



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 3rd May 2024

Diary Dates

6th May

Bank holiday—school closed

10th & 17th May

3.30pm—5.30pm

FOPS overhaul of Mary's garden—all volunteers welcome

13th May

SATS week (Year 6 only)

20th May

Upper Juniors residential trip to Kingswood

7th June

FOPS Quiz night



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Imaginative

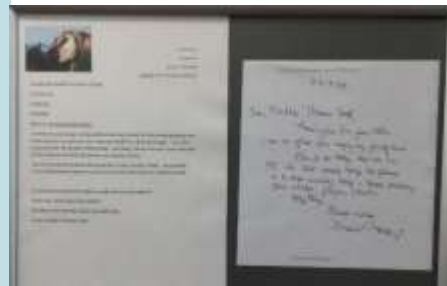
Dear Parents and Carers,

What another fabulous week of learning, and made even better by a visit from the sun, even if it was short lived. Koala class were lucky enough to visit Layer Marney tower today to enrich their curriculum and learning around the Ancient Greeks. Check out ClassDojo for some photos from their amazing day.

Our forest school leader Holly, has developed an amazing forest school area in the forest behind the park. Panther class were lucky enough to have their session there this week and they really enjoyed it. They had a mud slide, den building, rope swings, hammocks and when I visited 3 children had climbed to the top of the tree. We really are lucky to have this amazing landscape next to our school. The children were asked to name the area and of course it was called 'Fitz Forest' we are excited for all children to experience the new forest school provision.



Last week we celebrated Earth day and I explained that a child had written a letter to David Attenborough. Well you will not believe it but he had a reply. Freddie, from Panther class, could not believe that Sir David Attenborough had replied with a handwritten letter. This is now proudly displayed in our school for everyone to see.



Fops have arranged an amazing ADULT ONLY QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 7th June from 8pm. The ticket price includes food and further details can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. It would be great if anyone would be able to help out too.

The working party for Mary's Garden had to be postponed today because of the weather but we will be going ahead on the 10th of May after

school for anyone that is able to help out.

Hunts hall farm have an open day on the 9th of June and this is a great opportunity for children to discover about the farming in our local area. It is also a fantastic way for the children to support the local area and farming industry. More details can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

This week we will be welcoming a new team member to our school. Sophie Reynolds will be joining us as a catering Assistant. After a rigorous recruitment process we are very happy to welcome Ms Reynolds to our school and I'm sure the children will be excited to meet her as well.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	93.87%	95.05%
Lower Juniors	94.21%	95.45%
Upper Juniors	97.89%	95.83%
Whole School	95.07%	95.39%

Highest attendance award goes to Upper Juniors this week!

Highest attendance in April goes to Upper Juniors.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL (NOT CLASS DOJO TO THE TEACHERS) IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF SICK OR WILL BE COLLECTED BY A DIFFERENT ADULT - THANK YOU.

If your child is off sick from school, please notify the school office no later than 9.20am—school policy states we need to be notified every day of absence. Please either email admin@st-john.essex.sch.uk or phone and leave a message if no answer.

Please Note: Trainers are not permitted. Black shoes for boys and girls only. Children can bring trainers into school to change into at breaktime if they wish to.

Long hair needs to be tied back safely, no jewellery to be worn in school apart from small stud earrings and a watch. No nail varnish.

Feel free to pack a healthy snack for your child to have a breaktime, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Unexpected School Closures

If we have to close school unexpectedly - information will be posted on the Home Page of the school website:

<https://www.st-john.essex.sch.uk/>

Alternatively, information can be found on the Essex School

Closures page at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly.



Gold awards 3rd May 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Idris

Idris - you have been chosen by Owl Class this week to receive the Pebmarsh Cup because you have got help from an adult when one of them was hurt which has shown to the class that you care about them. They talk about you being kind and respectful with lovely manners - a good friend. They say that can see that you try hard and have settled into our class well. To quote the children, ' He's got used to us fast!' We love having you with us and we are happy you have joined our Owl Class family.

Upper Juniors - Natasha Clayman

This week, you have been given different images and story starters for imaginative writing and you were asked to continue and finish the story in your own words. Your writing of the stories was phenomenal – it was written with such passion. The vocabulary you used was amazing and you really took the reader on a journey. Your enthusiasm was infectious! Well done Tasha, keep up this fantastic attitude!

Infants – George

George, you have been using your imagination SO well through everything this week! Everyone in the class has noticed the hard work, motivation and level of focus you have put in this week and they are so proud of you! You imagined you could, and you did! Well done George, keep up the hard work.

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If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, please complete a leave of absence form. These are available from the school office .



Friends of Pebmarsh School

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024

8.00pm - 10.30pm

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

£10 PER PERSON

(includes BBQ item)

CASH PRIZE

ADULTS ONLY

Max 6 people per team

BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL

Soft Drinks & Snacks available to buy

TO BUY TICKETS:

contact FOPS@gmail.com

Fundraising for St John the Baptist CEVA Primary School



LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Find out about the story behind our food and the work farmers do to manage the countryside

9th June 2024
Hunts Hall Farm
Colne Road
Pebmarsh
CO9 2QE
11.00am – 5.00pm
Dog Welcome on leads.

Farm walks, Tractor and Trailer Rides,
Refreshments, Get up close and personal with
Tractors and Farm Machines.

For more information: Clare Crayston
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Summer Term April to July 2024

Date	Year Group	Event
15 th April	Whole school	Return to school
15 th April	Lower Juniors	Forest School
17 th April	Whole school	Topic Immersion day-Perform workshop/dress up
18 th April	Lower Juniors	Swimming lessons commence
22 nd April	Infants	Forest School
22 nd April	Whole School	Earth day- developing spirituality
26 th April	All welcome	FOPs meeting
29 th April	Upper Juniors	Forest School
3 rd May	Lower Juniors	Class trip to Layer Marney Tower
13 th May	Year 6	SATs week
13 th May	Infants	Forest School
20 th May	Upper Juniors	Residential to Kingswood trip
20 th May	Lower Juniors	Forest School
24 th May	Whole school	Break up for half term
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3 rd June	Whole school	Return to school
3 rd June	Infants	Forest School
7 th June	Whole school	FoPS Quiz night
10 th June	Upper Juniors	Forest School
11 th June	Whole school	Class photos
17 th June	Infants	Forest School
18 th June	Whole school	Class photos reserve date
22 nd June	Whole school	FoPS summer fayre
24 th June	Year 6	Transition to secondary school week
24 th June	Whole school	Transition week
24 th June	Whole School	Arts week
24 th June	Lower Juniors	Forest School
1 st July	Infants	Forest School
4 th July	Whole school	Sports Day
5 th July	Whole school	Festival Day
8 th July	Infants	Forest School
8 th and 9 th July	KS2	KS2 performance (times tbc)
11 th July	Whole school	Reserve Sports Day
12 th July	Whole school	Reserve Festival Day
12 th July	Whole school	School reports home
15 th July	Upper Juniors	Forest School
19 th July	Whole School	Leavers assembly-all welcome
22 nd July	Whole school	Non-pupil day
23 rd July	Whole school	Non-pupil day