



## Head Talk

The last couple of weeks have been very busy as usual. It was a pleasure to see parents and children at our new look learning conferences last week. I had the chance to speak to children, parents and staff about the changes and a majority of responses were very positive indeed. We will therefore be continuing with this format from now on. This week the children have had a focus on science, with an assembly for infant and junior children and scientific activities in classes. Thank you to the PSA for supporting the school with some funding for this event.

Today has also seen children raise money for Comic Relief and Dementia UK. Thank you to everyone who donated money and bought a cake!

## World Book Day

What a brilliant day the children and staff had. It was lovely to see children enjoying reading books and celebrating their favourite characters. The books swaps were excellent, and we have received some very good feedback from parents regarding this. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

## Behaviour Event

Thank you to all of the families that joined us this week to listen to Joel Shaljen talk about a therapeutic approach to managing children's behaviour. The evening was very insightful and gave us all some food for thought. The School Development Plan this year will have a section in it based on reviewing the school's approach to managing pupil behaviour and I will be inviting parents to join a working party to support this review. Keep an eye out over the next term for further information on this.

## Year 6 Philip Morant Event

This Wednesday the school welcomed Scott Holder, Headteacher of Philip Morant School, to

speaking with parents of pupils who will be attending from September. The evening was very informative and further strengthens our relationship as children transfer from Hamilton in to secondary education.

## Science Week

This week in school has been Science Week. The children all enjoyed a visit from 'Nitro Neil' on Tuesday. He discussed 'Elements of Fire' with Key Stage 1 and 'States of Matter' with Key Stage 2. The children were blown away by his ability to blow up a balloon with his nostrils. There was a lot of child participation (as well as teachers) which led to 2 hours of great scientific fun! Wednesday was a visit from the planetarium, all children visited the inflatable dome and had a great time learning about the Solar System. On Thursday the entire school participated in 'Science Day' where they experienced many different experiments in all different classes throughout the day.

## SATS Evening

There will be a SATS information evening for Year 6 parents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March between 7-8pm. The meeting will be in Mr O'Loughlin's class room.

## Year 3 Production

Year 3 will be performing their play 'A Glint of Gold' on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The play starts at 2pm with the gates opening at 1.50pm for parents and shutting promptly at 2.10pm with no admittance after that time.

## Colchester Royal Grammar School Science Fest 2019

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March Colchester Royal Grammar School will be having a Science Festival. Please see the Scifest programme attached for more information.



## PSA Quiz Night

Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> March is a date etched on all of our minds. The moment of truth is upon us...who will be crowned the winners of the Annual PSA Quiz? Oh, and will we still be in the EU or not?

Regardless of the Brexit outcome, this event is a popular one and not to be missed! Get those forms filled in, book the babysitter and brace yourselves for a night to remember!

The date is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Infant Hall and there will be a cash bar selling booze, soft drinks and snacks. If you have lost your form, there are spares in the office. But be quick, spaces are limited!

## Easter Eggstravaganza!

This egg-cellent (sorry!) event will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, straight after school. A great time was had by all last year, with brand new activities and a wonderful atmosphere. Not to mention a visit from the Easter Bunny who danced the Conga!

Flyers have been sent home with the children for you to complete and return, along with your payment. Please, please, please volunteer yourself, your husband, teenager or grandparent to help on a stall. We need LOTS of volunteers to make this event happen!

Just like last year, there will be the Easter Conga; where children can show off their home-made easter bonnets with the chance of winning a prize from Mr Hutchings! So get yourselves on Pinterest and start planning. Oh, and baking! Sweet and savoury snacks will be gratefully received.

## PSA dates for your diaries

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Quiz Night

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 – Easter Eggstravaganza

7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Formal PSA meeting

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Summer Disco

7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Break the School Rules Day  
Date to be advised for the Summer Fayre



## Calendar Dates

Spring Term 2019	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 1 – Victorian Big House Workshop
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 6 SATS Information Evening 7-8pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Foundation trip to Danbury Park
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Easter Eggstravaganza after school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Year 3 – Play at 2.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2019	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	First Day of Term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May & Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Non-Pupil Days
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Class Photos
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Year 5 Play
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Non-Pupil Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Rainbow Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Sunshine Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	KS1 – Sports Day at Garrison Athletics Track
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	KS2 – Sports Day at Garrison Athletics Track
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 2 Play
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 6 Play in the afternoon
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Year 6 Play in the evening

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