



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 24th May 2024

Diary Dates

3rd June

Return to school

7th June

FOPS Quiz night

11th June

Class photos

22nd June

FOPS Summer Fayre



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Spirituality

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a week and what a half term, I am writing this newsletter from the 4th day of an amazing residential at Kingswood, West Runton. The children have been really brilliant. They have had great self-motivation to take on challenges that they have never faced including abseiling, caving, Jacob's ladder and the zip line. During some of the team building and problem solving tasks they have had to work hard on their listening and communicating skills to ensure that they work together. We have also seen lots of children being very empathetic and understanding and when a member of our group is worried, scared or a little homesick there is always someone to cheer them on or comfort them in their moment of need. I have felt honoured to have the opportunity to take these children on the biggest adventure ever and I couldn't have done it without the incredible ladies, Mrs Lincoln and Miss Batten-Jones. We have laughed, cried and moaned together and we've had an absolute blast! I will be hosting a Kingswood reunion evening one night after school for the children to attend so that we can share our stories, videos and I can announce the winners of the competition.



While we have been away, the team at school have been their usual amazing selves. Thank you to all of you for pulling together and continuing the great work we do day after day. Thank you to Mr Chinnery, Miss Bain and Koala class for looking after Fitz while we have been away. I hope you have enjoyed bathing and feeding him for a week. And thank you to Mrs Lock for all of your support and daily check ins with me!

We have a busy final half term ahead of us including our summer fair on Saturday 22nd June. On this day there will also be an art exhibition in the village hall, this will also run on the Sunday too. There will be selling a variety of things to raise money for the UK Stem cell foundation. We also have some tickets still available for our Quiz night on Friday 7th June. Contact FOPS for further information and to purchase tickets.



Thank you to Suzie's mum, who came into school this week to talk to Owl class all about Buddhism and how Thursday 22nd is the Buddha's birthday - Wesack. They decorated colourful lanterns as a sign of this celebration. Thank you for this great opportunity, I hear that Owls learnt A LOT from you!

Club letters have gone out for the final half term. Please make sure that you sign up for these clubs via the email or if you need printed forms then please visit the school office.

This half term, there are a range of activities taking place in our local area and you can find further details of these in the newsletter.

I hope that you all have an amazing half term break and we will see you back at school on Monday 3rd June.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

| | This Week | YTD |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Infants | 90% | 94.93% |
| Lower Juniors | 89.44% | 95.47% |
| Upper Juniors | 94.74% | 95.83% |
| Whole School | 91.19% | 95.33% |

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.

Please select your child's school meals as far in advance as you can—but no later than 9am on Thursday for the following week. Any orders placed after this time will not be processed .Thank you.



Gold awards 24th May 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Willow

Willow, you have been chosen by the Owl class to receive the Pebmarsh cup because they said that you are always nice and kind and are a good friend. The children have talked about you playing with them and when you do so, you are kind and respectful and speak nicely to them. They say that you are good in class – you are always ready to learn and that you are very good at Maths. Someone in the class also says that you are a very good sister – we wonder who? Your light shines brightly in Owl class, Willow. Thank you for being our friend and a fantastic learner too.

Upper Juniors - On residential trip

Lower Juniors – Alfie

Alfie, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain have noticed your huge effort and commitment to your learning. You skip into school every morning, motivated to start your learning and helping others. You are a kind, caring and considerate individual who gets on well with everyone. Keep up the hard work Alfie!

Infants –Imogen

Imogen, you have been an absolute superstar this week with your writing in Drawing club. You have completely blown away all the adults away in class with your confident, Fred talk and imagination. Keep shining your light brightly and nurturing yourself as a writer.

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 .



Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon!

LIVE MUSIC FROM "MOSTLY HARMLESS"

performance from

Stalls

Games

Raffle

Bar

Home cooked Lunches in the hall

Pulled pork baps and hotdogs outside

Cake stall

Icecreams

We are cash only!

Follow signs for plenty of free parking.

Blue badge holders only in village hall car park please.

28 | 29 MAY

Kids Camp

9AM - 3PM AGE 4 - 12

WHITE COLNE VILLAGE HALL

1 day - £28 2 days - £50

BOOK NOW:
www.amadanceacademy.com

On the same day as our summer fair (22nd June),, there will be an Art Exhibition in the village hall

Pebmarsh Art Exhibition

Pebmarsh Village Hall

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23rd June

12am -5.30pm

Paintings Prints Jewellery Cards Glassware Ceramics Plants

All proceeds to UK Stem Cell Foundation



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



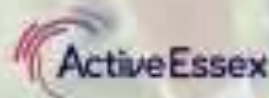
JOIN OUR TEAM EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR OUR ACTIVE CAMPS!

OFFERING YOUR CHILD A SAFE SPACE TO LEARN, SOCIALISE, STAY ACTIVE, FORM FRIENDSHIPS, DEVELOP INTERESTS AND BUILD CONFIDENCE.

Come and join our team every school holiday for lots of fun, sports and much more! PLUS exciting new activities & theme days we cant wait to share with you.

Book now visiting www.cmxsc.co.uk

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Everything you need to know!



Venue - Maltings Academy Spinks Lane, Witham CMB 1EP



Time 9.00am - 1.30pm
Early Drop Off 8.30am - Late Pick Up 4.30pm



Age - For all school aged children from Year R - Year 7




Sports - Football, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Cricket
PLUS much more



Price - Normal Day £27.50
Early Drop Off £3 - Late Pick Up £5



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'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'

Bryony



Guides

5th Halstead

Free Taster Session
Wednesday 19th June

for all girls aged 10 to 14

Join us for a fun-filled evening of exciting outdoor activities. Learn to build a fire, work together to make a shelter, and have a go at cooking over an open flame!

Guides is an amazing opportunity for all girls to make new friends, learn to be themselves and try stuff they've never done before!



girlguiding

Contact us for more information:
5thhalsteadtrinityguides@gmail.com



Field Studies Council

East Bergholt, CO7 6UL

Flatford Mill

29th May 2024

BioBlitz

Free

1 day to find as much of Flatford's wildlife as we can!

Join us at Flatford Mill!
Discover what lives underwater, in the bushes and flower meadows, and what soars above the treetops. What will you find on our Bioblitz?

Look a little closer at wildlife



8am
Bird ringing



9am
Small mammals & moth trapping



From 10am
Many fun drop-in activities



8pm
Twilight walks, owl watching & moth spotting



9pm
Bat walk



Camera traps

Pond dipping



Butterfly transects

Lichen spotters

Minibeast hunting

Tree trails

Pitfall trapping

Worm charming

Flower folklore

Poo detectives



Contact us:

01206 297110

enquiries.fm@field-studies-council.org



@FSCFlatfordMill





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
07952 023630



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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 |
| | | Half Term |
| 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 |