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# Foundation Stage 2019

As you may have seen in a newspaper article this week, our 2019 Foundation Stage intake will be double entry as opposed to our standard single entry. This means that, due to what is referred to as a 'Bulge Year', we will have two classes join us in Foundation Stage. This is due to a variety of factors, and the decision was made by Essex County Council having worked closely with us over the past few months. It's really exciting to know that our St Lawrence family is growing, and that all the parents and carers who wanted to send their children here have received good news. This double entry is only expected to last for one year, with predictions for the following year going back down again. We're going to be very busy over the next two terms with lots of exciting changes, and we know you'll join us in warmly welcoming our new pupils in September!

#### **Lunch Menu News**

Keep your eyes peeled for a NEW daily option on our lunch menus coming home next week. We think it'll be really popular – and hope to be able to keep it permanently!

#### THUNK

If you could jump into a story book, which book would you choose? By Mrs Vaughan

#### Winning KS1 Answer by Lorelei in Year 2

I would like to jump into a Horrid Henry book to see what Peter and Henry are really like

#### Winning KS2 Answer by Kai in Year 3

I would jump into James and the Giant Peach because I could see where he finds the peach and see inside the peach and enter the magic world

#### **Class Photos**

The fantastic Geoff
Lawrence of Lawrence
Godfrey Photography will
be with us next Tuesday
30<sup>th</sup> April to take class
photos. These will include
the Year 6 Leavers Photo.
Please make sure children
are here on time wearing
the correct uniform.

Thank you!

# ADULTS KEEP SAYING WE OWE IT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE THEM HOPE, BUT I DON'T WANT YOUR HOPE. I WANT YOU TO ACT AS IF THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE, BECAUSE IT IS. GRETA THUNBERG

This half term Red Class will be leaning about people who help us. They have set up a police station with costumes and desks to work in.

Year 1 have been thinking about all the different fairy tales they know. They discussed their different features, and what it is that makes a story a Fairy Tale.

In Year 2 this week everyone read and followed clues to help them find treasure on the playground. They have been measuring things and looking at size in Maths.

Green Class have started their topic From Field to Fork. They are also learning about World War II by reading War Boy by their new class Author Michae Foreman.

In Year 4 the class learnt about the Victorian Artist William Morris. They talked about how nature inspired his work, and the patterns he used – looking at lots of examples.

Indigo Class have written some excellent metaphors and similes as part of their poetry work inspired by the sun and moon this week. Fantastic writing Year 5 – well done!

Year 6 have been writing nonchronological reports about the water cycle this week. They researched technical vocabulary and put it to great use in their write-ups.

#### Whole school attendance this week: 96.62%

|            | Foundation<br>Stage | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Percentage | 100%                | 92.86% | 100%   | 97.44% | 97.7%  | 89.44% | 98.81% |
| Absences   | 0                   | 12     | 0      | 4      | 4      | 19     | 2      |
| Lateness   | 5                   | 0      | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |

#### **Swimming Lessons**

Parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6 have received letters regarding a course of swimming lesson over summer term to begin next Friday. Please ensure the consent form is completed and returned by tomorrow, and that the correct kit is brought into school every Friday for 10 weeks. If your child has piano lessons, we will ensure they are taken in the morning so they're not missed.

#### **Good Luck Elijah**

A HUGE good luck to Elijah in Year 2, who is working really hard to train for a 5k mud run next month in order to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. What an amazing challenge, and fantastic cause Elijah! If you would like to donate please follow this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/Elijah-Broadway?utm\_source=Sharethis&utm\_ medium=fundraisingpage&utm\_content= Elijah-Broadway&utm\_campaign=pfpemail&utm\_term=kYx2PaGyN.

#### **Clubs and Music Lessons**

Years 1 – 6 have now all received their after school clubs and music lessons forms. If your child would like to join any of them please complete and return the forms, and make payment, by this Friday. They all rely on a certain number of attendees to be able to run, and late payment can make it really difficult to decide whether they are able to go forward, and can put the club leaders at a financial loss. Thank you.

#### **Clean Air Heroes**

Thank you to everyone who spent the last three weeks of Spring Term being environmentally conscious on your journey to school for our Clean Air Heroes scheme to raise money for Rhino conservation. I found out today that we reached our (almost impossibly high) targets to reach BRONZE, and with just a little more work could get SILVER next term. So let's keep those scooters and bikes oiled and think of baby rhinos!

This term Year 4 are learning all about the environment, and Year 5 will be doing work on Rainforests. Do you have any ideas about how we as a school can reduce our carbon footprint? Let us know! Please also let us know or send us in photos of anything your child does to help the environment — we would love to celebrate it with them.

#### WELL DONE and let's KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



#### **Old Dressing-Up Clothes**

Does anyone have any spare dress —up clothes? Year 1 would love them if so! Please drop anything you may have into Year 1 or the office. Thank you so much!



#### **Fun 4 Kids**

Did you know that Fun 4 Kids – who run our lovely breakfast club, now have after school provision? They run out of the community and offer snacks and activities, and can help with homework and reading etc. It's an incredibly useful resource if you are working some days or every day, or indeed would find the extra time helpful. If they have space that can also take drop ins (you would just need to call ahead to check).

Give Nelly a call in the office if you would like to look into this further or have any questions.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt Fun**

Thank you so much to Tracey, Georgie, Lyndsey Francesco, Nicki, Toni, and all the classroom staff for helping with the Easter Egg Hunt arranged by the PTA on the last day of term. The children worked so well together to find the rainbow puzzle pieces to make an Easter egg, and very much enjoyed their chocolate prize bought by the PTA!

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