



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a bit of a mixed bag of weather this week but thankfully we managed to dodge the raindrops to say goodbye to our second group of Year Two leavers. It was a pleasure to have you back at school this week even though it was for a bit of a 'hello, goodbye', 'happy, sad' reason.

We sent you a Parentmail this week asking if you were happy for your child's photo to be used in a class farewell letter from their teachers. Please let us know if you don't want your child to be included in this letter no later than Monday 6th July. If you are happy, you do not need to let us know.

We have received the latest guidance today on what schools will look like in September. The plan is for all children to return to school full time. Classrooms will continue to look a little different from when the children left in March and there will be strict health and safety measures in place but we are looking forward to having everyone back. Compulsory attendance will resume as the expectation will be that all children will return to school full time unless there is a clinical reason why they can't.

The children will once again wear school uniform and everyone will need a book bag. We will be requesting that no large backpack style bags are brought into school. The children will all move into their new year groups in the classes they are currently in. Keyworker children will go back to their original classes. At this stage, we are still anticipating that staggered start and finish times will be necessary. We will write to you again before the end of term with all the information you will need for September.

As many of you will be aware, we are currently in the process of opening our own School House Nursery. The aim is for it to be open by Mid September. We are beginning to receive enquiries for places so if you would like your child to attend, please email Mrs Rushen on admin@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk.

We are very excited to announce that Miss Devereux (Dragonfly Class teacher) will be our Nursery teacher in September. We are now in the process of appointing a team of staff to support her.

Finally, I want to say a huge Well Done to Charlie A in Squirrels who has made the most amazing 'Normandie' boat out of Lego. I can honestly say that it is one of the most magnificent things I have seen and he designed it all himself. Well done Charlie.

Have a restful weekend everyone, keep safe.

Mrs Mills