 weeks, may keep them in provided that ear tape is worn. This must be provided by the parent.

## P.E. KITS

Please could you ensure children have both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits.

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|---------|---|---|
| Indoor  | - | red or black shorts, plain white T-shirt and plimsolls/trainers                 |
| Outdoor | - | Outdoor trainers, tracksuits or joggers and sweatshirts or hoodies (any colour) |

## BOOK STOP SWAP SHOP



Come and visit our Book Stop Swap Shop where you can borrow, return, swap and donate books.

**When:** Daily, after school 3:15pm from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Weather permitting)

**Where:** Outside 6CM undercover area near the green KS2 gate.

Parents and children are welcome to come along and choose from a range of books suitable for key stages 1 and 2.

Borrow a book, bring it back and swap for another. Donations welcome!



## BOOK STOP SWAP SHOP



# MOTHER'S DAY

## SECRET SHOP



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

£2.00 per gift

*The cost includes a choice from a variety of beautiful gifts and gift wrapping (to ensure a surprise on Mother's Day!)*

*The shop will be open during school time and children will be invited from their classes to come along to secretly pick one gift for the special lady in their life – Mum, Nan, Auntie, Sister, etc*

*Please send money into school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March*

*We have purchased more than enough gifts for one per child to allow for surplus gifts to be sold for Step-mum's, Nan's, etc. These will be sold after school in the week before Mother's Day. Please wait to hear details from Groupcall and email.*

\*\*\* Happy Mother's Day – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 \*\*\*



## ATTENDANCE

The classes with the best attendance in week ending 04/03/22 and the winners of the Graham James Attendance shield are:

**EYFS/KS1**

**Classes 1GS & 2KR with 97.4%**

**KS2**

**Class 3MW with 98.4%**



**TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS AWARDS**  
Highest Accuracy from 11<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022



Sally Lockey	3OT	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dhian Rai	3MW	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tiana Carlosama	3OT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Huluta	3MW	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hallie Beard	3OT	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruby Lawrence	3MW	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Luke Surry	4AS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alice Leonard	4SD	1 <sup>st</sup>
Poppy Mountford	4AS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noah Osborne	4SD	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rosie Perkins	4AS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mabel Farmer	4SD	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bobby Carney	5ES	1 <sup>st</sup>	Freya Harvey	5RW	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mack Boxall	5ES	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elsie Wright	5RW	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Harry Scopes	5ES	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frankie Unwin	5RW	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Emmanuel Mafimisebi	6CM	1 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur Buisson	6JCA	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ava Winchester	6CM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harrison Nurse	6JCA	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Oliver Linton	6CM	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mason Major	6JCA	3 <sup>rd</sup>



**NUMBOTS WINNERS**

**HIGHEST NUMBER OF LEVELS PASSED  
WITH THREE STARS**

From 11<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022



1 <sup>st</sup>	Blue Hallissey	RAC	1 <sup>st</sup>	Aiyah Aldridge	RSK
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scarlett Clay-Clements	RAC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jamie Georgiou	RSK
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Austin Gray	RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Timi Ayoade	RSK
1 <sup>st</sup>	Oliver O'Donnell	1GS	1 <sup>st</sup>	Leo Hunt	1KC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Penelope Gurnham	1GS	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malachi Jackson-Layne	1KC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Naomi Gray	1GS	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrison Cosentino	1KC
1 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur Lloyd	2KR	1 <sup>st</sup>	Shavonne Kasimbi	2LP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leighton Nicholson	2KR	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Henry Rose	2LP
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Layla Carney	2KR	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emme Musgrove	2LP

# WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

It was wonderful to see the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters.

Two children from each class were randomly selected and won a book of their choice.



## READER AND WRITER OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2022



Class	Reader of the Month	Writer of the Month
RAC	Austin Gray	Lila Moss
RSK	Timi Ayoade	Michalina Samsel
1GS	Ethan Gilbey	Chidera Nwankwo
1KC	Bray McQuade	Poppy Parker
2KR	Lila Martin	Tristan Orwell
2LP	Belle Marchant	Sienna Scopes
3MW	Ryan Mearing	Albie Stone
3OT	Maria Todor	Oliver Creighton
4AS	Alfie-Roy West	Mia Day
4SD	Leland Wilson	Austin Whittingham
5ES	Amelia Rotheron	Darcy Caudwell
5RW	Madison Pogmore	Freya Harvey
6CM	Emmanuel Mafimisebi	Clayton Pope
6JCA	George Darrah	Max Strong

<b>HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> Half term: Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Christmas break: Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Half term: Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February Easter break: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April Bank holidays: Good Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> Half term: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Bank holidays: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Last day of school is Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022