



NEWSLETTER

02.07.2021

**Whole school attendance
this academic year**

94.4%

This week's attendance %

Reception	96.2%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.6%

**Our school
target is 96%**

**We have 13 school days left for this
academic school year!**



A powerful thought...

**We all have value,
despite our flaws.**

**As time passed the
cracked bucket
became sad about the
leaked water ...**



**He decided to speak
with the farmer.**

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**Upon learning that he
was sad the farmer
asked the bucket to
join him on a walk.**



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**They walked down the
same path as always ...**



**But this time the farmer pointed
out all of the wonderful life that
had sprung up around them.**

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**He explained to the bucket that
he was responsible for
all of this beauty ...**



**If he hadn't leaked water every
day the plants would never
have grown.**

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**The bucket realized that,
despite his flaws ...**



**He still helped those
around him grow ... Even
when he wasn't aware of it.**

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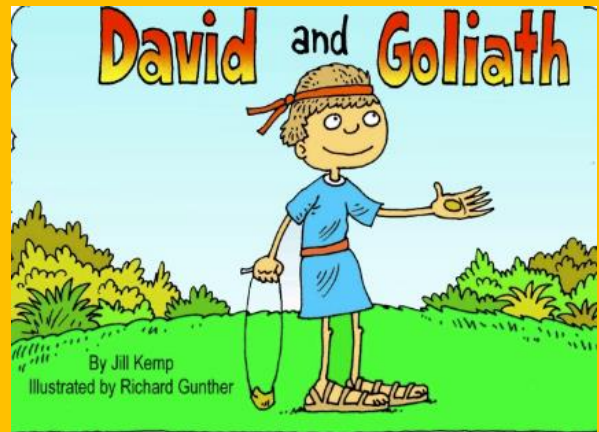
This week's



Everyone feels scared sometimes?
I wonder whether you have overcome your fears and have achieved something you are proud of?

Assembly focus this week:

David and Goliath

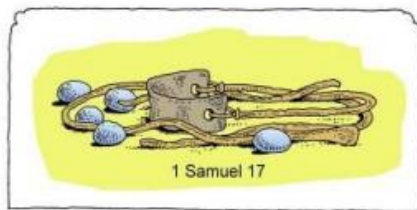


DAVID and Goliath

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By Jill Kemp

Illustrated by Richard Gunther



1 Samuel 17

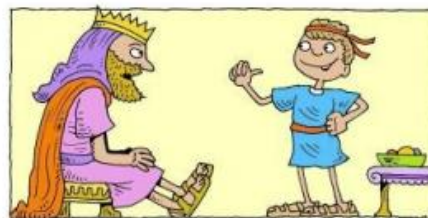
David was only a young boy, but he had trusted God to help him many times when he was looking after his father's sheep.



One day David had to leave his sheep. He was going to see his brothers. They were soldiers in the King's army and he was taking food to them.



David saw that all the King's soldiers were too scared to fight a BIG man, called Goliath. "Don't be scared," David said. "God is bigger than Goliath!"



David went to see the king. "I will fight Goliath," he said. "God helped me to fight a hungry lion and a hungry bear. God will help me to win."



The king wanted David to wear his armour, but it was too BIG! "I can't wear this," he said, "I only know how to throw stones in my sling."



Goliath did not want to fight a young boy! David found 5 round stones. He prayed and asked God to help him to be brave, then twirled his sling around over his head.



He let a stone fly from his sling and the stone hit Goliath and knocked him flat! Everyone cheered. David prayed, "Thank you God for helping me to be brave."



David sang a song to God. "When I am afraid I will trust in you." David's song is in the Bible! Psalm 56 verse 3

End of year events



Dear parents, thank you for your wonderful feedback, suggestions and thoughts throughout this year and with the surveys. This has been a VERY challenging year, and with the best intentions, things have unfortunately not always materialised as I had hoped for.

I am really blessed with a parent community that is so supportive. I would like to invite you to a meet-and-greet coffee/tea afternoon in the new academic year, in order for me to properly meet you, as hopefully restriction will be waived in September.

With only **13 school days** to go, we are hopeful to end the year on a positive note, with pupils to finish the year with happy memories. I fully understand that these memories might not necessarily portray those of “normal” years, which really saddens me greatly.

You will be aware of the government’s guidelines and policies due to the pandemic. These are cascaded to schools via the Department for Education and Essex County Council. We have also received a letter from the Director of Education (Clare Kershaw) regarding end of year events. (Please see attached).

Please be assured, that I liaise with our Chair of Governors, School Effectiveness Partner and Headteachers in our Epping Forest Schools Partnership to find the best outcomes for our pupils, which at this moment in time still has to focus on the Safety of our pupils and community first.

I have honestly toiled about possible **safety solutions**, in collaboration with my fellow Headteachers in Essex, and we concluded yesterday that the majority of schools will go ahead with in-house events, but that parents may not be invited in to the majority of these. The reasons being, that there has been an increase of COVID cases in Essex this last week, and one primary school in Ongar had to close half of their school due to an outbreak. Schools are really struggling, to make decisions to keep everyone happy. This is presenting to be very difficult. Our duty of care is to make sure we are keeping each other safe.

I know that I have suggested that we will be looking into inviting parents to our school sports event on Friday, 16th July. Sadly, this will not be manageable, as we are concerned that if there is any positive cases of COVID following the event, that the school might have to close on Monday, 19th July, meaning that our year 6 pupils will not be able to have their planned leavers celebrations, and all classes will miss out on the booked Pantomime and planned class picnics. We will however take pictures of the sport event for the newsletter, so that parents can celebrate with their children.

