

Newsletter 10th September

Welcome back to a new term and a warm welcome to all of our new families. We are looking forward to the academic year with lots of exciting activities planned.

Covid 19

We are following the current guidance in school and it has been lovely to be able to gather together in bigger groups. We are waiting for a letter from the local authority which will cover the revised expectations for testing and isolation. I will email this information when it becomes available.

Dates

We are planning for the first half term and we will update the dates as we are able to plan more activities. So far the dates for this half term are:

- 16th September- Coffee morning for Mulberry Class parents and carers.
- 17th September- School Council elections
- 28th September- Individual photos
- 29th September -Harvest Festival
- 11th – 15th October – Year 5/6 Residential trip to Kingswood
- 22nd October- Staff training day – school closed
- 25th-29th October- Half term

New staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Denise Edwards, Mrs Gemma Jackson and Mrs Keryna Marcus who have joined us as new staff members this term.

Open mornings for new entrants 2022

This year we are asking parents to book tours of the school during October and November. Please contact the school office for further details.

Our Learning

After just a week we have lots of evidence of fantastic learning across school. Our curriculum plans for the term will be shared on the website soon.

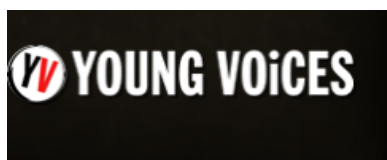




Our Library

Our new Year 5/6 librarians are now ready to support the children to make full use of the library. We are looking forward to being able to use it fully once again.

Young Voices



We are delighted to be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January. The children in Years 4,5, and 6 will have received a letter with details this week.

Photos

We have book Rob Sambrook Photographers to take the individual school photos on September 28th. They have said:

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COLOUR! We tend to find that the best images of the children are when they wear their school jumpers as opposed to just their white shirt/blouse. It would be much appreciated if you could make the parents aware of this prior to the session.

Website photos

We have also asked the photographer to take some photos to update the school website. These will include pictures of the children working and playing. Please let us know if you do not want your child to be included in these photos as our normal photo permissions include this.

Honywood school

Honywood School will be holding an Open Evening on the 7th October and offering daytime tours to families from the 27th September to the 15th October at 9:00am and 10:30am.

Coggeshall library

We thought you and the children and parents may like to know about a series of story telling events we have each Saturday afternoon in September outside on the front lawn at Coggeshall Library from 2.00 – 3.00pm. These are free events and are suitable for families; especially for children aged 4 -12 with their parents or grandparents and we wondered if you may be able to let families know either in one of your newsletters or on the school Facebook page please?

East Anglian Storytellers at Coggeshall Library on 4th - 25th September from 2.00 – 3.00pm

Tales of magic and wonder that are family friendly, for young and older alike.

Saturday 4th September Gerry Donlon aka Bards Aloud and Carl Merry

Saturday 11th September – Carl Merry and Marion Leeper

Saturday 18th September– Jan Williams and Gerry Donlon aka Bards Aloud

Saturday 25th September – Jan Williams, Carl Merry and Gerry Donlon aka Bards Aloud

Please call in at the library or email coggeshall.library@essex.gov.uk to find out more or to book your space outside on the front lawn.

The storytellers will be finishing off with a performance in the garden of [Paycocke's House](#) on Saturday 25th from 3.50-4.30, aimed at families and older children, of stories about spinning and weaving.

The library Code Club will start up again this term which will take place each Thursday (in term time) from 3.30 – 4.30pm suitable for children aged 9 – 13 who are interested in:

Learning about how to make their own computer games and are interested in coding.

Learning how to make cool games, animations and websites.

There are two modules of 6 weeks each and we hope to start on 16th September. Places will be limited and we will be taking names for a waiting list for next year.

Please ask parents to call in to the library or email coggeshall.library@essex.gov.uk if they would like to book a place or find out more.