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**PLEASE REMEMBER—READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN 5X A WEEK AND LOG IT ON Boom Reader (Formerly GoRead).**

Older Children can do this for Themselves.

Boom Reader logs reading recorded from Saturday morning to Saturday morning.

**Kingswood Year 6 (Current Year 5). Please remember that the 2nd payment for the Kingswood residential is now overdue—it would be very helpful if parents could pay it please.**



### PTA Bingo Night

Huge thanks to those parents who popped along for our PTA Bingo night last Friday.

We could genuinely been at 'Gala' such was the level of intensity by the players as they competed for some very high quality gifts.

In total the PTA made a profit of £135, which is excellent. The gold waistcoat I was wearing, only comes out once a year, so if you want to see it, you'll have to pop along next year—it is, though I say so myself, very fetching!

### Primary School EYFS Admissions

A reminder to parents that admissions are now open Reception places for September 2023.

The statutory national closing date is 15th January 2023.

From 7 November 2022, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

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

**Term Dates**  
 Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term  
 Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

**Diary Dates**  
 Monday 21st November. 9.00a.m.—9.30a.m. EYFS - Phonics in the Classroom. (Come and learn phonics in the classroom with your children) No Pre-School Children please - sorry.  
**Saturday 26th November. 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF.**  
 Wednesday 14th December. AP1 Reports to Parents & Open Evening. 4.30p.m.—6.30p.m. AF & T.  
**PLEASE LOOK AT THE CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DIARY DATES FOR EYFS/YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.**

Our Assembly Theme: The Story of Katherine Johnson and other Inspiring Women.

**Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.**

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Differences.

**PTA Christmas Market, Saturday 26th November:** We would welcome donations to the Raffle! If anyone knows of any local businesses who may like to give a donation, please could you speak to either School Office.



### Christmas Parade

Many children and parents popped along to the Christmas Parade this week in Colchester. Thirteen of our children were in the parade itself, hidden in part by a rather large Santa! Anglia news also covered it briefly that evening, so who knows, perhaps fame and stardom do await for some of our children.

### Roman Cup

Yesterday, some of our Year 6 children were at the Garrison to take part in the 'Roman Cup.' The 'Roman Cup' is an inter school squash competition run by 'Off The Wall Squash' and is the largest inter school squash tournament in the country.



Our children were in fine form yesterday, performing brilliantly against some very good opposition.

You have to start somewhere, so maybe, in a few years time, the powers that be will recognise squash as an Olympic sport and we will see some of our very own performing for England.

Until then, really well done; Stanley, Marley, Olivia, Tilly, Leah, Lukas, Myla, Alan M, Jessie, Vada, Riley, Joey.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

You will remember that a few weeks ago we mentioned in the newsletter that whilst we would still be doing shoeboxes, we'd no longer be supporting Samaritan's Purse.

We will instead be working with/supporting Emmaus, 'Operation Christmas Appeal' who work locally and will give the packages to children to add a bit of sparkle to their Christmas.

So into a wrapped shoe box could go • Unopened and unused toys • Stationery • Books • Luxury toiletries • Sweets • Gift vouchers

But really, anything that will bring a smile. Shoeboxes need to be dropped off at either school site by Friday 9th December.



### Young Carers

All parents should have received an e-mail this week from the school talking about, 'Young Carers.' I fully appreciate that some e-mails can get overlooked, so really just a reminder that this e-mail has gone out and that if you do think your child is a young carer, please let us know.

*A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. Young carers often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. Research suggests there are at least 700,000 young carers in the UK but many children do not realise they are a young carer.*

The school Welfare Team have the responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school and make good progress. If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we have highlighted, please let us know by filling in the short online survey here <https://forms.office.com/r/JMcNsP3uxk>. If you would rather talk to our Welfare Team then please contact the school directly.

### Science Home Challenges



It has been fantastic to see some of the accomplishments from children in EYFS all the way up to Year 6 when taking part in the Science Home Challenges. Alexander and William have both been enjoying the experiments, which have included making a pumpkin cake and water walking!

The children still have 4 more weeks to complete the challenges for this half term. All children who complete all 9 challenges will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 16th December! Please continue to send in photographs, written experiments to the Office staff email address or bring into your class teacher, as well as your grid when completed.



The best way to raise positive children in a negative world is to have positive parents who love them unconditionally and serve as excellent role models.

### Awards

- STAR— Michelle (MM), CHARIOT— Xander (MM), JUMBO-Jude (MLM).
- EAGLES— Alice (CC), ROSES— Noah (MM), CIRCUS— Harmony (RREX).
- MERCURY— Sidney (MM), CLAUDIUS— Charlie (RROX), ROMANS— Malindu (MM).
- DUTCH— Ruby (MM), ICENI— Malachi (RREX), PAXMAN— Emilie (MM).
- CASTLE— Chineye (CC), CAVALIER— James (MM), GARRISON— Martha (RREX).
- OYSTERS— Whole Class (RREX), MAGNETS— Jack (MM), RAEDWALD— Bentley (MM).
- TRINOVANTES— Ayla (RREX), CYMBELINE— Riley (RREX), LATHES— Anas (RROX).
- ATTENDANCE— Magnets
- EXTRA— Phoenix (RREX), Steve Skinner (CC).