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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Essex County Council joins the nation in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch.

Flags at County Hall will be flown at half-mast.

Chairman of Essex County Council, Councillor Eddie Johnson, said: "We are deeply saddened to hear that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has passed away.

"We would like to pay tribute to Her Majesty's life-long commitment to public service as the longest-reigning monarch in history. Her loss will be felt throughout the county, the country and the world.

"Flags are being flown at half-mast at County Hall and a letter of condolence will be sent to the Queen's personal secretary expressing our sympathies."

Leader of Essex County Council, Cllr Kevin Bentley, said: "Our sincere condolences are with the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"The Queen has had a tremendous 70-year reign and made an incredible contribution to our great county during her time as Monarch. Whether this be inspiring residents during her visits, helping us to celebrate important milestones or simply shining a spotlight on the unique landmarks and things that Essex is most famous.

"The death of Her Majesty will be felt across the world, but I know I speak on behalf of my cabinet colleagues and members of my group when I say her memory will live on through the lives she has touched and her unwavering dedication to the people of this country."

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/essex-marks-the-death-of-her-majesty-queen-elizabeth-ii>

Yesterday marks a momentous day in our country's history. Whatever your feelings about the Royal Family, the country has lost a monarch who served with love and compassion and who ruled over us for over 70 years.

We will never in our lifetimes be witness to such a monumental event and it is both right and fitting that we remember our Queen and her service to our country.

At the time of writing school's have received no more information other than what we've read in the news with regards to this current period of National Mourning, or plans for the state funeral. As we know more we will communicate that with you.

Our Queen once said this about children, '

"They teach us all a lesson - just as the Christmas story does - that in the birth of a child, there is a new dawn with endless potential."

So for now, we remember.

RIP—HRH Queen Elizabeth II

RIP Our Queen - fly high with Phillip.

Phillip came to me today,
and said it was time to go.
I looked at him and smiled,
as I whispered that "I know".

I then turned and looked behind me,
and seen I was asleep.

All my Family were around me,

and I could hear them weep.

I gently touched each shoulder,
with Phillip by my side.

Then I turned away and walked,

with My Angel guide.

Phillip held my hand,
as he lead the way,

to a world where King's and Queens,

are Monarch's every day.

I was given a crown to wear

or a Halo known by some.

The difference is up here,
they are worn by everyone.

I felt a sense of peace,
my reign had seen its end.

70 years I had served my Country,

as the peoples friend.

Thank you for the years,
for all your time and love.

Now I am one of two again,
in our Palace up above.



Hello again Libby!

Term Dates

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—half Term
Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term
Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

Diary Dates

Monday 12th September. Non Uniform day for Book Bingo Winners Only. Children will have been told if they were a Book Bingo winner.
Tuesday 13th September—Swimming Starts for Year 6. (This will be every Tuesday).
Thursday 15th September—Swimming starts for Year 5. (This will be every Thursday)
Thursday 15th September @ 7.30p.m. @ AF. PTA Open Meeting. This is for all parents. Please pop along if you have ideas or would like to be involved with the PTA.
Sunday 18th September—Friday 23rd September. Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: Reading and Reading Expectations

Article 22 (refugee children) If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Being me in My World

Awards

STAR—Whole Class (RREX), CHARIOT— Whole Class (RREX), JUMBO- Whole Class (RREX).
EAGLES— Whole Class (RREX), ROSES— Whole Class (RREX), CIRCUS- Whole Class (RREX).
MERCURY—Timi (MM), CLAUDIUS- Rocky (MM), ROMANS- Whole Class (RREX).
DUTCH— Theo (RREX), ICENI— Alice (MM), PAXMAN— Ellie (CC) & Annabel (RREX).
CASTLE— Whole Class (MM), CAVALIER— Whole Class (MM), GARRISON— Whole Class (MM).
OYSTERS- Flo (MM), MAGNETS- Whole Class (CC), RAEDWALD- Oscar (MM).
CYMBELINE— Johnny (MM), TRINOVANTES— Lola (CC), LATHES- William (MLM).
ATTENDANCE— Magnets and Romans.

Good Luck Mrs. Rayner
Mrs. Rayner leaves us today to start her maternity leave. We wish both her and her husband Matt, the very best of luck for their imminent new arrival.



GoRead
Just to say a huge well done and thankyou to all those children and parents who recorded their reads over the summer. Our school won the Summer GoReadathon, so £250 worth of book vouchers and a trophy will be coming our way. Excellent News.

Reminder Year 2 Parents—End of Universal Free School Meal Entitlement

At the end of last term all parents of a child in Year 2 were sent a letter reminding them that the Universal Free School Meal Entitlement, came to an end as children move to KS2.

The letter detailed the fact that parents should apply for FSM if they were in receipt of certain benefits. I would remind and urge parents, who think they might be entitled to get in contact with either school office and apply, if they think this applies to them. You have nothing to lose and once in receipt, it means that your child can have a school dinner, whenever they want. It will also reduce the cost of residentials and swimming lessons.

All Things P.E.

Just a reminder to all parents about all things relevant to PE.

1, Earrings. Children cannot wear earrings for PE and school staff are not allowed to either tape or remove them. It is vital that parents remove their children's earrings on the days they have P.E. unless the child is able to remove them themselves.

2, P.E. trainers do not have to be black. It is only school shoes that need to be black.