For the planned events, we will have a Risk Assessment in place and ask parents/carers to wear a face covering and use hand sanitiser on entering the school premises. However, we cannot enforce these control measures, even if gathering outside in bubbles of 30, or request all attendees to have proof of a negative COVID test.

I will really appreciate your support in this, as I know how frustrating it is, especially seeing how trial sporting events in arenas are contradicting what schools are being told to put in place. I can only apologise for this and am really saddened by this.

I will keep you updated, once the government has informed us on further decisions as we work towards the 19th July, with hopefully the easing of restrictions such as wearing face coverings and social distancing.

Arrangements for year 6 leavers (please liaise with Mrs Debrah-Nkansah)


- Year 6 pupils to have shirts and autograph books signed (week of 12 July). Social distancing to be adhered to.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school on the last day due to e-safety and safeguarding protocol.

The following arrangements will go ahead:

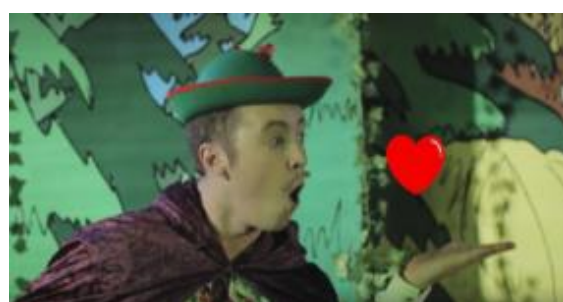
Friday, 9 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to meet their new class teachers.
Tuesday, 13 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFTER SCHOOL - 15:45 - Reception class new intake (2021/22) picnic. • One parent/carer per child invited. • Will be outdoors and a maximum group of 30.
Friday, 16 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Essex School Sports Partnership to deliver a sports event for pupils (no parents to attend). • Reports out.
Monday, 19 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14:30 - Reception class picnic. • One parent/carer per child. • Will be outdoors and a maximum group of 30.
Tuesday, 20 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:30 – Year 6 to have Collective Worship led by Rev. Brazier-Gibbs at St Nicholas Church, to celebrate their time at Dr Walker’s. • One parent/carer per child invited. • Maximum group of 30. • Will be following the Risk Assessment of St Nicholas Church.
Wednesday, 21 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils come to school wearing school uniform.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes to have a picnic outside on the playground (weather permitting) in their bubbles with their class teachers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:15 – Year 6 awards / leavers ceremony. • One parent/carer per child. • Will be outdoors and a maximum group of 30.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes at 14:00.



**ROBIN HOOD
AND HIS
SOCIALY
DISTANCED
MEN**




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Important information about COVID.



29th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The delay to the national roadmap and easing of restrictions has been disappointing for many of us, but it is very important to continue to reduce non-essential mixing until the end of term, whilst the national effort focuses on vaccinating as many people as possible.

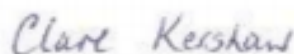
The main focus of schools and settings must be the education and wellbeing of their pupils and staff. Schools and settings have worked tirelessly since the beginning of the pandemic to ensure they remain a safe place and can continue to provide education for their pupils and students, whilst reducing the risk of contributing to rising case numbers in the community. There is guidance from the Department for Education, Public Health England and the Local Authority focused on this, which schools and settings must continue to adhere to.

For this reason, some schools and settings have cancelled or significantly amended the arrangements for events such as sports days, leavers assemblies and proms in line with their individual risk assessments and the protective measures they are able to keep in place. We fully support Headteachers to make these decisions in line with minimising mixing for the rest of term.

We ask that you please familiarise yourself with and adhere to school risk assessments and any event arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's school or setting in the first instance.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,



Clare Kershaw
Director of Education
Essex County Council



Mike Gogarty
Director of Public Health and Wellbeing
Essex County Council

What happened in school this week?

Caterpillars made bread and tried marmalade after a week of Paddington Bear activities.



YEAR 2 PARENTS & CARERS

- Universal free school meals end for all pupils in current Year 2 at the end of this term.
- As from September you will be charged £2.20 per school meal.
- If you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office or apply using London Grid for Learning please do NOT apply through Essex County Council.

Eat Them To Defeat Them

This week's vegetable CARROTS	Next week's vegetable PEAS
	




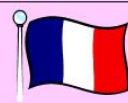















ENGLAND & WALES

 Week of 7 June TOMATOES	 Week of 14 June SWEETCORN
 Week of 21 June PEPPERS	 Week of 28 June CARROTS
 Week of 5 July PEAS	 Week of 12 July BROCCOLI

Tasting station



School menu

		MENU TWO				
		Weeks commencing: 17.05.21 / 07.06.21 / 21.06.21 / 05.07.21 / 19.07.21				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 Country	 USA	 China	 France	 Mexico	 United Kingdom	
Mains Option	 Beef Burger	 Sweet and Sour (pork)	 Sausage Cassollet Baguette with choice of fillings (ham, tuna or cheese)	 Nacho Chicken	 Fish fillet	
Vegetarian Option	 Veggie Burger	 Sweet and Sour (quorn)	 Ratatouille (Roast vegetables)	 Nacho Quorn	 Jacket Potato or Sweet Potato (with choice of fillings)	
On the side	Coleslaw Sweet potato chips Mixed salad	Rice Sweetcorn Mixed salad	Pasta Green beans Mixed salad Cheese and cracker	Carrots Cous cous Mixed salad	Potato chips Baked beans or peas Mixed salad	
Desert	 Brownie and ice-cream	 Shortbread biscuit	 Crepes with fruit and ice-cream	 Fruit Jelly	 Lemon drizzle cake	
Also available	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Bread Fresh fruit Yoghurt	
Drinks	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	Fresh Milk Water	

Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The Department for Education COVID-19 helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Bank holiday opening hours:

Monday 31 May from 10am to 4pm

