

# **John Ray Times**



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

18th March 2024

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For information on Food Bank vouchers email: <a href="mailto:mkeegan@compassps.uk">mkeegan@compassps.uk</a>

For second hand uniform requests email: rcottee@compassps.uk

Breakfast club queries email: hwiltshire@compassps.uk

School dinner menus are on our website: 18.03.24 Week 1, 25.03.24 Week 2,

After Easter, we will return on week 1 of our new summer menu which are now available on our website 15.04.2024 Week 1, 22/04/24 Week 2, 29/04/24 Week 3

Website 15.04.2024 Week 1, 22/04/2



#### **School Attendance Difficulties**



# Supporting Anxiety

#### My Happy Mind Parent App

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

#### Spotlight on learning

#### Year 3

Writing has gone well this week and the children are increasing their writing stamina. The children are enjoying French and have retrieved previous knowledge to support them learning about animals. The have also enjoyed magnets in science.

#### Year 4

Science is going well in year 4. The children have been successfully writing classification keys. There has been lots of perseverance in maths. They've retrieved knowledge from year 3 with times tables and families of numbers and used this to support them with fractions.

There has been such an improvement in presentation. Children are really pleased with what they're producing and they have been asking to photocopy their work to take home.

#### Year 5

Children were able to retrieve 60 words from word of the day over the year! They have been thinking carefully about their vocabulary choices and the impact these have on the reader. Children have been using tools in the classroom to successfully support their writing.

#### Year 6

6E are really enjoying badminton and the children are supporting each other which is having a positive impact on their peer relationships. Year 6 are also enjoying French lessons where they are using and applying their knowledge.

**Comic Relief** 

Thank you for your donations, we raised £326.86

If you have not yet had time to donate, donations can still be made by using the QR code below.



#### After school clubs

This week is the last week for after school clubs.

#### **PTA Easter events**

Please see below for details of our Great Easter Bake Off and our Easter Fun Event taking place on **Wednesday 27th March!** Please join in and bake up a treat to be sold at the event. This year's event will take place in both the infant and junior schools and we will be accepting entries for the infant bake off and the junior bake off the day before. There will be a winner in each bake off and each winner will receive a fab Easter hamper!

Please, collect your allergy forms and drop off all entries outside the infant school to the PTA trolleys at drop off or pick up on Tuesday 26th March. Please remember both schools are nut free and allergy forms must be filled in for every entry. Donations of shop bought items for the sale will also be accepted.

We are, as always, in need of volunteers to help at this event so please, if you can spare even half an hour, then please get in touch. We often run on bare bones with volunteers, relying on help from the school staff. We also have come very close to cancelling events in the past, so we do need volunteers to continue to provide the fun events that everyone loves.

Please email <u>pta.secretary.friendsofjohnray@gmail.com</u> if you can help, or want any more info.



#### **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:

AJ (6E), Alex (4CB), Alexander (4TR), Teddy (3U), Zak (3U), Farran (5B), Summer (3A) and Max (3P) who all achieved Player of the Match at football over the weekend.

Ellis (6B) who had the captain's armband over the weekend.

Victoria (3P) who came 5<sup>th</sup> in a dance competition.

Maddisen (6R) who got a silver and bronze medal in a dance and acrobatics competition over the weekend.

Freya (5A) who came second in a gymnastic competition.

#### Well done to:

Reggie (3B), Reuben (3A), Max (3P), Amelia (6B), (3B) who all graded in Karate at the weekend ar were awarded a new colour belt.

Andie (4W), Callum (3P), Alissa (3P) who all move up in swimming last week.

Daniel (3B) who got a bronze medal in a Jujitsu competition.

Layla (5C) who has now finished Brownies.

Winnie (6B), Nancie (6B) and Amelia (6B) who all received new Guide Badges called 'Backwards Cooking' which involved cooking outside!

