NEWSLETTER

3rd July 2020

AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST

Thank you to the parents/carers of children in 3/4 and R/1 who collected their child/ren's school reports this week. It was lovely for the teachers to see the children who came and how much they had grown.

If you were unable to collect your child/ren's 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.

From September 2020 we will be opening another class and we will be welcoming a new teacher, Miss Burrows.

We would appreciate your co-operation in waiting to receive your child/ren's school report to see which class they will be in from September 2020.

The new classes will be made up as follows:

R/ 1 – Red Squirrels – Miss Harrington
1/ 2 – Hedgehogs – Miss Burrows
3 - Foxes – Miss Taylor
4/5 – Otters – Miss Mallett
5/6 – Badgers – Mrs Kemp

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 of the school website.

LEARNING Stars of the Week – w/e 3/7/20

Year	Names
Red Squirrels	Katara
Hedgehogs	Scarlett-Rose
Foxes	Caitlin
Badgers	James

The Church of England in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

The Diocese of Chelmsford are currently looking for a new Bishop and would like to give children an opportunity to join in. They have created an online Children's Questionnaire. If your child/ren are interested in completing then the link is:
https://chelmsdio.typeform.com/to/WkB8Qd

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).

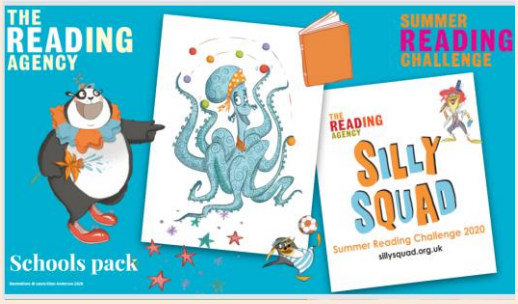
If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term

Essex County Council

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.



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.

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

July 2020
8th July – Report Collection – Class 1/ 2 (10am to 12noon)
9th July – Report Collection – Class 5/ 6 (10am to 12noon)
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