



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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



09/12/22

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 12 Dec 2022 wk 1
School meals week starting 19 Dec 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:

Mon 12 Dec Yr2 Christmas Celeb. 9am K/KF
Mon 12 Dec Yr 2 Christmas Celeb. 2.15pm WP/R
Tue 13 Dec EYFS Nativity 9.15am
Wed 14 Dec EYFS Nativity 2.15pm
Thur 15 Dec Y1 Christmas Celeb. 9am O/SQ
Thur 15 Dec Y1 Christmas celeb. 2.15pm HH/M
Fri 16 Dec Nursery Christmas celebration
Tues 20 Dec Last day of School
Thurs 5 Jan back to school



Well done to Ladybird & Bumblebees class for having the best attendance last week
Well Done!

We are very excited to announce that John Ray Infant school is now on twitter! Please send us a tweet to let us know who can see our tweets and retweet when you can. We are @JohnRayInfantsB



THANK YOU Thank you to everyone who donated a gift to the PTA Christmas Gift Shop. The children enjoyed picking a gift for someone special

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 at either the front or back gate. 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**.

If you need to send in homework or request information from the school office, please use our enquiries@johnrayinfants.sch.uk unless you are told otherwise. Please can we ask that all absences are made through the school office telephone number and not via email. The office team are not all in on the same day and its very important we hear about absences early in the school day.

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 absence.



As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception and Year 3) admissions have opened on **Monday 7 November 2022**, you can now apply for a Reception or year 3 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.

We have 3 job vacancies within the school, please click on the link below

<https://www.johnrayinfants.com/page/?title=Job+Vacancies&pid=354>



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.



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>.



The choir have had a fabulous time this week, visiting 3 local care homes spreading some festive cheer. They sang Christmas songs to the residents and staff. We believe, the oldest resident the children sang to was 100 years old! Mrs Christian was very proud of the children, they walked to all 3 care homes very sensibly and looked very smart in their Christmas jumpers and accessories.



Celebration Corner



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

Elsie-Mae - Has been busy and has achieved 2 swimming badges one for 20m as well as her water skills 2 award Well Done!



William - We are very proud that William Vieira has achieved his yellow belt. Well Done!



Oliver - Completed the Farleigh Hospice Santa 5k fun run. He completed it in 47mins and raised £36 all by himself. £13 being his own pocket money! Well Done!