



## **Newsletter – July 2023**

### **Headteacher's Update**

I can't believe today marks the end of another school year! It's been such a great end, with the excitement of the sports days, and an absolutely phenomenal performance from our Year 6 children for their parents and then the rest of the school. It will be sad to see them leave, but they are so ready for everything secondary school has to offer, and they should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

Thank you to all our staff, children and families for another successful year. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer break, and take good care of yourselves. We look forward to welcoming the new Year 3 intake on Monday 4th September, and Years 4-6 on Tuesday 5th September!

### **Trips and Visits**

Year 3 completed First Aid training and went to the Beth Chatto Gardens to learn about plants and animals!

Year 4 were very busy this half term. They went to Abberton Reservoir, one of the top rated wetland spaces in the UK, attended a world percussion music workshop and went to Audley End!

Year 5 had an Art Day where they explored different paints and tie-dye.

Last week, Year 6 had a whole week of celebration. On Monday they went to Highwoods Country Park for pond dipping and den making. On Tuesday & Wednesday they had a festival and an art day - putting up their own tents and having water fights and tie-dyeing their own t-shirts which all looked amazing! On Thursday they went to the Nuclear Mud Run in Brentwood. All children went through an obstacle course of mud, ending with the 'death slide' into a lake!

Unfortunately the weather wasn't too kind on Friday, so the inflatables were postponed until Monday. They still made and ate their own pizzas and watched a film.

### **Class Assemblies**

We welcomed parents and carers into school to celebrate class assemblies with Gamma, Tau, Rho and Zeta this half term. All classes did an amazing job - well done!

We welcomed RockSteady Academy to the school to host a fantastic assembly celebrating music! Children sang to a range of songs and listened to a variety of instruments, some of which were played by Mrs Jenkins and Miss Pickard!

Colchester Library came to advertise the Summer Reading Challenge. It will be great to see how many of our pupils take part in this when we return in September!



### **Sports Day**

Thank you to so many families for coming to Sports Day, and to the weather for holding up! It was a great event on both days and the children participated really well. Congratulations to Griffins, who were the winners!

### **Parent Coffee Mornings**

It has been lovely to see the number of parents attending the coffee mornings grow over the last few meetings. Miss Lythgo and her team are doing a great job and look forward to many more of you in the new academic year!

### **Upcoming Dates**

We have a few events for you coming up. More information will follow for these dates. Please put them in your diary!

### **September**

Monday 4th: Year 3 Children only in school

Tuesday 5th: Years 4-6 restart

Thursday 21st: Individual Photos

### **Term Dates:**

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October 2023

**October Half Term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023**

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December

**Christmas Holidays: Friday 22nd December - Non Pupil Day - Friday 5th January 2024**

Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

**Monday 26th February 2024 - Non Pupil Day**

Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

**Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024**

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024. Bank Holiday: 6th May 2024

**Whitsun Holidays: 27th May 2024 - Monday 3rd June 2024**

Tuesday 4th June 2024 - Friday 19th July 2024.

More dates will follow in the new year.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday! We will see you all in September!