



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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



13/01/23

This term our Core Value is



Respect



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 16 Jan 2023 wk 1
School meals week starting 23 Jan 2023 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 23 Jan Teachers clubs start

Tues 24 Jan BF/BB EYFS maths lessons info to follow

Weds 25 Jan LB and DF as above

Mon 30 Jan school photos taken in class

Tues 7 Feb Parents zones of regulation information session plus tea and chat more info to follow

Half Term Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb.

Thurs 2 Mar World Book Day - info to follow

Mon 6 Mar Book and Science week

Tues 7 Mar Parents info session topic TBC and tea and chat

Thurs 16 Mar year 1 space exhibition for parents

Fri 17 Mar Red Nose Day

Tues 21 Mar O, Sq KF, WP Class assemblies

Wed 22 Mar M & HH & K & R Class assemblies w/c Mon 27 Mar TLR's.

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 have until **Sunday 15 January 2023** to apply Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

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



The Eco-Committee have met this term and picked up litter from our playground. We spoke about the dangers of litter for small animals and enjoyed the Winter sun.



A quick reminder that today (Friday) is the last day for you to book your child's place for the Movie and Munch event on Wednesday 18th January. Please book via the shop on parentmail.

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>.



SEN Clubs/Activities in the area

Weekly SEN sessions at Kinetix Parkour in Witham on Sundays Team Kinetix use only qualified, insured coaches who hold a current DBS check. [URL: https://www.teamkinetix.co.uk/](https://www.teamkinetix.co.uk/)

Halstead Empire Theatre - Autism friendly screening Films for Kids (empire-theatre.co.uk)

[URL: https://empire-theatre.co.uk/autism-friendly-cinema](https://empire-theatre.co.uk/autism-friendly-cinema)

Celebration Corner



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