

Newsletter

Summer Term – 07.07.23

Sports Edition

Update from Headteacher



We had an exciting SPORTS WEEK!

The school was partially kept open, due to two additional teacher industrial strike action days.

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

What is the main message to take away from the Bible?



Pupils had extra sporting events this week.

West Essex School Sports Partnership (WESSP) delivered additional sports sessions Monday-Thursday to pupils.

On Tuesday we had 30 KS2 pupils participating in the Athletics Festival at Ongar Primary.

On Wednesday we had our Summer Sports Day. And parents took part too!

We had a lot of fun!

Please complete the online parent questionnaire by Tuesday, 11th July.

We have already received 19 responses, which are positive.

<https://forms.gle/XMnCdECLw3oWvspv7>





Upcoming dates for the diary

13.07.23	Fire Brigade visit with fire engine
14.07.23	Reports home to Parents
14.07.23	Non Uniform Day for Year 6 only
17.07.23	Year 6 signing of shirts day (pupils to bring an old shirt from home - optional) Year 6 signing of autograph books which the school will provide.
19.07.23	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (sharing their memories and certificates) at 1pm. Parents of year 6 pupils are invited to attend. Year 6 Leavers Church Service at St Nicholas church at 2pm. Whole school to attend.
20.07.23	Picnic with parents from 12.00 and early break-up
21.07.23	Inset Day for Staff – School Closed.



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House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	78	80	71	56
Orange-Yellow Class	15	21	4	17
Green-Blue Class	2	0	0	0
Indigo-Violet Class	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2714	2761	2911	2750

Attendance

 	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	90.18%
Attendance this year	93.86%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	93.86%	11
2021/2022	92.20%	23
2020/2021	94.51%	16
2019/2020	91.78%	24
2018/2019	95.58%	9

Class	Ants	Badgers	Attendance	Achievement
Red-Orange Class			84.29%	
Orange-Yellow Class			91.58%	
Green-Blue Class			91.45%	
Indigo-Violet Class			92.68%	

**100% Attendance this week:
51 pupils out of 75 pupils which is 68%**

Acer	Cash	Finlay	Jesse	Maxwell
Alice B	Cassidy	Florence	Jett	Phoebe
Alice Cur	Charlotte	Freddy	Joey	Ralph
Amber	Chloe	Freya J	John James	River
Amelia	Dotty	Freya Ga	Jude G	Sebastian
Archie	Dylan	Gabriella	Kai	Sidney
Ava M	Emily	George D	Lillie	Sienna
Ava G	Ethan	George A	Maci	Talia
Barney	Eva	Harrison McL	Madison	Teddy C-G
Brooke	Evie-May	Harrison P	Mason	Teddy Do
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KS2 Athletics Festival



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Summer Sports Day



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Pupils participated in the following events:

- Water race with sponge
- Javelin
- Bean bag throw
- Obstacle course
- Standing long jump
- Cricket ball throw
- Water race with containers
- Adapted Egg and Spoon race with tennis racket and ball
- Bean bag balance on head race
- Space hopper race
- Sprint
- Tug of war

And the winners are:

EYFS / KS1	
1 st place	Lizards
2 nd place	Badgers
3 rd place	Ants
4 th place	Locusts

KS2	
1 st place	Potatoes
2 nd place	Crystals
3 rd place	Funny Monkeys
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Parents also participated



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We had a wonderful sports day!

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West Essex School Sports Partnership (WESSP)

WESSP also provided additional sporting sessions to both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 pupils.



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Career information for pupils



As part of our assemblies next year, we would like to gauge if there are any parents who would be willing to come in to school on a Wednesday, as part of our assembly, to talk to our pupils about their jobs, e.g. NHS workers, train drivers, dentists, florists, electricians, bakers, plumbers, artists, musicians, etc.

Please let the office know if you would be willing to come in, so that we can plan dates for the calendar next year.

Helpers

We are asking for parents to help the site supervisor with bits and bobs.... drilling, assembling, small jobs.

