

NEWSLETTER

↑ 96.4% Attendance

No 31: 21st May 2021

Covid guidance - What's changing and what's staying the same?

This week saw the lifting of a number of restrictions in society to coincide with step three in the Government's roadmap. The DfE also published revised guidance for schools. This was communicated to you in a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Essex Education, last Thursday 13th May.

This new DfE guidance changed very little so just to confirm the following local arrangements will still be in place:

- Staggered starts/finishes
- Masks onsite for visitors and staff moving around
- Bubbles remain

However, we can now organise after-school clubs (with consistent groupings) and will be launching details of these next week to begin after half term. There is greater flexibility over visitors onsite and educational visits too.

From 17th May travel restrictions have changed but the expectation remains for all pupils to be in school unless for an exceptional circumstance. The children have missed enough education and we will be vigorously pursuing any unauthorised family holidays taken. Also, if you travel to, or through, an amber or red list country, any travellers are required to quarantine on their return. This includes school pupils and students. If a holiday or quarantine period coincides with term time – this absence may be unauthorised and could lead to a penalty notice. Schools or colleges are not required to provide remote learning for students who are quarantining following travel abroad. Please consider this information when arranging holidays over the half term and summer break.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and co-operation in following these arrangements. We look forward to the further revised guidance around the proposed Step 4 of the roadmap on or around 21st June.

Mr McTaggart - Headteacher

Stars of the Week

21st May 2021

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| Y6 | Ada Hards | Nicola Thurgood | Holly Whitehead |
| Y5 | Jack Whittaker | Tara Kane | Lilli Bury |
| Y4 | Nathaniel Hermitage | Emma Carr | Lukas Lefkaditi |
| Y3 | Ollie Cook | Holly Hughes | Tianfu Liu |

6C Reading
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Academic Reports and Parent Consultations

Your child's academic report will be shared with your child (via their Office365 account) on Friday 28th May. This is a report of **the year so far** with targets to work on for the remaining weeks. You will then have an opportunity to remotely discuss the report (via Teams) and any other associated issues the week after half term with your child's classteacher. A booking window for parent consultations will open on Wednesday at 8pm with appointments available to view from 24 hours before.

Race Around the World



With one day to go, we are 2nd in our interschool competition – thank you to all the children who have completed their daily miles as well as the families who have logged steps outside of school. You can continue to log individual entries over the weekend with the winner announced on Tuesday!

Look out for the sponsorship forms coming soon for a school-based fun run in June to raise money for Barnes Farm projects.



Plus - Inspired by this challenge? Why not join the local [Chelmsford Parkrun](#) on a Sunday at 9am and run on behalf of BFJS. Let's get our name on the map!

The Big Ask



The children participated in an assembly this week where they were encouraged to engage in a national survey to let the Children's Commissioner (Dame Rachel De Souza) know their views.



The quick survey asks children what they want to happen next after a year where they have been particularly affected by the pandemic.

I would encourage all of you to let Dame Rachel know your child's views. You can access the survey [here](#).

A cut above the rest!



Before

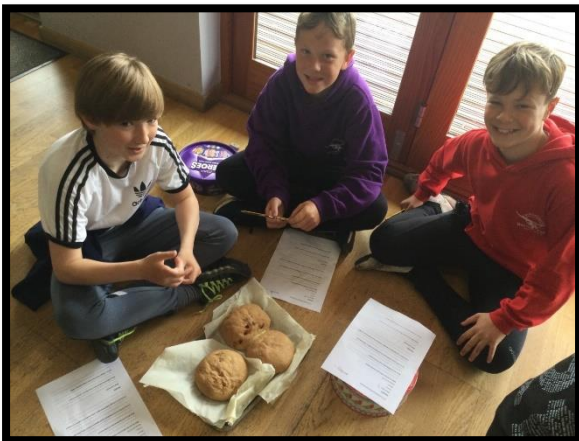
Megan Walden in Y6 donated a large amount of her hair to the [Little Princess Trust](#). The charity provides real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years old, who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Well done Megan!



After

Y6 turn bread recipe into reality



Y6 this week have been making their bespoke bread recipes after weeks of market research and planning. The outcomes were gorgeous and stunning in equal measure.

