Weekly Newsletter

Monday 7th February 2022

Dear Parents,

We are already almost at the halfway point of this term, and also this academic year - an interesting and challenging year that has seen over a third of the school have to isolate with Covid at one time or another - mostly before Christmas, but with a scattering of cases this term, too. We are ever hopeful that things will begin to improve both in school and in the wider community, but would ask you to continue to be vigilant with testing and with keeping children at home if they are unwell. We hope to be able to leave the current bubble system again after half term if cases remain low. We also hope, at some point, to be able to invite parents and friends of the school back in for events, community worship and celebration assemblies - I will keep you posted.

Tomorrow, we are very much looking forward to our owl visit - the children loved the last owl visit we had a few years ago and we hope tomorrow will be just as memorable. Please don't forget to book your photos by tonight using the link emailed recently - we cannot accept cash or orders on the day. If you have difficulty using the link, you can contact the company by phone or email or email me and I can order the photos on your behalf. Contact details for the Owl and Raptor centre can be found here - https://www.owlandraptorcentre.co.uk/contact

On Wednesday morning, a number of us would like to show our respects by attending the funeral of Mrs Almond, our School Governor, who very sadly passed away last month. For the time we will be away, classes will be doing activities that can more easily be supervised by smaller numbers of staff. Woodpeckers will be supervised by Mrs Amey and Mr Tarman; Robins by Mrs Webb and Mrs Atkins; Ducklings and Sparrows will be supervised by Mrs Canning, Mrs Hodgkins and Mrs Reeve . Classes will be involved in activities such as watching short film extracts linked to their learning; practising skills on the computers, having shared reading sessions and having lunch. If you have any concerns about this, please do get in touch.

As ever, all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

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Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Tuesday 8th February - Owl Visit

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February - half term

Monday 21st February - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Wednesday 23rd February - height, weight and vision checks for Y6 and Reception

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day. We would like children to dress up as a favourite book character and bring a copy of their favourite book to share. We are also trying to organise a book sale, as we have done for the last few years, where children can spend their £1 World Book day Vouchers and will keep you posted.

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear red - red noses, red clothes, red hair …. Please bring a £1 donation to Comic Relief if you can, thank you

Friday 25th March - Clubs finish (Cookery, Ball Skills, Cricket, Choir, Dance, Film, Football)

Monday 28th March - additional club session for Woodland and Basketball clubs

Friday 1st April - final day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April - first day of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Wednesday 20th July - final day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Friday 22nd July - Bank Holiday

ActiveAte Half term Camps

Colchester United Football in the Community is running free sports sessions and food provision in the half term for families eligible for free school meals. Courses will be held at Shrub end Community Centre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10am - 2pm (Booking Link - https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/55) and at Colchester Academy School in Hawthorn Avenue on Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs and Fri 9.30am - 1.30pm (Booking Link - https://colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/camp/56). Contact Fitc@colchesterunited.net for further info.