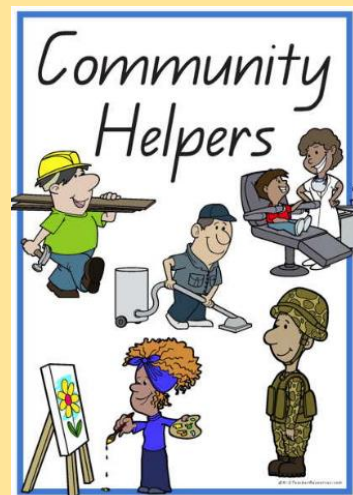
We have a lot of new reception class resources that requires assembling, e.g. a new reading shed.

Mr Bianchi only works 9 hours per week and cannot do everything and we would like to make our school a lovely environment.

Please let the office know if you can help on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. Or after school or over a weekend (or even over the holiday).

We are also looking for parents to come and paint tyres, to use as planters, before end of term (even during school hours). Please contact the school office for more information.

Many thanks!



More help!!!



Would there be someone in the community who is willing to help with taking responsibility for maintaining the flower beds at the front of the school. We will be clearing the area by covering the surface with slate chippings and then planters.

Please contact the office if you can help. Thanks

iRock School of Music



Exciting news....

We have signed up for a taster assembly with iRock School of Music.




iRock is one of the UK's leading rock & pop music services for primary schools. They offer In-school lessons where children are taught how to play in their very own rock & pop band! Lessons boost confidence, social skills, teamwork and support children's overall wellbeing, all of which have a significant positive impact on their school life.

We will be looking at this in September to see if this is something we would like to pursue and offer our pupils, depending on parent interest.

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<p>School gate</p>	<p>Kindly be informed that the big school gate at the parking area will be locked as of Septemebr in the mornings, due to safety reasons. The parking area will not be accessible for vehicles in the mornings.</p> <p>Please plan your morning drop off ahead of time.</p> 
<p>School Uniform</p>	<p>School Trends are urging parents to place orders for new uniform by the end of July, please do also bear in mind that we have a large stock of preloved items, particularly smaller jumpers sized 24 and 26 inches and smaller kilts. We have these for sale.</p> <p>Please can we also ask everyone to double check they have the correct PE items as a number of named hoodies have been lost recently. Please do check the lost property in reception regularly for any missing uniform.</p>
<p>Warm weather</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are encouraged to drink lots of water to stay hydrated during the warm weather. Please fill water bottles with water – fizzy and fruit drinks are not allowed. • Pupils are allowed to come to school with sandals with a back strap – no flip flops or sliders allowed. • Pupils do not need to wear ties. • Pupils are encouraged to wear a hat when outside during break and lunch. • Sun screen is advised, but needs to be put on before coming to school. • During very warm days, we will minimize pupils’ running (or temporarily stop football) during this heat, as pupils don’t pace themselves and come in looking puce and wet with sweat. We would not want pupils to be uncomfortable once returned to the classroom after being outside. 
<p>Go To School Challenge</p>	<p>Ready... Steady... Go To School is a fun challenge full of activities which will help your child to practice skills that they’ll need to help them feel confident and be ready to start school in September.</p> <p>The challenge is running in all Essex libraries from May to July and includes a range of activities within seven challenge areas. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speaking and Listening - Being Active - Personal, Social and Emotional Skills - Early Reading and Writing - Maths and Numbers - Understanding the World - Express Yourself  <p>As your child completes activities, they’ll collect stamps in a special booklet, and once they have all seven stamps, they’ll get a certificate!</p> <p>This challenge is a great way for your child to prepare physically and emotionally for starting school and will provide parents and carers with some top tips and useful information too!</p> <p>Sign up to the challenge now in any Essex library! Don't forget to tag us in photos of you completing your challenges on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @essexlibraries!</p>
<p>Brentwood School Taster Day</p>	<p>Brentwood School is having a taster day on 14th October 2023, please click here for more details.</p>

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**Community
Notice Board**

We will be adding new items to the [community notice board](#) on the website in the coming weeks regarding holiday opportunities, please do keep an eye on it for anything of interest.

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Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.

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