



19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

On Monday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the O2 to perform at Young Voices, to form one of the world's largest children's choirs, singing alongside 8000 other children from different schools across the country. The children performed a selection of songs alongside professional musicians, led by world renowned conductor, David Lawrence. The children all had an amazing time and can't wait to go next year! Thank you to all families who joined us for the evening! - great memories. What a fab group of children who represented our school superbly!

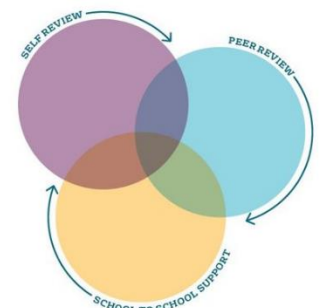


Thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended our workshops this week to find out more about 'No Outsiders'. Miss Vickers will be sharing the long-term plans outlining the lessons being taught in our PSHE lessons from Reception to Year 6. Keep a look out on Class Dojo today. If you have any further questions, please do come and speak to myself, Miss Vickers or Miss Virgo. Class teachers will share the YouTube links with you before children are taught each lesson so that you can watch at home beforehand if you wish.

On Tuesday, we had a peer review (support school improvement) in school where head teachers and leaders from other schools in our trust visited for the day and delved deeply into one area of learning within our school. This was reading. The day was highly successful and they highlighted many strengths to celebrate that I wanted to share with you. One of the real highlights was how articulate the children who spoke to the leaders were. They were very passionate about reading, the books they read in school, the strategies they are taught by their teachers to develop their fluency (speedy reading) and comprehension.

Things to celebrate:

- ü Could clearly see in all lessons how vocabulary was explicitly taught and explored within a reading text
- ü Children reading daily in school
- ü Excellent teaching in reading sessions
- ü Evidence of children marking and up-levelling their work.
- ü clear and consistent structures of lessons



On Tuesday, all teachers will attend a workshop led by some Improvement Champions within the trust to help us to continue to build upon our strengths in reading across the school. We look forward to sharing what we will be working on.

Thank you to all parents/carers in Year 2/3 and Greece class - year 6 - for attending the maths workshops this week to hear how we teach mental calculations and see their child in action! We hope you enjoyed them and it gave you an insight into how to help your child at home. Year 5 and China class are looking forward to their maths workshop in the coming weeks. We will let you know the dates as soon as possible.

Today, the children looked fabulous, dressed up as Times Table Rockstars. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence, maths lead, for organising the day and we look forward to sharing some photographs on social media with you later today. We are looking forward to seeing children earning their badges for becoming speedy in their times tables!

Katie Herbert



# Reading



Each half term your child will read a new class novel related to their current learning theme. Every day the children are excited to hear the next part of their story. Ask your child what their class novel is and see if they can keep you updated with what has happened so far!



## BRONZE READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 50 times

Myra (Wales)  
Ashley, Poppy (Scotland)  
J'niah (N Ireland)  
Ronnie (Italy)  
Mason (India)  
Katie (Egypt)  
Ellie, Isabella (Mexico)

## SILVER READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 50 times

Conrad, Freya (India)  
Harry (Egypt)  
Phoebe (USA)  
Bobby (Greece)





RECEPTION/KEY STAGE 1

# ATTENDANCE WEEK

Whole School  
Attendance for  
last week  
**92.34%**

Classes with attendance above 95%

India 96.55%

Brazil 96.42%

Wales 95.20%

This is to certify that class  
**Northern Ireland**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 95.77% Attendance  
in School last week



Mrs Flaherty is a



**WELL DONE**  
keep up the good work!!



**FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES**  
Well Done for achieving  
100% last week

Albie (England)  
Gracie (Wales)  
Bethany (India)  
Charlotte (Brazil)  
Izzy (Mexico)



This is to certify that class  
**Kenya**  
are Attendance Heroes  
for achieving 98.62% Attendance  
in School last week



Miss Coughlan is a



**WELL DONE**  
keep up the good work!!





Great news...South Essex Academy Trust is now on social media!

If you are happy to, please follow us and like/comment on and share our posts. It will help to promote the trust/schools and share with you and the school communities what we are getting up to!



The Dinner Menu for w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 will be Week 3 from the menu. Cold packed lunches are required to be ordered in advance.

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**Peanut and Tree-Nut Allergy Aware School**

Please do not bring **Peanuts, Tree-Nuts** or products made with **Peanuts** or **Tree-Nuts** into this school.





**Please wash hands.**  
Clean hands help you to stay healthy and keep your friends safe.  
**Thank You!**


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**PUNCTUALITY**  
IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it. I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it! I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early? The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

**5 minutes late per day,**  
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

Minutes late	Days lost per school year
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	10 days
20 minutes	13 days
30 minutes	19 days

**WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE**

- Get everything you need for school ready.
- Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare.
- If you bring your lunch to school - make it now.
- Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep.
- If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes.
- Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep!

**WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING**

- Get out of bed as soon as your alarm goes off.
- Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up!
- Have a nutritional, but quick, breakfast. Fruit, toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't waste time.
- If you wait for friends, don't wait if they are late.
- If you're late - don't make excuses - we've heard them all before and honesty works much better!



**DRINK YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH. DRINK WATER, STAY HYDRATED  
REMEMBER YOUR WATER BOTTLE!**





## CALENDAR

<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Scotland RWI Parent/Carer Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>England RWI Parent/Carer Workshop</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Cyber Safety Workshops</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 to Castle View School High School Musical</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Athletics Hall event Y5 &amp; 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Anti-Bullying Drama Workshop</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>YEP Photography in for individual child and sibling photos</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y2 to Colchester Castle</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y4 Spirit of the Wild</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Badminton event Y5 &amp; 6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>YF Height, Weight and Vision Checks</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y6 Height and Weight Checks</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Infant Music Festival</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Mini tennis event Y5 &amp; 6 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Y4 Swimming Lessons start</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATS</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Rounders event Y6 at Deanes (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Quad Kids event Y3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 (selected pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Induction days - King John, The Deanes and the Appleton School</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y5 Creativity Day at Cornelius Vermuyden</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>School closed for the Summer Break</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>School reopens for Autumn 1st half term</b>

