# NEWSLETTER

**10th July 2020**

**AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST**

Last Friday 5 baby hedgehogs were found on the school field. After an extensive search for the mum and after speaking to a vet, they were collected up and are currently being looked after by Mrs Tyler and her children before being taken to a hedgehog rescue centre.

This is the hedgehogs new set up, they have milk in a jar lid to encourage them to 'lap' it as they would drink in the wild.

All snuggled up after a 3am feed.

They are getting quite active and brave!

## School Reports

If you were unable to collect your child/ren's school report please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to pick it up. Please be aware that the teachers will not be available to see you as they will be in their "class bubbles".

Any school reports not collected by the end of term will be sent home with the children at the beginning of Autumn Term 2020.

We would like to advise you that Mr Capper will be leaving us at the end of this term and we would like to wish him every success in his new venture. We would like to welcome our new Sports Coach Mr Corley who will be joining us from the Autumn Term.

Ormiston RIVERS Academy

## For Year 6 and Year 5/4 (2020/21) students:

**Save the date! Ormiston Rivers Academy will be running a virtual Open Evening this year. They will be using the Academy website to host the relevant information and this will go live from 5pm on Thursday 17th September. They would be grateful if you could complete this short survey to let them know the type of information you would like.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIcNUFVQs0qkMShrDNWqQTeXi-M9DTCPinGyFLlrNTyjZezA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

## Music Lessons

## RECOMMENCING AUTUMN TERM 2020

Mr Pritchard, our Music Teacher, has places on a Thursday morning for children to learn piano, keyboard or guitar.

The cost is £30 per half term for 5 lessons of 15 minutes each or £60 for 30 minutes. (fees are reduced for families on state benefits).

If you are interested in your child/ren learning to play an instrument, please contact Mr Pritchard on:

07442 170541 or

steve.p.musicteacher@gmail.com

## LEARNING Stars of the Week – w/e 10/7/20

| Year | Names |
|---|---|
| Red Squirrels | Riley |
| Hedgehogs | Nyla |
| Foxes | George |
| Badgers | Elliott |

If your child/ren are currently in Year 2 they will no longer be eligible to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals when they move to Year 3 in September. Please see the poster below for further information:

# Free School Meals

### Is your child in Year 2 and starting Year 3 in September 2020?

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

**If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term**

Essex County Council

## A message from Essex Fire & Rescue Service

With the schools now re-opening, we're all too aware that our usual role to visit students and deliver our safety messages are being missed, which is why we've worked hard to deliver our prevention and protection work in different ways so that no one misses out during this unprecedented time.

We're proud and excited to announce the creation of our Education Hub or essex-fire.gov.uk/education an online including tailored video assemblies so that the children of Essex, Southend and Thurrock can to continue to learn important safety lessons as part of the national curriculum during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The Education Hub includes all key safety programmes with Summer Safety included and messages for all key stages. It also includes lesson plans for parents and teachers to download. ***Please also remember we'll be adding and adapting the hub continually, so please check back for updates regularly.***

We know that safer children become safer adults and we're committed to reaching our younger generations to help keep them safe now and in the future.

This is why we hope schools, families and communities can support us to learn and deliver valuable safety advice and ultimately, work together to keep each other safe.

All of the educational resources can be found on Essex County Fire and Rescue's website essex-fire.gov.uk/education.

**Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember**

July 2020

17th July - LAST DAY SUMMER TERM
**20th, 21st & 22nd July – NON-PUPIL DAYS**
**23rd July – SUMMER HOLS**

September 2020

**2nd Sept – NON-PUPIL DAY**
3rd Sept – FIRST DAY 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

## Casio Keyboards

We have some old Casio keyboards which are no longer required by the school. If you are interested in receiving a **free keyboard** then please contact the school office.

**Please note that the keyboards do not have leads so you will need to purchase your own.**

Make a Start, Travel Smart

Essex Highways

## Travel Survey

Essex Highways have forwarded a survey for parents and guardians, to complete looking at how children and their families travel to and from school **(pre Covid-19)**. **The survey is only 10 questions long and should take approximately 4 minutes to fill out**. The survey is used to determine how school runs can be made safer, easier and more sustainable.

A link to the survey can be found below:

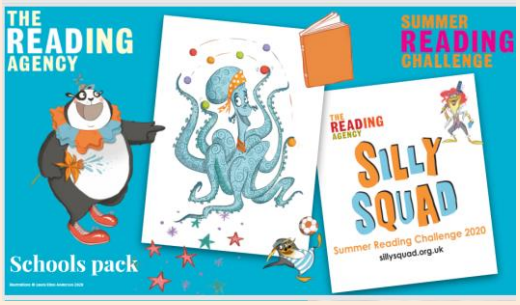
https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/essex-schools-parent-survey

The closing date for completion of the survey is **Sunday 12th July 2020**.

Everyone that completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a bike worth up to £400 including accessories (helmet and lock)!

The survey gives parents a voice and can help in creating a dialogue to better improve school runs.

The link above can also be found on the school website.




## Summer Reading Challenge

With the current situation, the 2020 challenge will run June to September, offering children and families the chance to take part online and receive rewards for their reading. While libraries remain closed, they will continue to support the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

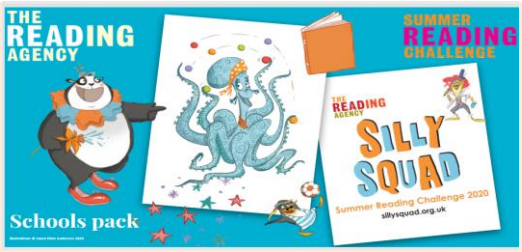
Children can take part by going to http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/ and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details at: https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers.

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website and their Facebook page for everyone to explore.

Children can set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from Essex Library Services online or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

Please find attached a school pack created by the Reading Agency.

Please also see the school website under "Useful Links Whilst Home Learning" for full details.