



# Newsletter

## This Week

This week I held an assembly where the children learnt about using kind hands and feet. They also learnt about the importance of using good manners at all times.

On Wednesday the children had their class photos taken. Proofs will be available shortly.

Some of the children came home from school yesterday with certificates to celebrate their treasure hunt fundraising efforts. Thank you to all the children who took part. An amazing £812.40 was raised. The winners of the prizes were Journee and Lee Junior in Cygnets, Leonie-May in Owlets and Alyssa in Robins. Congratulation to you all.

## Teacher Strikes

Teaching Unions will be striking next **Tuesday 2nd May**.

**All classes in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be open and children MUST attend school.**

Nursery will only be open to the children of working parents and those that feel their child is vulnerable. **Please contact the school office to book your Nursery place.**

## Contact Details

Please ensure we have your current telephone number in case we need to contact you via telephone or text.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
<b>May</b>	
5th	Coronation Picnic. Non uniform—wear red, white and blue
8th-12th	Assessment Week
11th	Sports for Champions
15th	Presentation Week
29th-2nd June	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
5th	Back to School
<b>Menu</b>	<b>W/C Tuesday 2nd May Week 1</b>

## Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	92.6%	91.9%
Year 1	96.2%	93.6%
Year 2	95.3%	94.3%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

## Headlice

I have been made aware of some instances of head lice. Please check your child regularly and treat hair accordingly.

If you require a free head lice comb, please visit the school office to collect one.



## Voting Day 4th May

Please note that our school will remain **open** on 4th May.

## Community Shop



Our Community Shop will be opening next week.

Days of opening are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.20am to 8.30am and 2.50am to 3.10pm.

A flyer giving more information is attached to this Newsletter.

## Head Teacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

## Coronation Picnic—Friday 5th May

A reminder that we are celebrating the Coronation of the King next Friday and all children can come into school wearing red, white and blue. The children will enjoy a Coronation picnic and will take part in various celebration activities.



If you haven't pre-ordered a school picnic for Friday, please provide your child with a packed lunch. There will not be any hot food served on this day.

## Parents of children with SEND

Step by Step Early Years is a 9 week course for parents/carers of children aged from 2– 5 years. This course supports the establishment of loving positive relationships between parents and their children and will be held at Jaywick Community Resource Centre, starting on 11th May.

The programme aims to: promote positive home/pre-school setting links, develop effective listening and communication skills, teach parents the importance of play, praise and self esteem, show parents how to recognise stress in themselves and their children, give parents strategies for managing difficult situations, give parents an understanding of their child's behaviour and promote effective positive behaviour management strategies. For more info or to book a place contact EXTRA on **01255 475001** or mail:admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk

**www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk.**

The BBC website [www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people](http://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people) is also a fantastic new website with lots of resources to support your children with the development of their Speech, Language and Communication skills.

## Reducing our Carbon Footprint



Year 2 children have been invited to join a Friday lunchtime Energy Efficiency Club, delivered by Miss Harris of Community Energy Colchester. The club will make the children more aware of our carbon footprint and how to save energy and money. The children will be learning through play activities such as building a mini wind turbine, insulating school radiators and mini experiments to see how energy works.

### THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



If you can access the back of the refrigerator—try and vacuum the coils once a year to ensure the fridge runs at maximum capacity.



Recycle whatever you can—think plastic, paper and even food waste in a composter.

If you go away, turn all plugs off unless absolutely necessary.



Use glass and ceramic dishes if cooking in the oven. They hold heat better and mean that you can use a slightly lower temperature to cook food.