



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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



10/02/23

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 20 Feb 2023 wk 1
School meals week starting 27 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:

Half Term Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb.

Thur 2 Mar World Book Day

Mon 6 Mar Book and Science week

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

Thur 16 Mar year 1 space exhibition for parents

Fri 17 Mar Red Nose Day

W/c Mon 27 Mar whole school TLR's

Mon 3 Apr to Fri 14 Apr - Easter Holidays

Mon 15 May Class Photos and Yr 2 Photos

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June - Half Term

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.essex.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.



A special well done to our new, Year 1 School Council members: Oliver D, Dorothy P, Mia R, Bella-Rose B



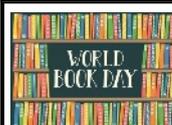
Here is a photo of some of the children who helped collect the popcorn and snacks from the Co-Op for our Movie and Munch event.



This week is mental health week, we have some resources that we are able to share with you all to help support the mental health and well being of your children. A selection of short videos and handy downloads have been put together for you: URL:



<https://www.dragonflyimpact.com/MHweekvideos>



WBD will be on Thursday 2 March. We would love to celebrate this day by asking all the children to dress up as their favourite book characters. They could also bring in a copy of the book they've chosen if they have it! Don't forget - reading for pleasure is not just about fiction and story books. You might have a favourite non-fiction book that you could dress up as!

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.



SEN Clubs/Activities in the area

Partyman World Braintree

Special offer of £5 entrance any time, any day, for children with additional needs (DLA letter required as proof). Partyman World of Play are proud to offer complimentary morning and evening sessions dedicated to children & young adults with special needs where we close the entire venue just for you!

URL: <https://www.partymanworld.co.uk/location/braintree/admissions/sen/>

Guests with SEN or disabled guests are also entitled to one free helper/carer during each admission. The primary helper must be a adult and able to take primary responsibility during emergencies and decision making.

All guests who would like to attend one of our sessions or would like to visit the centre at the special admission prices will need to present a DLA letter at reception.

Autism friendly cinema (Halstead Empire Theatre)

Our next film screening will be Saturday 18th February 2023

Minions: The Rise Of Gru (U)

Autism Friendly Cinema

Our Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings are open to all ages and all levels of autism.

Tickets - £1.00, 2.30 for 3.00pm, 1hr 27min

Families in Focus

Our activity clubs provide a range of play activities for SEND children and their siblings (accompanied by their parents or carers).

Activities can include arts & crafts, badminton, table tennis, and board games. At our Chelmsford club we also offer bikes and trikes and trampolining.

Our Chelmsford club runs on a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 at the Chelmsford Athletics Club in Melbourne. There is a small charge for each child attending the club.

To book any of our sessions please email alex@fifessex.org.uk, or book via the events page on our website. www.familiesinfocussessex.org.uk/events/

Celebration Corner



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

Congratulations to Phoebe (Moles), Phoebe has been moved up to Stage 2 swimming. Well Done!