



NEWSLETTER

19th June 2020



AIM HIGH TO BE THE BEST

We have welcomed back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 as well as our continuing Keyworker children.

All the children have settled into our new procedures with lots of hand washing and respecting social distancing and are getting used to the new layouts in the classrooms.

Due to space and staffing we are not able to open to other year groups.

Free School Meals

Is your child in Year 2 and starting Year 3 in September 2020?

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term



If your child/ren are currently in Year 2 when they move into Year 3 they will no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please see the above poster reminding families that if they receive one of the listed benefits then they are eligible to apply for Free School Meals from September 2020.



LEARNING Stars
of the Week -
w/e 19/6/20

Year	Names
Red Squirrels	Phebe
Hedgehogs	Elijah
Foxes   	Ethan
Badgers 	Maddie



CSSE 11+ Testing Year 5 Children

For any parents/carers interested in their children **currently in Year 5** taking the CSSE Schools 11+ entry exam then please see the school website for details of how to apply.

Please note the closing date for registration is 1st July 2020.



Casio Keyboards

We have some old Casio keyboards which are no longer required by the school. If you are interested in receiving a **free keyboard** then please contact the school office.

Please note that the keyboards do not have leads so you will need to purchase your own.



Safer Essex Road Partnership (SERP)

At this time of year, Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) would ordinarily be visiting many primary schools throughout Essex to deliver Road Safety Education to **Reception and Year 5**. They will obviously not be able to visit the school this term

Please see the school website to see how you can access their bespoke presentation that can be undertaken at home.

It is easily accessible through the 'Education' section of the 'Safer Essex Roads Partnership' website: <https://saferessexroads.org/online-road-safety-tools-for-primary-school-children/>.



Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember

July 2020

17th July - LAST DAY SUMMER TERM

20th, 21st & 22nd July - NON-PUPIL DAYS

23rd July - SUMMER HOLS

September 2020

2nd Sept - NON-PUPIL DAY

3rd Sept - FIRST DAY 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place over the summer holidays throughout the UK. Run by national charity The Reading Agency, and delivered with the support of the UK public library network, it is the UK's biggest free reading promotion for primary-aged children.

With the current situation, the 2020 challenge will run June to September, offering children and families the chance to take part online and receive rewards for their reading. While libraries remain closed, they will continue to support the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

Children can take part by going to <http://www.silysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>.

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore.

Children can set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from Essex Library Services online or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

Please find attached a school pack created by the Reading Agency.

Please also see the school website under "Useful Links Whilst Home Learning" for full details.