#### 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: Shelby	4CB: Max	5A: Tyler	6B: Johnny
3B: Lopez	40: Olly	5B: Anya	6E: Joseph H
3P: Liana-Rose	4W: Abrish	5C: Grace	6R: -
3U: Henry	4TR: Bella	5G: Ava, Arthur, Co	aitlin

#### **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.

3A, 3P	Tuesday and Thursday	
3В	Monday and Tuesday	
3U	Tuesday and Friday	
40, 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	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 website.

#### 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: Snap chat

Snapchat is a photo and video sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.

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.

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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, kbreen@compassp	
3U- ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	4TR - tbeeson@compassps.uk, rcottee@compas	
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 — <a href="mailto:rcottee@compassps.uk">rcottee@compassps.uk</a> Mrs Breen (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y3 or Y4 — <a href="mailto:kbreen@compassps.uk">kbreen@compassps.uk</a>

#### <u>RECENT LETTERS</u> – 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 ircontact@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
18.03.24 Last week for clubs	22.04.24 After school clubs start

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 register 20.03.24 3U learning conferences (3U will have learning conferences on 20.03.24 and 21.03.24) 21.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN reaister 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 23.05.24 Sports day and parent picnic (parents 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

23.04.24 Year 6 maths workshop for parents 3.30pm 25.04.24 & 30.04.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN reaister 25.04.24 West Stow trip for Y4 (approx cost £20.50) 29.04.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning 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 invited from 11:45) 27.05.24 Half term 03.06.24 Non-pupil day 03.06.24 Multiplication check starts for 3 weeks (Y4 04.06.24 Children return to school 06.06.24 Reserve Sports day in case of poor weather 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 bag) 01.07.24 - 8.45-9.30am: Pastoral Support Morning

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

# SNOPCHAT

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Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe – with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My Al is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in lits infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as blased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to Al for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

#### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the beautify effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

#### VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely – but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

#### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends – but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, Snaphdop and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

#### **EXCESSIVE USE**

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#NOFILTER

Add ME

#### TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

#### **CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS**

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

#### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Meet Our Expert

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be refuetant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends upand who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life – especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

#### **DISCUSS AI**

Although My Al's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My Al's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My Al shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

#### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

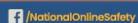
If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or maliclous messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

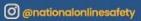


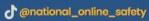
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# **Notley Green Primary School**

Blickling Rd, Braintree, CM77 7ZJ

2<sup>nd</sup> April - 12<sup>th</sup> April

Full Day: 9AM-3PM



**FULL WEEK** 



FULL DAY: £110 FOR FULL WEEK

## To Book:

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







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TUES 2<sup>nd</sup> APR: EASTER FUN DAY

- 😕 Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- Egg and Spoon Race
- ≠ Eggcellent Dodgeball
- Big team Rounders
- WED 3<sup>th</sup> APR: NINJA WARRIOR DAY
- CamouflageTimed Challenges
- Balance & Agility Training
- THUR 4th APR:
  TOURNAMENT
- Kickball
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Benchball
- FRI 5th APR: FOOTBALL FRIDAY & MULTI
- Multi Sports
- Team Matches
- Super Skill School
- Penalty Shoot Outs

MON 8<sup>th</sup> APR: OLYMPICS DAY!

- Wacky Races
- Throwing Challenges
- Fun Field Events
- Gymnastics 🕏

TUES 9th APR: EASTER

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

WED 10<sup>th</sup> APR: NINJA

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

THUR 11th APR: BOUNCY CASTLE DAY

- 🗷 Bouncy Fun
- Coach Challenge Games
- Creative Sports
- Castle Dodgeball

FRI 12<sup>th</sup> APR: FOOTBALL & GYMNASTICS DAY

- 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:

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\*There is a 4.5% platform fee on every booking