As per the information on the school website which is in parent information—our PE kit is as follows:

PE Kit

Coloured Polo shirt, (available from the school uniform suppliers), linked to the Team that children are allocated to. (This does not apply to children in EYFS who should wear a white polo shirt for P.E.)

Navy blue or black shorts. (A small motif is permissible)

Children must have trainers for P.E. and these must be a change of trainers should your child wear black trainers for school. (This does not apply to children in EYFS who either need their bare feet or black pumps)

Tracksuit - either blue or black.

On PE days children should wear their PE kit to school.

Swimming Kit

Boys—Swimming Trunks. (NOT Bermuda type shorts/baggy shorts) TRUNKS please. These are swimming lessons, not a day at the beach.

Girls—One piece swimming costume.

Children with long hair (boys/girls) will need to wear a swimming hat.

PE Days

Year 6—Monday & Tuesday (Swimming).

Year 5—Wednesday (Raedwald/Magnets), Friday (Oysters), Thursday (All Year 5—swimming).

Year 4—Tuesday (Garrison), Wednesday (Cavalier), Thursday (Garrison & Castle), Friday (Cavalier & Castle).

Year 3—Monday (All Year 3), Tuesday (Paxman), Wednesday (Dutch), Thursday (Iceni).

Year 2—Tuesday (Claudius & Mercury), Wednesday (Romans & Claudius), Thursday (Romans), Friday (Mercury).

Year 1—Monday (Circus), Tuesday (Roses), Wednesday (All Year 1), Thursday (Eagles)

EYFS Tuesday & Thursday.

St John's Green Junior Park Run

St John's Green is trying to take over the Junior Park Run on Sunday 18th September.



There are two things we really need:

1, Children to run/walk/amble round.

2, Parents to volunteer to help.

The event always takes place at Old Heath Recreation Ground on a Sunday at 9.00a.m.

To register to run and/or to register to help out on the day—please just follow the link.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/colchester-juniors/>

Full Governing Body Meeting 5/9/2022

The Governing Body met on Monday 05/09/2022, as it is a new academic year we had to elect our new Chair and Vice Chair who are Geoff Beales and Nicola Roberts and we agreed the areas of Governor responsibilities.

The remaining non-pupil days for the rest of the academic year were agreed as the 19th, 20th and 21st of July 2023

The very important Key Facts document which includes the School Priorities was discussed, and an action for the Governors is for all of us to visit the school by the end of September to find out how teachers are planning to equip our children with all of those learning powers! We are all looking forward to seeing the children and staff in action.

We discussed a number of new and updated policies; there have been some important updates in the Behaviour Policy which will be communicated via the newsletter over the next few weeks. One of the most common issues where behaviour falls below the expected standard is through the use of social media and in particular WhatsApp groups so we strongly encourage parents and carers to monitor their children's use.

The same as for everybody right now financial issues were high on the agenda and discussions were had around the Cost of Living situation. Our normal school finances are, as ever, in good order thanks to the excellent team we have in our office and in terms of the extraordinary issues which we are all facing we have to wait and see what support the government will be offering before deciding next steps.

We hope that the children are looking forward to Kingwood and Danbury as much as Mr Billings appears to be and we look forward to updates about these trips.

Governor's also completed some safeguarding training and were reminded that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and any concerns should be reported to the senior leadership team

Elisa Vasquez-Walters

NUTS

Please remember that we do have several children in the school who suffer with a NUT allergy.

Parents—please DO NOT send your children into school with any bags of nuts or nut based products including bars.

If we see/become aware of a child eating or having a NUT based product we will remove it from them/and or ask them not to eat it and return it to you at the end of the day.

Please also remember that for the safety of our allergy children, children should not be offering to share their snacks. Just because a product says it doesn't contain nuts doesn't mean it doesn't. Our children with NUT allergies have severe allergies with epipens and as such it is important that they don't come into contact with foods that could trigger a reaction—the best way to do that is for children to eat their snacks themselves.

Many thanks.



Pay 360

We have had some technical issues with P360 which is our online payment system.

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/pay_360_education_payments/288519

Please be assured this was not the school's fault rather our providers. We think that the situation is now resolved which means that the products—such as Swimming/Kingswood 2023 etc, that parents want to pay for on-line you can now do so.

To register for this we must have parents current e-mail addresses as we now send registration e-mails and not codes.

Any questions please ask the school office team at either AF or T.

EYFS Gates and Morning

Dear EYFS Parents—we're very much looking forward (as I'm sure you are) to welcoming your children to school full time from next week.

This means that they will need to be at school from between 8.30a.m. and 8.40a.m. Please drop them off as you have been this week in their Outside Learning Garden. These gates will be opened at 8.30 in the morning and staff will be on hand to greet you.

Staff will have also set the Outside Learning garden up with the resources, etc that they want the children to use that day—so please, once we open the gates, direct your children straight to the doors and don't let them get distracted by the excitement outside that awaits.

Many thanks.

Behaviour Policy

The school has a revised Behaviour Policy that has been agreed by Governors. It is important that parents read this and it can be found on our website in policies.

Behaviour is obviously key to our children's successes in school and therefore it is important that we work with you to celebrate excellent behaviour and make sure that we keep unacceptable behaviour to a minimum.

Please have a read through the policy and through the newsletters in the next few weeks we will draw out some of its key elements.

Many thanks.