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Please remember that Monday 18th July is the last day of the Summer Term. The Autumn Term starts on Monday 5th September.

Goodbye Year 6



For our Year 6 children we now say goodbye. They move on to their new secondary schools with our very best wishes and with our hope that they will both achieve and aspire to greatness. Below is part of the extract that I wrote for them in their leavers books...

What you aspire to, what you want to achieve later on in life is very much down to you. As I've constantly said to you in assemblies, you can do and be anything you want to be. It might not be handed to you on a plate, but you can achieve it if you aspire to it. I want you all to be the very best you can be - and to succeed in life, where perhaps I haven't, or your parents haven't.

Be brave, go out there and change the world. And when you do, think back and remember the

primary school where it started all those years ago somewhere in Colchester. Because that's what

makes each and every one of you so special. The fact that your life hasn't been decided for you, the fact that you can do anything and be anything.

Pele said 'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice



and

most of all, love of what you're doing. Year 6, I wish you the very best and very much look forward to reading of your successes in my dotage.

Until then, I will leave you with this quote from Mary Angelou, which sums up everything I'd want for you. I wish you all the very best.

'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.'

So to our Year 6, we say, the very best of luck to you all.

And to all our children and parents on behalf of all the staff: Have a very good Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Term Dates

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term. Non Uniform Day. Children, parents to give/donate to school any unwanted/un-needed school uniform.

Thursday 21st July. Free PTA School Uniform. 10.00a.m.—1.00p.m. @ AF.

Monday 5th September. 1st day of Autumn Term.

Sunday 18th September—Friday 23rd September. Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.

URGENT REMINDER Year 2 Parents—End of Universal Free School Meal Entitlement

All parents of a child in Year 2 were sent a letter a couple of weeks ago reminding them that the Universal Free School Meal Entitlement, comes 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 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 residential and swimming lessons.

GET Outside -

Just a reminder to parents that there are a plethora of things to do in and around Colchester that cost nothing over the Summer Break. These include but are not exclusive to:

A plethora of local walks

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/colchester_walks/576653

Castle Park Bandstand Concerts

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/castle-park-bandstand-concerts-p143311>

Natural History Museum (Colchester)

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/natural-history-museum-p1190561>

Invasion Colchester

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/invasion-colchester-p1249721>

Archaeology Day at the Roman Circus

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/archaeology-day-at-the-roman-circus-visitor-centre-p1667751>

Visit Colchester has its own dedicated website to events in Colchester—there is a small fee for some

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/whats-on/events-calendar>

These include; Colchester Outdoor Food and Film Festival (21st–24th July), The Very Hungry caterpillar Show (20th July–21st July), Colourscape (16th July–17th July), Alice in Wonderland (29th July–14th August), Colchester Roman Festival (30th July–31st July), Steam Day at the East Anglian Railway Museum (31st July), The Tales of Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny (12th August–13th August), Colchester Rugby Club Family Fun Day (28th August)

Colchester United Open Day

Obviously a special mention for the Colchester United Open Day which is on Sunday 17th July from 11.00—4.00p.m.





Non-Uniform Day Monday 18th July

Help St. John's Green Go...

GREENER

By Recycling, Reusing & Repurposing school uniform!

Please donate any unwanted or outgrown items of school uniform in a **CLEAN** and **WEARABLE** condition.

All uniform is accepted including shoes, trainers, PE kits, bags, tights/socks coats etc

Please put items in a bag for your child to hand into class on the day

Together as a school we can help the planet



Go Jacob

A special mention to Jacob who is in Year 6.

He is taking part in Race for Life 5k - Muddy Obstacle Race, on Sunday 17th July to raise money for Cancer Research. So far he has collected nearly £200.

This cause means a lot to the family. Jacob is racing in memory of a family friend who passed away last year from cancer, he wanted to help others so they would not suffer.

If people think they can make a small donation to Jacob's cause—I know it would be much appreciated.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/clair-es-race-for-life-15125818>



Nick Butterworth

On Wednesday, the whole school were given a treat when well known and loved children's author and illustrator, Nick Butterworth visited. Nick spent the day with the children,

talking about his love of reading, how he became an author after being a reluctant reader as a child, and of course, he spoke about his inspiration for Percy the Park Keeper.

Nick showed the children how to doodle, how to turn 'squiggles' into works of art and he spoke about how to plan and write stories.

