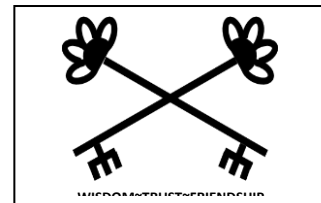


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DATES FOR DIARIES

APR:

- Tues 29th Swimming lesson (1 of 10) for specific KS2 children

MAY:

- Thurs 1st All children to come in in P.E kit for in school cricket event
- Fri 2nd Class 1 & 2 parents invited to come along to a parent forum at 2.30pm, followed by an assembly at 2.55pm showing photos from last week's Hasty's farm trip.
- Mon 5th Bank Holiday No school
- Tues 6th New school website launches today
- Tues 6th swimming (2 of 10) for specific Ks2 children
- Fri 9th Y2 Fun Run in school and during school time
- Fri 9th Eco-bubbles refill shop after school. Please come and buy Y6's products with your refillable bottles!
- W/C 12 – 16th Year 6 Statutory Tests (SATS week)
- Mon 12th Session 1 of Mrs May's Gt. Science share club (specific Y6 children) after school
- Tues 13th Session 3 of 10 Swimming
- Thurs 15th Y6 Rounders after school (details to follow)
- Fri 16th Y6 Forest school session on Layer Breton Heath for most of the school day
- Fri 16th PAFA Uniform swap shop (see details on the PAFA newsletter)
- Tues 20th Session 4 of 10 Swimming
- May 21st Class photos & Y6 Leaver photos
- Fri 23rd PAFA's 'Break the rules' day. There will be info and guidelines regarding this to follow as well as on the PAFA newsletter
- Mon 26th (Bank holiday) – Friday 30th Half term holiday

JUN:

- Mon 2nd Non Pupil Day
- Tues 3rd Back to school & session 5 of 10 swimming
- Tues 3rd Session 2 of Gt. Science share club after school with Mrs May
- Weds 4th Y1 & Y2 Visit to Gt. Wigborough church (Details nearer the time)
- Thurs 5th Y6 visit to 'Crucial Crew' awareness session & Castle park trip
- Fri 6th Y6 Forest school session
- W/C Mon 9th Multiplication times tables check week for Y4 and Phonics check week for Y1 (& a few Y2's)

DATES (TO BE CONT'D)

- Tues 10th Session 6 of 10 swimming
- Thurs 12th Session 3 of Mrs. May's Gt. Science share club
- Fri 13th Class 3 & 4 parents invited to come in for parent forum at 2.30pm followed by assembly at 2.55pm
- Mon 16th Session 4 of Mrs. May's Gt. Science share club ready for zoo trip tomorrow
- Tues 17th Consortium Sport -Details to follow
- Tues 17th Great Science share event at Colchester zoo for those children who have been doing the club with Mrs May (details nearer the time)
- **Fri 20th School Sports Morning from 9.15am & PAFA Summer fete** after school 3.20-5.30pm. All parents & families invited (Details nearer the time)
- Mon 23rd In school production of 'Wizard of Oz' performed by external company (details nearer the time) for all children
- Tues 24th Essex Food & Farming day trip for Class 4 children. Details nearer the time
- Thurs 26th Y6 Thurstable, Philip Morant & Stanway school induction days and evening for parents at Stanway school

LOVELY NEWS FROM HASTY'S FARM!

After Class 1 & 2's trip to Clacton to Hasty's farm last week they emailed in to say how well behaved all of the children were and how much they enjoyed us visiting them. Whilst the children were there a lamb was born and they decided to name it Birch, we are very excited and pleased about. Well done to all of our children for representing the school so well.

SUN HATS & WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child brings a named sun hat to school every day from now. Please also remember to send in a full, named water bottle. Staff do not administer sun cream at school so children should have this administered before they arrive daily please. If parents purchase a school hat via scopay then please inform the office who can ensure the hat (which will be named upon allocation) you purchase gets to your child quickly. Thank you

RECYCLING – CLOTHES (& OTHER ITEMS!) BANK

Please support our school with clothes, shoes & curtain donations (full list is on the bin itself) by placing them in our big blue clothing bank which has been recently moved to ensure it's easy to locate. The company sorts and grades items, some are sent to UK charities and others are sent abroad but all is reused. The school benefits from a small commission per tonne, so thank you for any donations you put into the clothes bank.