

John Ray Times



Our Core Values: Hope, Perseverance, Trust, Courage, Respect, Responsibility

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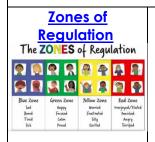
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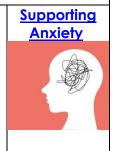
Breakfast club queries email: hwiltshire@compassps.uk

School dinner menus are on our website: 18.03.24 <u>Week 1</u>, 04.03.24 <u>Week 2</u>, 11.03.24 <u>Week 3.</u>



School Attendance Difficulties





My Happy Mind Parent App

To access these materials just go to https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources and enter your name, email and authentication code emailed to you in the letter sent on 22.09.23.

Spotlight on learning

Year 3

The children have been learning about fractions this week and are grasping the new concepts well. Their hard work in learning their times tables is really helping with this and they are thinking hard about fluency (fluency in maths is about developing number sense and being able to choose the most appropriate method for the task at hand). In science, the children have started investigating forces and magnets and they have been asking great questions.

Year 4

The writing linked to their class text, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, has engaged the children this week. It has allowed them to talk about evacuation which links to other areas of their knowledge and the children have been writing emotively. Year 4 are also enjoying science. The children had lots of questions about living things and their habitats and they were really enthused during class discussions.

Year 5

Writing for The Highwayman has really excited the children this week; the children cannot wait to read the whole poem. They are reading small sections of the poem and are desperate to keep on reading! In reading lessons, the text- a newspaper article about a Headless Horseman- has captured the children's interest this week. Many children have asked to take the article home so look out for a copy!

Year 6

In maths, the children have been generating multiples, and this supported their understanding of long division. This is something children often find tricky so we are really impressed with how well the children are approaching this and their continued perseverance. In history, the children are exploring women's roles in WW2 and the children had some discussions around this. It was great to see the children link this to their understanding of gender as a protective characteristic.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March**. Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book or with a prop from a book. If they wish, they can bring in their favourite book to talk about and share.

Comic Relief

This year, Comic Relief will be held on **Friday 15th March**. For a donation, suggested £1, children may wear non-uniform.

Exciting news: our play equipment extension

You may recall from previous newsletters that we have been fundraising for some time to extend our adventure play area. With significant support from the PTA, who have donated over £8,000, we have now placed the order and the site visit will take place this week. Our school council asked classes to vote for their favourite design and now the installation will be taking place from 11th March. Look out for photos of the progress on future newsletters.

Y5 visit to Notley High: 6th March

Y5 children will be taking part on a maths workshop at Notley High as part of the Essex year of number on 6th March. This takes place within the school day and the children will be back in time for lunch. Permission for this event is already covered as this is classed as a local visit.

Is WhatsApp safe?

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups that have caused upset to some of the children. There have been cases where children have been exposed to inappropriate content and / or added to groups without their permission, meaning their details are shared, or they are part of a group with people they do not know.

We would like to remind parents/carers and children that the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 or over. If, as a parent, you decide that your child is mature enough to use WhatsApp, despite its 16 age rating, you should actively take steps to keep children safe. This includes ensuring that permissions have been set appropriately.

We urge all parents/carers to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone and/or online activities involving social media. In school, children are constantly reminded that they must tell a trusted adult if they receive anything inappropriate from any application and we regularly teach the children how to keep safe online. However, parents must take responsibility for monitoring phones / online use at home.

A parent/carer WhatsApp guide is shown below and we regularly add online safety tips to our newsletter. In addition, this week, the National Online Safety guide looks at groups chats and contains tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying.

<u>Internet matters – Whatsapp safety guide</u>

NSPCC guide



Learning Conferences

Booking for Spring term Learning Conferences opens at noon on 6th March and close at noon on 13th March for children not on the SEN register. Learning conferences will take place on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March with the exception of 4CB and 3U who will have learning conferences on the following dates:

4CB: Monday 18th March, Tuesday 19th March

3U: Wednesday 20th March, Thursday 21st March

Learning conferences for 5C have been postponed until after Easter.

Children should attend the learning conferences with parents / carers.

Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team are holding a workshop for parents and carers on managing behaviour. The workshop will be on Thursday 7th March from 1.30pm - 3pm and will be held at John Ray Junior School. Parents and carers from John Ray Infant and John Ray Junior School are invited to attend.

Notley Road Petition

A petition has been set up to ask Essex County Council to review the safety of Notley Road Braintree, with a view to adding a new pedestrian crossing and reducing the speed limit to 20mph around the schools. The road between Notley High School and Hoppit Mead Bridge is of most concern.

If you would like more information or to sign the petition, the QR code is below.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Don't forget we would love to hear about any children who have been awarded badges or certificates for activities they do outside of school. Please email class teachers with your child's achievements.

Well done to:

Joe, Jenson and Freddie from 4TR, Tyler from 5G and Ayan and Jasper from 5B were part of a cup quarter-final football win this weekend and they all got Player of the Match for Sporting 77 Sharks. Tyler and Ayan also scored a goal each. Freddie and Joe got really close and had a load of chances and Jenson kept a clean sheet. 3-0 was the final score and they are all really looking forward to the semi-final.







