



Parsons Heath C of E Primary School Newsletter



Week Ending 13th October 2017

Beat the Street

As you are aware at present the school is taking part in the Beat the Street campaign. October is International Walk to school month and to mark it, **all beatboxes outside schools on Friday 20th October will be giving double points between 7am-9am and 2pm-4pm!**

Remember to gain points, 2 beatboxes must be tapped, and therefore the children and their parents will need to ensure that they pass another beatbox prior to or after tapping the one outside the school. It would be absolutely fantastic if we could get as many children involved as possible due to the enormous health benefits of physical activity and instilling good life long habits from a young age. Lets try and get as many points as possible for our school especially on Friday 20th October!



Parking Near The School

Local residents and parents have expressed concerns about illegal and unsafe parking around school and we would like your support in addressing it. Local residents say that there are times when they are unable to leave their homes in the morning and cars continue to be parked unsafely on pavements. If an ambulance or fire engine needed access to a local home, this could actually put lives at risk. I would ask, however, that you do not approach a driver directly as altercations outside school are unpleasant and frightening for the children.

Please consider parking a short distance from school and walk in. We know time is precious and everyone is busy but the children are also precious and it is only a matter of time before a parent in a hurry to drop off their child and get on with their day results in a serious injury or worse. We have **opened** the gate at **St Johns Road** to alleviate pressure on other areas.

Our only concern is to create a safer environment for the children as they arrive at and leave school. Please help us to create a school where children's safety outside school is a greater priority than convenient parking that puts children's lives at risk. Let's work together to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable. Thank you.



Secondary School Applications for September 2018 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2018) is 31st October 2017.

Applications can be made via our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Reminders

- After today we can no longer accept old style £1 coins as payment in the office. You can still change any old coins in the bank.
- Please can we ask that any school dinners are paid for as promptly as possible. Many thanks.
- Inside the school gates is a **dog free zone**. If you need to bring your dog with you on the school run, please can we ask that you do not tie your dog up outside of the school and leave unattended. Thank You.
- Please remember scooters should not be ridden whilst on the school grounds. Please dismount as soon as you enter the main gate.



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Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

Immunisation Catch up clinic

Please call the Colchester office on
01206 224909 for an appointment.

Available clinic dates

Colchester Clinic		Clacton Clinic	
St Annes & Castle Childrens Centre Harwich Road Colchester CO4 3DH		Sydney House Childrens Centre 61a Langham Drive Clacton-on-Sea CO16 7AG	
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm	Thursday 5 th October 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 25 th October 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm	Thursday 26 th October 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm	Wednesday 22 nd November 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm	Wednesday 13 th December 2017	3.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 17 th January 2018	3.00 – 4.30pm	No January Clinic	
Wednesday 14 th February 2018	3.00 – 4.30pm	Thursday 15 th February 2018	10.00–12.30pm

Parents Evening

We will be sending out a letter regarding the next parents evening next week. Please can we remind you that all parents evening appointments will need to be booked through the Schoolping system. If you are not yet registered with Schoolping you will need to do so before you can book an appointment.



Family Bike Ride

There is going to be a family bike ride on the Tuesday 24th October 2017 10:30 – 12:30 from Greenstead Library Hawthorn Avenue Colchester ,CO4 3QE.

The cycle safety team will be running a series of led rides along predetermined, low traffic/ traffic-free routes, designed to boost confidence for a variety of audiences. Participants can be new to, or returning to cycling, the rides aim to encourage regular cycling for all ages. The rides will be relatively short and focus on leisurely, pleasant and practical routes without too many steep hills; they are not designed for sports riding or training for experienced cyclists. The rides will be 5 miles long with a break half way. The rides will be led by fully qualified Bikeability instructors who are all enhanced DBS checked and will complete a risk assessment for every ride. Any cyclists will need to be prepared for the weather at the time and ensure they have a fully operational bike and helmet to take part.

<http://www.artofthepossiblefestival.com/events/colchester-area/bikeability-ride-greenstead/>

It will be first confirm first served as we have a maximum number we can take out.

