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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term.

The Spring Term starts on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Wishing you all the very best for the Christmas Period and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Full Governing Body Meeting 13/12/2023

The governors met on Weds 13th December for this FGB Meeting. Mr Billings explained the staffing situation to the governors and the plan for the next term to ensure that the school has a full quota of teaching and support staff. We spent a lot of time discussing the schools finances, and Mrs Poole was very thorough in her explanation of the schools finances.

All governors and staff have completed a Skills audit to ensure that any training or development needs are addressed. It was great to see that the overall score has improved since the previous Audit.

The governors discussed the PTA and are very thankful for the continued hard work from the PTA and the great opportunities they offer our children. School governors all make visits into the classrooms and spend time in school speaking with year group leaders, this is to get a really good overview of the current situation in schools. Reports are then gathered for the governors to have a collective overview and ask questions to the school SLT and feedback. This was a very positive conversation.

Finally, the One Square Mile project was spoken about and Mrs Skinner gave an update for the great work and opportunity the children have to learn through this fantastic resource we have available.

Lee Brooker, Parent Governor

Goodbye to Mrs. Rayner and Mrs. Kedarnath.

Very sadly today we say goodbye to two members of staff.

Mrs Rayner is currently teaching in Year 1 but, in her time with us, has worked across the school and been on several residential.

Mrs. Rayner has been appointed as a class teacher in a primary school much closer to her home, which will very much save her battling the Colchester traffic every morning and evening.

Mrs. Kedarnath is a member of support staff currently working in Year 3. Mrs. Kedarnath has been appointed as a Science Technician at another local school.

Obviously both of these members of staff will be very much missed and we wish them both the very best in their new ventures.

Christmas Card Recycling

You may have noticed at both our AF and T sites the appearance of two large yellow wheeled bins!

These are solely for the use and purpose of recycling Christmas Cards and envelopes.

The yellow bins will be with us until Wednesday 17th January.

Any cards—big, small, bright can go in the bin and white envelopes.

**"Just remember,
the true spirit
of Christmas
lies in your
heart."**

— Santa Claus, The Polar Express

Year 4 Danbury

Just a reminder that the next Danbury Payment of £25 is due today December. Sorry about that!

Year 5—Kingswood Residential

Please remember that the £70 deposit for Kingswood (the Year 6 Residential) is now overdue. Many thanks.

Assembly Theme for WB: 4/1/2024—New Year/New Start

Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term
Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.
Monday 15th April—First day of Spring term
Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term
Friday 19th July—Last day of Summer Term

The **Big** Question for the Spring Term Assessment Period
— Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for Next Half Term—
Dreams and Goals

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff at school, thank you very much for your support of your children's learning this year, for getting your children into school and for encouraging them to be the best they can be.

Thank you as well for any Christmas Cards/Gifts that you've given to staff as a small token of your appreciation of their hard work this term.

Always very much appreciated by the staff.

Year 1 Christmas Songs

Traditionally, the end of our Christmas Productions usually finishes with Year 1 songs to parents. This means that it's also normally the last time we get/I get to sing Dominik the Donkey.

Our Year 1 children were brilliant on Monday as they sang themselves horse to a packed hall of parents and relatives.

Well done to all of the Year 1 team and the children for some beautiful singing—that put us very much in the mood for Christmas.



TTRS

Our school is now in the Top 3 for times tables on TT Rock Stars! This is an amazing achievement that we should be very proud of!

Please keep going over the Christmas Break with both TTRS and Reading...

Ho, Ho, Ho

Our PTA have some excellent connections and due to a bit of magical wrangling, managed to secure the services of Father Christmas this week, who had a few spare minutes to pop between sites and give the children a small gift. (Obviously—can only be a small gift, it's not Christmas yet!) You may have actually seen him flying between our two sites—... Thank you to the PTA and thank you Father Christmas!



From Essex Police

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.

#StaySafe

Mrs. Bourne

This half term, Mrs. Bourne was seconded to another local primary school to support them in a period of transition. For both the Spring and Summer Terms 2024, Mrs. Bourne has been seconded to a local academy trust. This means that whilst Mrs. Bourne is still employed by our school, she will not be working for us, but rather for the trust, so it's not a total goodbye. Many of you will have seen Mrs. Bourne yesterday as she was out and about and also in the Christmas Tree Wonderland at our Christmas Fair.

Mrs. Bourne has made immeasurable contributions to our school over the years and will be missed and we wish her the very best in a very exciting opportunity.

Christmas Quiz 2023

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, On a Christmas wreath, holly represents what?
- 2, How many Reindeer does Santa have?
- 3, Name all of Santa's Reindeer.
- 4, What was the first Christmas song ever to be broadcast from space?
- 5, What are bacon wrapped sausages better known as?
- 6, In which town does the Grinch reside?
- 7, Which film character said this – 'Will you please tell Santa that instead of presents this year, I just want my family back.'
- 8, What species of bird can fly backwards?
- 9, How many noses does a slug have?
- 10, What's the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
- 11, What is the name of the imaginary line that links the North and South Poles?
- 12, Which legendary ocean liner went down on her maiden trip in 1912?
- 13, Which U.S. state is bigger than any European country?
- 14, What is a group of penguins on land called?
- 15, What is a baby rabbit called?
- 16, What is the name of the central villain in 101 Dalmatians?
- 17, What does Scrat the squirrel chase for the entire Ice Age movie?
- 18, Which celestial body is the Earth's only natural satellite?
- 19, Who became the King of England in 2023?
- 20, Who is known for his incredible 'I Have a Dream' speech?
- 21, Which film features a game that comes to life when played?
- 22, Which Avenger turns Green when he gets angry?
- 23, What is the coloured part of the eye called?
- 24, Green Green Grass is a hit song by which artist?
- 25, Emma Watson played which witch in the Harry Potter films?
- 26, Which planet in our solar system has the most moons?
- 27, Who was the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize?
- 28, What is the longest word in the English language?
- 29, How many lives are cats said to have?
- 30, What kind of animal is Roald Dahl's book Esio Trot about?
- 31, In Star Wars, who is Luke Skywalker's Father?
- 32, What is the capital city of Scotland?
- 33, How many jaggy spines does a hedgehog have on average? 50, 500, 1,000, 5,000
- 34, How many strings does a violin have?
- 35, What is Dr Who's time machine called?
- 36, Which wordless children's picture book by Raymond Briggs was first published in 1978?
- 37, How many minutes are in a full week?
- 38, What company was originally called 'Cadabra'?
- 39, How many ghosts chase Pac-Man at the start of each game?
- 40, Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to war with the Romans?
- 41, How many dots appear on a pair of dice?
- 42, What is the only continent with land in all four hemispheres?
- 43, What does FIFA stand for in English?
- 44, What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
- 45, Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
- 46, How many permanent teeth does a dog have?
- 47, What number is found in reference to their varieties on Heinz products?
- 48, Name the five ingredients demanded by one of Basil Fawlty's guests to make the infamous Waldorf Salad.
- 49, How many keys are there on a piano?
- 50, What do you call Santa when he stops moving?