Course Name	Start Date	Final Date	Venue	Start Time	<b>End Time</b>
FL Understand ADHD-Adult Late Diagnosis	11/03/2024	11/03/2024	Halstead Library	12:30	14:30
FL Know your numbers!	18/03/2024	18/03/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30
FL Understand Anxiety (Adults)	18/03/2024	18/03/2024	Halstead Library	12:30	14:30
FL Getting Teens To Talk	21/03/2024	21/03/2024	Online Live	19:00	21:00
FL Mindfulness & Relaxation	15/04/2024	15/04/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30
FL SEND Support for Parents & Carers	17/04/2024	22/05/2024	Online Live	19:00	21:00
FL Managing Big Emotions	18/04/2024	18/04/2024	Online Live	19:00	21:00
FL Anxiety Coping Techniques For Teens	22/04/2024	22/04/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30
FL Wellbeing Art Workshop	May-24	Jul-24	Various Dates & locations	12:30	14:30
FL What To Expect When	13/05/2024	03/06/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30
FL Starting School & Nursery	17/06/2024	17/06/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30
FL Starting Secondary School	15/07/2024	15/07/2024	Online Live	18:30	20:30

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#### **EASTER CAMP 2024**

#### CALLING ALL "FOOTBALL LOVERS" THIS EASTER!!!

Our camps have been designed around the best players in the English Premier League. The challenges will be based around the players themselves and will be realistic and accurate to the attributes and playing style of the individual.

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE WINNER OF THE SALAH OR HAALAND CHALLENGE?







# IF YOU ARE A BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5-12 AND LOVE FOOTBALL, THIS IS THE CAMP FOR YOU.

Our camps are jam packed with competitions, challenges, matches, tournaments, games, fun activities as well as lots of high level technical coaching.

VENUE	DATES	TIME	AGE	PRICE
BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE BRAINTREE, CM7 1FF	Tue 9th - Fri 12th April '24			£25.00 (1 day)
KELVEDON ACADEMY KELVEDON, COS 9DS	Mon 8th - Thurs 11th April '24	10am-3pm	5 -13	£80.00 (Full Camp)

Each child, at the end of the camp will receive a developmental certificate to merit their achievements and encourage further participation. We will also be giving out prizes, medals, trophies and trials.

## COME AND JOIN US FOR FOUR DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN IN A SAFE, RELAXED AND DEVELOPMENTAL ENVIRONMENT.

To book a place, simply go to <a href="https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk">https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk</a> and click on the camps section. Make sure you book your place early as the camp will have limited spaces available to ensure that the children all get fair and adequate attention.

ARE YOU THE NEXT JUDE BELLINGHAM OR PHIL FODEN?

#### FITC EASTER CAMP 2024



#### TOURNAMENTS AND AWARDS

We will run a round robin style "Champions League" tournament at every day of the camp. Every day we will give out "Player of the Day" and "Goal of the day" awards.

The tournaments will include SEMI FINALS and a FINAL which will be based on the league table that the players and teams have been working hard towards all camp.

A presentation will take place on the last day of camp at 2.30pm and will either be inside or on the pitch (weather dependant). This is where we will crown the champions, set up parent competitions, give out our developmental certificates and award medals, trophies and prizes.

#### **FUN GAMES**

- King of the Ring
- Gladiators
- **Bull Dog**
- Coconut Shy
- Champions League Shooting
- Football Tennis
- **Power Shooting**
- Football Bowling
- "Nutmeg" Game
- Headers and Volleys





#### TECHNICAL COACHING TOPICS

- **Ball Manipulation**
- Dribbling & Turning
- Passing
- Tricks & Skills
  - Running with the ball
- First Touch/Receiving Shooting/Finishing
- 1v1's
- Attacking/Defending
- Speed & Acceleration
- Goalkeeping

#### COMPETITIONS

- Player Challenges
- Cross Bar Challenge
- **Penalty Competitions**
- "KEEPY UPPY" Champion
- Top Bins Challenge
- Footgolf
- Skill School
- Football Quiz
- Opportunities for FITC Academy trials



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