



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

"Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"



11/11/22

This term our Core Value is

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Respect

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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 14 Nov 2022 wk 1

School meals week starting 21 Nov 2022 wk 2

Deputy Head - Mrs A Darvill

SENCo - Mrs L Bailey-Whyte

FS - Mrs K Yates

Yr 1 - Mrs E Turner

Yr 2 - Miss C Springall



Diary Dates:

Tues 15 Nov Year 2 museum trip

Wed 16 Nov EYFS Phonics session 9am BF&BB

Thur 17 Nov EYFS Phonics session 9am LB&DF

Fri 18 Nov Children in Need - Spots and Stripes

Thur 1st Dec Non uniform day - info to follow

Fri 2 Dec Non Pupil Day

Fri 9 Dec Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper

Mon 12 Dec Year 2 Christmas Celebration TBC

Tue 13 Dec EYFS Nativity Time TBC

Wed 14 Dec EYFS Nativity Time TBC

Thurs 14 Dec Y1 Christmas Celebration TBC

Tues 20th Dec Last day of School

Thurs 5th Jan back to school

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 will stand in the front 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



As you may be aware we have an amazing little girl, Tilly, in our current year two, who is a Type One Diabetic. Tilly has asked Mrs Christian if we could support National Diabetes Day on the 14th November. This year the charity Diabetes UK are asking people to paint their fingernails blue to raise awareness and show support for people coping so brilliantly with this condition. If your child would like to do this then they are very welcome along with donations of any loose change or pennies you may have at home. There will be a collection pot in each class and we will send the money raised off as a school.



This year we will be celebrating Children in Need by wearing spots, stripes or a mixture of both!! Please come to school dressed in your spots and stripes with your £1 donation for Children in Need.

Click on the link to our website to see what job vacancies we have in school at the moment. We are looking for 2 catering assistants and 1 SEN LSA URL:

<https://www.johnrayinfants.com/page/?title=Job+Opportunities&pid=353>



ATTENDANCE CUP



Well done to Butterflies and Otters class had 99.1% attendance last week and Moles won the cup this week with 99%. Well Done!



EYFS are looking for small cuddly toy donations for their lunchtime playtime.

If you have any spare children's tights/socks/underwear that could be donated as spares. Please give them to your class teacher or drop them into the school office.



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 now full and up to our maximum numbers most days.



Please do not let your children and siblings on the play equipment in either of the playgrounds. Please keep your children with you before and after school.



As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 7 November 2022**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

From **7 November 2022**, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Free School Meals - We understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and therefore you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility you can use the free online checker link: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> or for more information and online applications go to: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.



John Ray Infants School.
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108.51 kg
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the Braintree
Area**



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Christmas Raffle

1st prize - £100 cash
2nd prize - £50 cash

Cash prizes donated by Taylor Milburn, Braintree

Other prizes

Family tickets for Enlightened * £25 Elegance of Essex
Voucher * 2 x family Namco bowling vouchers * Tesco
Hamper * Family Partyman voucher * £10 Perrywoods
voucher * Chocolate hampers * Adventure Island
vouchers * Eyelash treatment voucher * Family
photoshoot voucher * Handbag * Hair bows *

and more!

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 7th December.
All tickets should be returned by Wednesday 30th
November

£1 per ticket

Tickets will be sent home in children's bags. Extra tickets can be
collected from the school office.

Celebration Corner

Please let us know if your child has done something amazing, we would like to celebrate their achievement.