Well done to:

Ella in 3U who collected 2 sacks of rubbish in the community. Well done Ella!



Jake in 5C got player of the match and a captain's armband from his football team. Jeanne in 5C who was player of the match for her football team.

Logan in 3U who was player of the match for his football team.

Rex in 3B who was awarded two stripes in Karate.

Isabella and Sapphy in 5G were dancers of the week.

Xavier in 4CB got a medal for a Winter Run and was player of the match.

Theo in 40 was player of the match for his football team.

Scarlett in 4W has been awarded 5 Cubs badges.

Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers will choose a member of their class to be star of the week. Children who are chosen will have their name added in this section of the newsletter.

3A: Tilly-Rose	4CB: Halle	5A: Kevin	6B: Amelia
3B: Evan	40: Bianca	5B: Andrea	6E: -
3P: Darcey	4W: Harry	5C: Ethan	6R: Bellina
3U: Jackson	4TR: -	5G: The whole class	

PE Days

Children need to come into school on PE days in their PE kit. Children will need an outdoor PE kit i.e. black tracksuit bottoms (or shorts in warmer weather), white T-shirt and a black fleece / tracksuit top.

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3A, 3P	Tuesday and Thursday
3B	Monday and Tuesday
3U	Tuesday and Friday
4O, 4W	Monday and Wednesday
4WM	Wednesday and Friday
4CB	Tuesday and Wednesday
5A and 5C	Tuesday and Thursday
5B and 5G	Tuesday and Wednesday
6B	Wednesday and Friday
6E	Monday and Wednesday
6R	Tuesday and Wednesday

Please remember that children must remove earrings to participate in PE lessons. Taping over earrings is not permitted.

PE kit is black joggers / shorts and a black hoodie or sweatshirt with a white T shirt along with trainers.

We expect that children will either wear one of the black John Ray logo hoodies from our supplier or a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt and plain black joggers on the two days a week that your child has PE.

CASHBACK WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

The Friends of JRI and JRJ have created a cash back account through **Easy Fundraising**. This is a fantastic way to raise much needed extra funds to support both schools.

The link below can be used for you to register:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/47ha4n/

Once registered, for ease, you can download the app. Every time you shop from the app, across over 4000 online retailers, our schools earn cash back. It's free to join and includes top names like EBay, Argos, Iceland and John Lewis. You can share this link with friends and family members too. A letter with more information can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Safeguarding

Are you worried about a child?

As a school, we consider safeguarding to be a priority. We welcome parents and carers talking openly to us about their concerns for the safeguarding of children and families. **Remember**, **safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**. If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via the school office. Please ask to speak to Karen Harrison, Rachel Cottee or Meriel Keegan and specify that you have a safeguarding concern. If you are worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on <u>0808 800 5000</u>. If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999. Children can call Childline at any time on 0800 1111



National Online Safety: Group chats

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members.

The guide can be found at the bottom of the newsletter and also on the National Online safety website under guides.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

CLASS TEACHERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

We understand that for many people email is a quick and efficient way of communicating and we are therefore happy to provide class teachers' email addresses. Although email is a quick and easy way for parents to communicate with staff, matters that require urgent attention should be communicated via the school office. Staff are not expected to respond to emails after 5pm, during weekends/holidays or when off work due to sickness. A parental agreement relating to email communication with teachers is available from the school office or on our website under the communication tab.

Year 3	Year 4	
3A- cwaspe1@compassps.uk	4W-zwatson@compassps.uk	
3B- bball@compassps.uk	4CB - hcollier-brown@compassps.uk	
3P- sphillips@compassps.uk	40 – kbrighton@compassps.uk,	
3U- ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	kbreen@compassps.uk	
	4TR - tbeeson@compassps.uk,	
	rcottee@compassps.uk	
Year 5	Year 6	
5B- hbreeze@compassps.uk	6B-jbird@compassps.uk	
5C - dcasey@compassps.uk	6E-cellis@compassps.uk	
5G- ngibson@compassps.uk	6R – rroberts@compassps.uk	
5A- abear@compassps.uk		

Please contact class teachers in the first instance to resolve any issues. Should you feel you need to escalate the issue, please contact:

Miss Cottee (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y5 or Y6 — rcottee@compassps.uk Mrs Breen (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y3 or Y4 — kbreen@compassps.uk

RECENT LETTERS – ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

All communication will be sent through Bromcom. Please ensure that you have given us a current email address. Issues with Bromcom communication should be emailed to rcontact@compassps.uk

19.01.24 - Measles advice (All)

22.01.24 - Wraparound Care Survey (All)

06.02.24 - KEGS open days (Y5 Boys)

01.03.24- Secondary school allocations (Y6 only)

Dates for the academic year 2023-2024 (new dates added in red)

Please find below the list of dates for next academic year. Term dates 2023-4 are on our website.

