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Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of the Summer term! It has been lovely to see all the children again and hear all about their Easter holidays.

We have lots to look forward to this term, including: class trips and visits, the Coronation, meeting our new Reception starters and the Y5/6 production. Please consult the updated dates list at the back of this newsletter. This will be added to throughout the term so do remember to check it weekly.

Book Fair: Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May

We are holding a Book Fair every day after school Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May. This is provided by Travelling Book Fairs and the prices are very reasonable.

The Book Fair is a great opportunity for children to browse a good selection of age-appropriate books and choose something which inspires them.

Every book purchased at the Book Fair earns us Rewards for our Scholastic account. We can spend these rewards online on books for the children. Over the past year these Rewards have enabled us to purchase several texts for English lessons, including a class set of poetry books for Adventurers class.

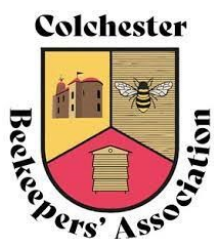
Please come along and support the Book Fair if you are able to.

You are able to pay for your purchases with cash or online, using the QR code displayed at the Fair.

Navigators - Poetry Slam contest

The Year 5/6 children have been working hard preparing performance poems for the Essex University Poetry Slam contest. This morning, they performed their poems to the whole school and we were very impressed with their confidence and the quality of their writing. The winning team will perform at the Lakeside Theatre along with pupils from other participating schools. Well done Navigators!

Colchester Beekeepers' Association



On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Sarah Curtis from the Colchester Beekeepers' Association to St George's. She spoke to all the children in the school Hall, telling them all about bee hives and beekeeping. The children listened intently and asked some fantastic questions. We were very impressed that some of the children were already quite knowledgeable on the subject! It was a fascinating talk in which we found out about guard bees, honeycomb, queen bees, worker bees and drones.

Sarah also spoke to the children about some competitions the Association is running for the Tendring Show. We will send out further information about this in the coming weeks. Huge thanks to Sarah for her interesting and informative talk. We all enjoyed it and learned a great deal.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Keitch

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



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Online Safety

Every year, I share with you the Ofcom report into children's media use. The 2023 report has just been published and makes for very interesting reading.

ONLINE
SAFETY

[Link to the full report](#)

[Link to an interactive version of the report](#)

A copy of the report can also be found on the [E Safety page](#) of our school website.

Here are some of the headlines:

- ☆ YouTube was the most used online platform among 3-17-year-olds (88%), followed by WhatsApp (55%), TikTok (53%), Snapchat (46%), Instagram (41%) and Facebook (34%). Use of WhatsApp, TikTok and Snapchat increased from 2021 (up from 53%, 50% and 42% respectively), while Facebook was less popular this year (down from 40%).
- ☆ Gaming via a console or handheld games player was more common among boys (73%) than girls (45%). Parents of boys were more likely than parents of girls to have rules in place (92% vs 84%).
- ☆ Parents expressed concerns about many aspects of children's media use, including being bullied online (70%) or via games (54%), but the most common concerns among parents related to their child seeing content that was inappropriate for their age (75%), or 'adult' content (73%).
- ☆ Children's actual experiences online were not always positive. Almost three in ten children aged 8-17 (29%) had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them via apps or platforms; this contrasted with two in ten having this experience face to face (20%).

You can find lots of useful information and guidance on the [ESafety page](#) of our website.

Dates for your Diary

You may wish to make a note of the dates below.

Further information will be sent out to you in due course.

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th May	Travelling Book Fair in Hall every day after school
Saturday 6th May	PTA Coronation Event - details to follow
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year Six SATs Week
Monday 12th June	Y6 Service at Chelmsford Cathedral (pupils only - details to follow)
Friday 16th June	Class photographs
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July	Manningtree High School Y6-7 transition days
Thursday 13th July 6pm	Y5/6 production performance to parents
Friday 14th July	Annual reports sent home
Week beginning Monday 17th July	Meet the teacher meetings (after school - details to follow)
Friday 21st July	Last day of term Leavers' Assembly pm

Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Meredel - For recalling prior learning, remembering to stay safe around poisonous flora (plants) and reminding others where it grows and what it looks like. Well done!

Theodore - For making links to prior learning and suggesting tool work on your very first session this term. You used the bow saw and hand drill safely, and worked creatively.

Jude, Bella and Lily W - For fantastic teamwork and collaboration, working creatively with others to build a base camp which you then shared with the rest of the group. Well done!