

This term our Core Value was



Honesty



OUR OPEN DOOR POLICY

Please remember that we want you to chat with us about any queries or concerns that you may have. Mrs Christian and Mrs Darvill stand at the front and back playground. You can speak to your child's class teacher after school, or please contact Mrs Christian via email head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

New items to the newsletter will be in **Blue**, items from the PTA/Friends will be in **Green**. Items that require your attention will be in **red**.

Sickness A reminder that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours before returning back to school. When reporting your child absent from school, please ensure you call the school office before 9am on each day of their sickness.



Main Office Information

Opening Times 8.30am until 4.00pm

Telephone: 01376 323071

Email: enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk Please call the office to report your child absent, before 9am.

School meals week starting 18 April 2022 wk 1

School meals week starting 25 April 2022 wk 2

FS - Mrs K Yates

Yr 1 - Mrs E Turner

Yr 2 - Miss C Springall

Diary Dates:

Fri 1 Apr - Last day of term

Mon 4 - 18 Apr - Easter Holidays

Tues 19 Apr - Return to school

Mon 2 May - Bank Holiday

Tues 3 May - Year 1 School Trip - Info to follow

Fri 6 May - Class Photos

Fri 27 May - Last day of Term



Thank you to everyone who have donated books to our school. We can no longer accept anymore donations.

The EYFS Team would like to say a big thank you to the parents/carers who took the time to help their children with their home learning. Our Easter Bonnet Parade looked amazing! Mrs Christian had the very hard task of judging the entries. Please keep checking tapestry to see what exciting activities you can do with your child next.



We have received a complaint from a resident of 'High Elms' on Notley Road. When waiting in your car to collect your child from school, please kindly turn your engine off. Stationary idling is an offence under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The act enforces Rule 123 of the Highway Code, which states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."



This week we have said good luck to Mrs Gray who starts her maternity leave next week. We wish her the best of luck. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Nash who is back from her maternity leave and Mrs Hales they will both be looking after Squirrels class for Mrs Gray.



Thank you to everyone who visited our Year 2 Chocolate Fayre on Wednesday afternoon. The money raised will go towards the year 2 leavers T shirt which they will receive at the end of the summer term. We raised over £530.00.

Tiddly Winkers forms are available from the school office or from our website. Late pick ups **will be charged** to attend Tiddly Winkers. Ask for further information from the school office or find out more on our website. Please ensure you book as soon as possible as we are becoming very busy and can be up to our maximum numbers during the week.



If you have a Foundation child who is self isolating Their class teacher will set work for them through tapestry. If you have a child in year 1 or 2 and your child is self isolating, we do have work set for children each week. Please click on the link below for self isolation work URL:
<https://www.johnrayinfants.com/page/?title=Isola>

Please can we ask that dogs are not brought onto the school premises even if they are being carried.



Whilst we encourage children to ride to school on their scooters. Please can we ask that children do not ride on them on the playground during drop off and collection times.

Golden Book Awards, 25th March:

BF, David - working hard to improve his writing

KF, Alexis - improving your writing and spelling

R, Sophie - improvement in your spellings

SQ, George - great concentration in maths

LB, Samuel - for trying new activities and sharing with friends

DF, Noah - for having a good try with his writing at school and at home

WP, Jenson - for great instruction writing.



HM Government Childcare Choices
HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE
MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE
 Any **one** of the following schemes...
 Age 0-11: Get up to £2000 per child. For working families. TAX-FREE CHILDCARE
 Age 0-16: Claim back up to 85% of costs. For working families. UNIVERSAL CREDIT
 Age 0-15: Claim back up to 70% of costs. For working families. TAX CREDITS
 AVAILABLE IN UK
 ... can be used with
FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE
 Age 2: For families getting certain government support. 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE
 Age 3-4: For all families. 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE
 Age 3-4: For working families. 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE
 AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND
 For offers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check childcarechoices.gov.uk
 Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply.
 For full details visit childcarechoices.gov.uk
 Getting childcare vouchers? Go to GOV.UK to find out more

Congratulations to the following:



Pixie Keenan-Redford from Hedgehogs did some litter picking along her road during the weekend. Pixie took the time to put rubbish where it belongs. Well Done Pixie!



Well Done to Akasya in Squirrels Class, Akasya has done so well in her swimming lessons, she can now swim in the big pool. Well done Akasya!