Spring Term	Summer Term
	15.04.24 Start of term for children
6.3.24 Y5 to a maths workshop at NHS	22.04.24 After school clubs start
07.03.24 World book day (Dress as a book	23.04.24 Year 6 maths workshop for parents 3.30pm
character or bring in a prop from a book)	

07.03.24 Mental Health Support Team parent and carer behaviour workshop

11.03.24 Science week

11.03.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning

15.03.24 Comic Relief (Children can wear sportswear or non-uniform in exchange for a donation) This date is Comic Relief NOT Sports Relief as we had previously indicated

18.03.24 Last week for clubs

18.03.24 4CB learning conferences (4CB will have learning conferences on 18.03.24 and 19.03.24)

19.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN reaister

20.03.24 3U learning conferences (3U will have learning 03.06.24 Multiplication check starts for 3 weeks (Y4 conferences on 20.03.24 and 21.03.24)

21.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register

27.03.24 PTA cake sale in the hall (JRI will also be selling cakes after school in their hall)

28.03.24 Y5 and Y6 to walk to St Michael's church for Easter service. (This is a pupil and staff only service & will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking) 28.03.24 Last day of term

25.04.24 & 30.04.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register

25.04.24 West Stow trip for Y4 (approx cost £20.50) 29.04.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Mornina

13.05.24 SATS week (Y6 only)

20.05.24 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm 21.05.24 Year 3 plants workshop for parents 3.30pm 23.05.24 Sports day and parent picnic (parents invited from 11:45) 27.05.24 Half term

03.06.24 Non-pupil day

only)

04.06.24 Children return to school

06.06.24 Reserve Sports day in case of poor

12.06.24-14.06.24 Mersea residential (Y6 only)

17.6.24 5G and 5B Science workshop for parents 3.30pm

17.06.23 Y4 history workshop from 3:30pm 18.6.24 5A and 5C Science workshop for parents 3.30pm

21.06.24 School fete after school

27.06.24 Class photos (children who have PE on this day should come into school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate baa)

01.07.24 - 8.45-9.30am: Pastoral Support Mornina

01.07.24 Last week for clubs

10.07.24 Annual reports sent out

11.07.24 Children to spend time with their new teacher

11.07.24 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm

16.07.24 Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30pm 23.07.24 Last day of term

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately exclusion can call the chat may talplace on an app which one child doesn't access to meaning they can't be involved.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearin unsuitable impage

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO



Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

p chats are often an arena for g people to gain social status. This I cause them to do or say things on ise, which could upset others in the b. Encourage your child to consider. people might feel if they engaged i viour. If your child does upset a me group chat, support them to reach athy and apologise for their mistake

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

GNE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Meet Our Expert

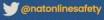


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#WakeUpWednesday











Notley Green Primary School

Blickling Rd, Braintree, CM77 7ZJ

2nd April - 12th April

Full Day: 9AM-3PM

HALF DAY: £14 PER DAY

HALF DAY: £65 FOR FULL WEEK

FULL DAY: £25 PER DAY

FULL DAY: £110 FOR FULL WEEK

To Book:

Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk 'Book Now' For more information call 01992 766 707

*There is a 4.5% platform fee on every booking *Early-bird discount expires: Mon 4th March 2024





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TUES 2nd APR: EASTER FUN DAY

- Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- Egg and Spoon Race
- Eggcellent Dodgeball
- Big team Rounders

WED 3th APR:

- Camouflage
- Timed Challenges
- **Obstacle Courses**
- Balance & Agility Training

THUR 4th APR:

- Kickball
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Benchball

- Multi Sports
- Team Matches
- Super Skill School Penalty Shoot Outs

TUES 9th APR:

MON 8th APR:

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- WED 10th APR:
- Big team Baseball Camouflage

Wacky Races

Throwing Challenges

Egg and Spoon Race

Eggcellent Dodgeball

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Fun Field Events **Gymnastics**

- **Timed Challenges**
- **Obstacle Courses**
- Balance & Agility Training Bouncy Fun

THUR 11th APR: BOUNCY CASTLE DAY

Coach Challenge Games Creative Sports Castle Dodgeball

FRI 12th APR:

- Gym Routines
- The Euro Cup! (Trophy Giveaway)
- Jumping and Balancing
- The Goal Scoring Special

Welcome to our Easter Sports Camp Schedule! Each day you can expect a number of different themed sports, games & activities, as well as even more Easter themed activites!

To book:

Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk, click "Book Now"

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Are you interested in teaching in Essex?

CTSN@Essex Primary SCITT has hubs in Braintree and Chelmsford.

Come along to one of our upcoming informal events to find out more.

Spring Virtual Events:

January

Wednesday 17th 5-6pm Tuesday 30th 7-8pm

February

Wednesday 14th 5-6pm Wednesday 28th 4-5pm

March

Monday 11th 5-6pm Monday 25th 5-6pm

Please email Julie Gariazzo

(julie@essexprimaryscitt.co.uk) for further details.