Nick then spoke to our parents in the evening, whilst the children listened to bedtime stories. Nick spent time during the day and evening, signing books and meeting the children. Nick auctioned one of his original prints, held a raffle and all proceeds from this and his book sales are going to Refugee Action Colchester.

We cannot thank Nick Butterworth enough for the time, energy and enthusiasm he gave on Wednesday to all of us at the school—an inspiration.

In total, £1375.60p was raised for Refugee Action.

Steph's London Edinburgh London

London Edinburgh London is a 1500km self-supported cycle ride across the United Kingdom, between the iconic capital cities of England and Scotland.

London Edinburgh London is not a race, but you have only 125 hours to make your way around to Edinburgh and back to London.

One of our parents, Stephane Helene, is undertaking this cycle ride on behalf of MIND and in memory of Colin Thornley, who was one of our parents.

If you feel you can support Steph, his just giving page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rideforcolin>



School Uniform

Just a reminder please to parents, that the blind eye we may apply to school uniform at the end of the Summer Term does not apply when the children return in September.

PE kit, in particular is an area when both children and parents have become a little creative.

The expectations for school uniform are detailed on the school website in 'Parent Information':

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/school_uniform/288493

Boys

Grey or black trousers.

Grey or black shorts (these must not be sports shorts).

White collared shirt or white polo shirt

Navy fleece, sweatshirt or jumper

Black shoes or black trainers. Navy, brown or black close-toed sandals.

Girls

Grey or black trousers or skirt.

Grey or black shorts (these must not be sports/cycling shorts).

White collared shirt or white polo shirt

Navy fleece, sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

Blue pique summer dress.

Grey pinafore.

Sensible flat black shoes or black trainers. Navy, brown or black closed-toed sandals.

PE Kit

Coloured Polo shirt, (available from the school uniform suppliers), linked to the Team that children are allocated to.

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.

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.

Police

Essex Police have asked us to share the following:

"Keep up to date with your local policing team by signing up to receive their weekly newsletter - <https://www.getrevu.co/profile/epcolchester>

Summer GoReadathon
Please see details which will be sent by e-mail with the newsletter but basically—KEEP LOGGING THOSE READS!

Class Teachers for Next Year

All children will now have received their end of AP3 reports and this will have included their new class teacher for next year.

Class Teachers for next year are as follows:

EYFS

Miss Cook (Star), Mrs. Palmer (Jumbo), Mrs. Correia (Chariot).

Year 1

Miss Wiggins (Roses), Mrs. Scotting (Circus), Miss Johnson (Eagles).

Year 2

Miss Witzenfeld (Claudius), Mrs. Minshall (Mercury), Miss Roberts (Romans).

Year 3

Miss Aston (Paxman), Mr. Eves (Iceni), Miss Kerr (Dutch).

Year 4

Miss Salmon (Castle), Miss Stockwell (Cavalier), Mrs. Crane (Garrison).

Year 5

Mrs Rowe (Raedwald), Miss Mitchell (Oysters), Mrs. Williams (Magnets).

Year 6

Mrs. Smith (Cymbeline), Mrs. Wall (Trinovantes), Mrs. Woodham (Lathes).

Mrs. Rayner as if you've seen her, you'll have probably surmised is pregnant with her baby expected at the end of September. Mrs. Rayner will hopefully be in school the first week in September before she starts her maternity leave.

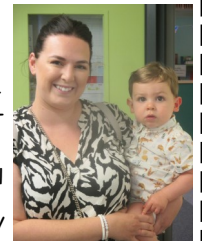
Mr Bates will be working across Year 5 and 6 next year.

Goodbye to Mrs. Hancock

Very sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Hancock this term.

Mrs. Hancock was not in school this year as she was on maternity leave and has made the decision not to return to her previous role.

We wish Mrs. Hancock all the very best going forward. She has been a dedicated member of our staff for a number of years and was instrumental in setting up our HUB which is based at the Town site.



Attendance

A huge challenge this year with regards to attendance as we came out of the pandemic and had our first full school year since 2019.

Being in school is absolutely key to every child's learning as, as brilliant as the staff are, it's very difficult to impart pearls of wisdom without the child in front of you.

Onwards and upwards to even better attendance next academic year but a special mention to class:

Romans, who with 97.8% attendance had the best attendance for the Summer term

Claudius, who with 96.8% attendance had the best attendance for the whole academic year.

