

Week Ending 20th April 2018

School Trips

As we are now in the summer term, many of the classes will be taking part in school trips. School trips are a valuable part of the school year but we are aware that sometimes these trips may seem expensive. Unfortunately, the rise in the cost of a school trip is often down to the recent inflation in prices of a coach to transport the children there, the average cost is now £500. In addition, the entrance fees are often higher than are on offer to the general public as they cover extra activities and additional staff. All trips are linked to the curriculum and assessed for their value for money before they are booked. We thank you for your support in the enrichment of your child's learning.



Well Done Elliot

Congratulations to Elliot Bowen-Dore in Year 5 who has received a distinction in his Grade 1 piano exam. Elliot took his exam before the Easter holidays. Well done Elliot, this is a fantastic achievement!



Summer Supplies

Now the weather seems to be improving we ask that all children come in to school with a sun hat and a water bottle. We also ask that sun cream is already applied in the morning before coming to school. Many thanks



School Trend Postage & Packing

An Update from School Trends, our uniform supplier:
We are updating our carriage charges for our on-line uniform service.
We have listened to feedback from parents about the cost of our delivery service, and so from 27th April 2018 we are reducing the carriage cost of parent orders from £4.95 to just £2.99. This charge will apply to **all parents orders**, whether delivered to home or to school.
Free delivery will apply on all orders over the value of £75 including VAT.
You will now be able to have delivery to home or an alternate address before the start of the term, and to school during term times and all at very reasonable cost.
I hope you will agree that this is a much improved option for both School and Parent.



Reminders

- Swimming is due to start for the term on Monday. The pool has been fixed and heated ready for action! Please make sure your child has their swimming kit with them for the correct day.
- The cancelled Colchester High School open morning will now take place on Saturday 28th April. For further information or to attend please contact Mrs Kate Cryne on 01206 217116.



School Attendance Figures

Well done to Year 3 who had the highest attendance figures of **97.17%** for the week commencing 26th March. Which Class will it be next week?



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11 + Exam

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you are thinking of putting them in to take the 11+ Exam for 2019 entry the following dates will be of interest.

Registration for the 11+ exam will be from 5th June to 20th July 2018 inclusive.

The test will take place on Saturday 22nd September 2018.

If you would like further information about the 11+ Mrs Newson is happy to answer any of your questions.



Messy Church takes place at St Matthew's Church Centre, Harwich Road, Colchester.

The next upcoming date for Messy Church is:

Sunday 22nd April 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Messy Church is church with a difference ... in fact, lots of differences. It's for all ages, but especially for families with young children. We have arts and crafts to start with, a chance for everyone to have fun and be creative. Then we have a short celebration service with singing and a story. And last, but definitely not least, we serve up food to enjoy together.

Messy Church:

- **is a way of being church for families involving fun**
- **is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus**
- **is found across the world**
- **values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration**