



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 30 Jan 2023 wk 1
School meals week starting 06 Feb 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 30 Jan school photos taken in class
Tues 7 Feb Parents zones of regulation information session plus tea and chat
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.

On 7th February we will be holding the first of our monthly parents' information sessions with tea, coffee and biscuits. We will be sharing information about the Zones of Regulation. This is all about teaching children how to understand their emotions, feelings and behaviour and what to do to regulate themselves in different situations. You may find this useful to attend so that you are able to use the same language and strategies at home to support your child.

We have Happy Days

photography coming into the classes to take photos of the children as they work. If your child would normally come to school in their PE kit, please ensure they in their school uniform.



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.



Thank you to everyone involved with our first Movie & Munch evening. It was a great success. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We would like to say a great big THANK YOU to the CO-OP and SAINSBURY'S for their very kind donations of popcorn, crisps and drinks. We are very excited to announce that we have raised £651.00. A special well done to the year 1 school council, Oliver D, Dorothy P, Mia R, Bella-Rose B for helping to collect the snacks from the CO-OP.



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.