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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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FGB—Report to Parents

We met as a Governing Body on 09/05/2022, I'm pleased to say that the we remain fully populated and with a wide range of skills and experience to offer. Whether or not that's enough to make up a winning team for the school quiz next week, remains to be seen!

The Governors will all be visiting the school over the next few weeks in order to monitor progress in terms of the school's strategic priorities and we look forward to seeing the children and talking to them about their experiences at school.

We were updated in how the school community continues to catch up following the pandemic. The impact of Covid has been significant on everybody both physically and mentally and the school has got lots of measures in place to support the children and families.

The Governors were also updated on the school finances and how money is spent in constantly improving and supporting the children and we are pleased to report that everything is in good order.

I am lucky enough to monitor the priority around physical outdoor activity (we have this because we know that this has a positive impact on educational achievement and mental health) and I am pleased to say that I regularly observe your children walking, scooting and running to school. The improved weather is a good opportunity to increase the walks to school, to turn off the phones and electronic devices and get out there and enjoy nature!

We were also told that St. John's Green is going to be 125 years old next year!! We weren't sure if Mr Billings was Head Teacher in those days but we do know that there are some great things in the pipeline to celebrate it!

Elisa Vasquez-Walters

Class Photos

Next Thursday, it's class photographs @ AF, followed on Friday by class photographs @ T.

Children must come to school in school uniform with a change of shoes in their bag for PE if necessary.

Kings & Queens.

On Friday 27th May, it is our Jubilee Celebration. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to come to school dressed as Kings and Queens.

For all other children in the school, the option is there to dress in red, white and blue. Though if they'd like to dress as a King or Queen too—they'd be very welcome.



The **Big** Question for this Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: Enterprise

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Relationships.

School Development Priorities—Priority 1

100% of pupils are able to share a book they have recently read and talk about the story, or the key features.

Whilst I was writing the newsletter this morning I did get distracted trying to find a suitable quiz. I have discovered all sorts of other things about myself as well this morning.

Have a go at this quiz (only four questions and they're all pictures) so my favourite one. I clicked on four pictures and apparently like reading 'Crime and Mystery.' This is actually true—so who'd have thought that clicking on the pictures worked.

<https://www.funkidslive.com/quiz/quiz-what-book-genre-should-you-read/>

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our Year 6 children this week, who from Monday to Thursday sat 6 different papers. This was the first time in two years that our Year 6 children have had to undertake these standard tests and the way they carried out the tests and gave it their all, made me very proud.

The two maths papers on Wednesday were particularly horrible and yet your children persevered and gave it their all.

So well done Year 6, an excellent effort. Have yourselves a very good and well deserved weekend.



Cycling

If I could just ask all parents whose children either scooter or cycle to school to have a reminder conversation with their children about cycling/scootering safely—especially when there's less space/room for manoeuvrability.

We've had one or two recent incidents where wheels and speed have not combined well with pedestrians, which have resulted in some near misses.

Look behind before they turn, overtake or stop.

Use arm signals before they turn.

Obey traffic lights and road signs.

Do not cycle next to another person on a narrow road.

Watch out for car doors opening suddenly when passing parked cars.



Awards

STAR— Penny (MM), CHARIOT— Olivia (MM), JUMBO— Emma (MM).

EAGLES—Emil (MLM), ROSES— Sofia (RROX), CIRCUS— Charlie (MM).

MERCURY— Jack (RROX), CLAUDIUS— Daisy (MM), ROMANS— George (RREX).

DUTCH— Maynee (MM), ICENI— Kiara (CC), PAXMAN— Erica (MLM).

CASTLE— Chris (MM), CAVALIER— Violet (MM), GARRISON— Ronnie (RREX).

OYSTERS— Marcus (MM), MAGNETS— Francisco (RROX), RAEDWALD— Chanel (MM).

CYMBELINE— Whole Class (RREX), TRINOVANTES— Whole Class (RREX), LATHES— Whole Class (RREX).

ATTENDANCE— Cymbeline

Term Dates

Half Term Break is 28th May—5th Jun

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Tuesday's (This HT only) - Year 4 will be using the Garrison Track for athletics

Tuesday's—Year 3 Paxman Swimming

Wednesday's—Year 3 Dutch Swimming

Thursday's—Year 3 Icen Swimming

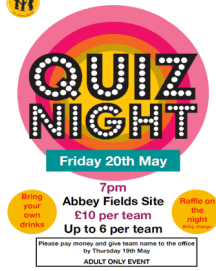
Monday 9th May—Forest Schools starts for EYFS children (Every Monday)

Thursday 19th—Class Photo's @ AF.

Friday 20th—Class Photo's @ T

Friday 20th May—PTA Quiz Night

Friday 1st July—PTA Summer Fair



GET Outside!

I think I've pretty much exhausted the Colchester walks available on-line and they're now all on the website for you to peruse and use at your leisure.

So as we go into the summer a slight change of focus—things to do outside.

So far we've had bugs and flowers as our inspiration. This week: Homemade Fizzy Sidewalk Chalk Paint.

This is a new one on me—but having a daughter who is quite fond of using chalk outside much to the delight of our neighbours—we'll definitely be giving this a go this weekend, when I say we...

Sidewalk chalk paint ingredients:

2 cups baking soda

1 cup cornstarch

Water

Food dye

Vinegar

To get started, mix together the baking soda and cornstarch.

Then, add a small amount of water and stir together. Continue to add water until the consistency is close to finger paint.

Next, divide the mixture and add food dye to create different vibrant colours; stir to combine.

Now, add the different colours into a muffin tin or some small bowls.

Have your children paint different pictures on the sidewalk! Please note that you may need to occasionally mix the paints again as the ingredients will settle.

Once they're finished painting, fill a squirt or squeeze bottle with vinegar and invite them to make their artwork fizz.

Genius!

<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2020/03/homemade-diy-fizzy-sidewalk-chalk-paint.html>



Community Cupboard

Our Community Cupboard stocks are getting low—only if you can afford it, please could you pop an extra packet of something into your shopping and then drop off at either office. Anything non-perishable from your weekly shop is suitable and is a real help to our families in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

Article Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice 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.