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St John's Green Primary School

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Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

DFE Update 14/1/2022

The Big Question for this Assessment Period—Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is: Introducing the Concept—Democracy.

As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush

Term Dates

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Diary Dates

Friday 4th February—Non Uniform Day 'Purple Pinkie' in support of Rotary Clubs 'End Polio Now' Children can be as pink/purple as they like, £1

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 11th February—Women in Science Day

Colchester Walks



This week's walk is the full version of the Colchester Orbital. It's all on the website under the tab 'Colchester Walks'. A gentle 14-15 miles—easy!

It's a Reading Thing...

Did you know...

- Reading for 6 minutes a day, reduces stress by 68%
- When children have a home library, as little as 20 books of their own, they achieve 3 more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.
- Read for 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,00 words per year.
- Children who read 1,000,000 words a year are in the top 2% of reading achievement.
- Children learn 4000—12,000 words per year through reading
- If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have read 1825 books by their 5th birthday.

EVERY DAY COUNTS—EVERY BOOK COUNTS.

As a school, we do everything we can to listen and read with your children—but we are significantly outnumbered by children, which makes it a challenge.

As parents, as you know, the more you do with them, the better their chances of success in later life and as parents don't we all, want our children to go on to succeed and do better than us.

I fully appreciate the challenges of parenthood and balancing work—but at the same time, we had those children—they are our responsibility and as such, however hard it is and however tired we feel, we have to invest that time which will make a difference to them.

All parents should be aware that one of the schools main expectations of them as parents—is that they read with their children 5 x a week.

Please, if you're not yet doing this (which we know many parents aren't), make this your resolution for 2022.

For those parents that are reading with their children every day—thank you, on behalf of the school—and your children, who will appreciate it, they just don't know it yet!

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READER
tomorrow
a LEADER

Christmas Quiz Christmas Quiz entries need to be handed in to either school office with the child's name/class written on by Monday 17th January.

GoRead

Just a reminder to all parents please to download the GoRead app so you can record and log when you read with your children at home.

<https://go-read.co.uk/parents>

If you've lost your login details, please let either school office know and we'll send you out your details again.

Tuesday Trot

Please don't forget about our 'Tuesday Trot' which takes place (every Tuesday) straight after school and is just round Abbey Fields—we have plenty of stickers for those successful trotters!



Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

— Carl Bard

Trending Show Competition

Design a front cover for the Trending Show.

"Farming, Food and Fitness" is our theme for the 2022 Show and we would like your pupils to design a front cover to reflect on farming food products which are part of a healthy lifestyle and to demonstrate the importance of local produce and outdoor activities.

All the information that you need is on the flyer, including the entry form and these are on the 'Welcome Page' of the school's website.

Entries need to be handed in to either school office by Monday 7th March—which does give everyone quite a bit of time to come up with some excellent designs!

Awards

STAR—Darcie-Grace (MLM), JUMBO—Adam (MM), CHARIOT—Marley (RREX).

EAGLES—Myla (MM) CIRCUS—Josie (RROX), ROSES—Afreen (MM).

MERCURY—Youssef (MM), CLAUDIUS—Keaton (RREX), ROMANS—Alan (MM)

DUTCH—Summer (RREX), ICENI—Aaryan (MM), PAXMAN—Erin (MM)

CASTLE—Luca (MM), CAVALIER—James (MM), GARRISON—Emily (CC)

OYSTERS—Isabella (MM), MAGNETS—Maddison (RROX), RAEDWALD—Kezia (MM).

CYMBELINE—Ethem (MLM), TRINOVANTES—Caleb (CC), LATHES—Tiffany (CC).

ATTENDANCE—Claudius

Looking after that New Stuff

Please see page 2 for some advice from Essex Police about ways we can all protect those new Christmas purchases, well worth a quick read and a few quick actions.

Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for both a Breakfast Club Assistant and a Mid Day Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday - Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43

Annual salary: £2,552.81

This role is for term time only excluding non-pupil days.

Application packs can be collected from either school office from Monday 17th January.

Article 14: (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Look after that new stuff from Christmas

Over Christmas you may have been lucky enough to have received some new IT and other gifts, but have you helped protect them yet?

Where applicable have you registered your purchase with the relevant company it may help with future possible updates and the serial number will be assigned to you with the company. Depending on the item and value have you considered adding it to your home or other insurance?

Have you thought about recording the serial numbers or property marking it? Be it a cycle, electrical goods, tools, garden equipment or mobile phone it may have a serial number. There are a number of secure asset recording companies such as www.immobilise.com, www.bikeregister.com. Property can also be marked in a number of different ways depending on the item of property such as engraving, marking with indelible or UV pens, and there are marking products such as: SelectaDNA, SmartWater, CRE mark by CRE products to name but a few (always check the suitability of the method of marking for the property item).

With jewellery and antiques don't forget to take photographs of it, include an "Object ID card" or ruler in a photograph to give it a scale. Some of these property marking products may also be suitable for these and you can now upload photographs of your property to Immobilise too.

Many TV's, personal music devices, computers and other electronics come pre-loaded with security and/or tracking software, make sure that it is activated. If you are storing valuable college work or other on a laptop or mobile device don't forget to back up your work elsewhere just in case you lose it or it is stolen.

Smart phones/mobile devices: Don't forget to make a note of the IMEI number of a mobile phone, to find it key in *#06#, with this if it's stolen you can block it. You can download an "App" on mobile phones to find your phone and more importantly wipe that data stored on it, check your "App store" or mobile phone provider. A little reminder -When texting or talking on phones or listening to music remain "in touch" with your surroundings, a number of road accidents, thefts and assaults occur when we fail to note what's going on around us, don't forget to pass this advice on to children.

For further crime prevention advice see www.essex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/ or www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice and for suitable security products see www.securedbydesign.com/ or www.soldsecure.com/.

