



It is only when cold season comes that we know the pine to be evergreen

2nd Oct 2020

### Food Bank Harvest

The food bank is now more in need than ever before, so for Harvest Festival this year we are asking for those who are able to donate food. Your child can bring these items in next Thursday where we will quarantine the items ready to deliver to Colchester Food Bank. Their current shopping list to the right. Thank you!

*Please also remember that if you are one of the many families in need of extra support, we hold vouchers for the food bank in school.*



- Small bags of rice
- Long-life milk
- Long-life juice
- Shampoo
- Squash
- Tinned fruit
- Deodorants
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned puddings
- Tins or packets of custard
- Jam
- Peanut butter
- Tooth brush/ tooth paste
- Razors
- Shower gel
- Small jars of coffee
- Small washing powder/liquid
- Small multipack snacks
- Tinned tomatoes



What do you think is the biggest waste of time?

**Winning KS1 Answer by Theo in Orange Squares**  
I waste my time on the Xbox. I could go to the zoo.

**Winning KS1 Answer by Suriyah in Year 5**

I think that trying to fit in when you were born to stand out and always trying to be like everyone else, when you are perfect just the way you are, is a waste of time.

### Headteacher Awards

Tomas and Winnie in Red Class; Ella and Poppy-Rai in Orange Circles; Trei, Rebecca, Zachary, Theo and Byron in Orange Squares; Tyler and Tilly in Year 2; Connor and Maisie in Year 3; Sebastian, Juniper, Matilda and Riley T in Year 5; Sophia, Harley and Leonard in Year 6

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CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON

## Car Park

Due to the staggered start and finish times at school, many people are leaving as families are arriving. This additional movement means we must all be extra vigilant when driving and walking through with our children. If you live locally and are able to walk please do so to reduce the extra movement on the car park. If this is not possible, please take the time to be extra safe and drive slowly, as there are small children walking through the area right up until 9am.

## Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? Many people have had big changes made to their working life and household income. If you think there is a chance that your child is now eligible for free school meals please make an application [here](#). If you have any questions just let us know. Thank you.

## Secondary School Admissions

Just a reminder that secondary school applications **MUST** be made by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. Failing to meet this deadline will likely result in your child not being offered a place at your preferred school. We know that this is extra difficult for families in light of not being able to attend open days and evenings as normal, but if you have any questions about the process or a particular school please don't hesitate to let us know and we will work to find the answers for you.

## Important School Ping Update

SchoolPing will be implementing a forced log out to all SchoolPing app users on October 26 2020 in order to apply improvements and updates to the app.

On this date, users who have an old version of SchoolPing will be logged out of the app and will need to upgrade to the latest version to log in again.

Before this date, please ensure that you have verified your email address so that if you need to reset your SchoolPing password, you will be able to do so.

To check your email address is correctly verified, please enter the SchoolPing app and:

- Open the side menu and click 'settings'.
- Then click 'my account' and check that the email address in this area is verified.
- If it is not, a 'resend verification email' option will appear.
- Once the verification email has been sent, please find it in your email inbox (please also check your junk folder) and then click the link in the email to verify your email address.

*Please also note that Android devices running versions of Android older than version 6 will no longer be able to use the SchoolPing app because Google no longer support the updates. If this applies to you, please use the web version of SchoolPing to receive your messages.*

## Chocolate in Year 6

As part of their Chocolate topic, Year 6 have been planning and designing their own bakes. They worked in groups to design a logo, slogan, and packaging; and then made their wonderful chocolate creations.... And finally - the taste test! Who needs Mary Beard and Paul Hollywood when you have Miss Birbeck, Mrs Green, and Ms Rayner on hand?!



## Newspaper Request

Do you have spare newspapers? We get through a LOT during our art lessons but are very short. If you have any old newspapers that you can spare, please pass them to Nelly or Kerry on Friday mornings, so that we can quarantine them over the weekend ready for art fun!