



# John Ray Infant School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week of highs and lows at John Ray Infants this week. We were so disappointed to have to close the nursery due to covid and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. Covid cases remain at a low level in the school but are without doubt still present – please continue to LFT if identified as a close contact.

Within the main school I continue to be impressed by the children's positive attitudes and learning behaviours. For children who have missed a significant amount in their short lives their resilience and eagerness to learn is fantastic to see.

As per my earlier parentmail, pick up times will be slightly adjusted on Monday and return to our published school finish time of 3.00pm. The times had been staggered to allow for a more covid safe environment but as rules are relaxed we will return to more normal practise. This will ensure the children receive their legal requirement of educational hours and allow them a slightly longer afternoon session to maximise learning. The gates will be open at 2.50pm to allow you to wait for your child. We are tentatively planning some activities throughout the rest of the year to include welcoming parents back into the school building so, keep an eye out for dates in next weeks newsletter.

Next week is one of our 'Curriculum Weeks' and all classes will be focusing on 'Reading through the Curriculum' exploring the different times we use our reading skills, in a variety of different contexts to help us in all areas of life. This could be through ICT in the form of an email or when cooking to read a recipe. Mrs Turner, in her role as English Lead, has planned lots of lovely reading activities for the whole school and we hope you enjoy completing the sponsored challenges with your children at home to help the PTA raise funds for our new Sensory Trail. This will be enjoyed by all the children.

Our fortnightly, more factual, newsletter will now incorporate a 'Celebration Corner' where we will publish the names of children who have done something fabulous during that period! Please do email Mrs Ryan at [office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk) to share your child's achievements. This could be a swimming certificate, karate belt, ballet medal or something you are particularly proud of like learning to ride a bike.

As always, please catch me on the gate or email me at [head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk](mailto:head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk) if you have any worries or concerns.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend,

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Headteacher

