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“Hope and a Future”

**TERM DATES:**

26th April—Careers talks to pupils in Years 2-6 (no celebration assembly)  
1st May: Year 4 Mighty Oak public speaking competition at Anglia Ruskin University (letter to follow)  
1st May: EYFS class assembly 9am  
2nd May: Essex Police in school  
2nd May: Swimming lessons begin for Year 5-6  
13th-16th May: KS2 SATs  
20th-24th May: Book fair in hall after school  
22nd May: Year 5-6 USA topic day  
3rd June: INSET day  
4th June: Year 4 Multiplication Check  
4th June: Class photos  
5th June: Year 2 Mini-Games at CSAC  
7th June: Music Man Project 10.30am—all welcome (no celebration assembly)  
10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check  
10th June: Ripple Effect drama workshop (about the water cycle/water-use behaviours) for pupils in Years 2-6  
13th June: Meet the Executive Headteacher and Head of School - 2pm  
14th June: PTA Dads' bacon rolls/cuppa 8am  
17th June: Schools Gotta Dance 7pm  
18th June: Whole school Science Day  
20th June: Year 3-4 Circus skills workshop  
21st June: Non-uniform day in return for bottle for fete  
26th June: EYFS Dinosaur Day at Chelmsford Museum  
28th June: Picnic (12pm) Sports day races (1pm), PTA BBQ and stalls (2pm-4pm)  
3rd July: Whole school Wimbledon tennis event with strawberries and cream  
9th July: Reports to be sent home  
10th July: Whole school rounders event  
11th July: KS2 production 2pm & 6pm  
15th July: Stay and Play for new EYFS intake 9-10am  
16th July: Olympic event in school  
23rd July: Last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome the children back after the Easter break. Although our new pupils have only been with us for a week, they have settled in very quickly and it feels like they have been here forever!

Summer Term is always incredibly busy in school, so please make sure you look at the dates on the right-hand side of the Newsletter and add them to your calendars. Please also feel free to follow our X (formerly Twitter) account, where you will see important reminders, as well as news and photos of what the children do in school. We are very proud of all the enrichment and extra-curricular activities that take place at Ford End!

On Tuesday, the pupils in Years 3-4 played a football tournament against Roxwell and Margaretting. They beat Roxwell 2-0 but then were defeated 4-2 by Margaretting, and so came second place overall. It was a really enjoyable afternoon, and the children made us proud. Thank you to Mr Webb for acting as coach. We are looking forward to a tournament with the pupils in 5-6, after SATs.

On Wednesday, Kids Inspire came in to deliver assemblies to the children in Years 1-4 around positive mental health, and also workshops to Years 5-6, focused on empowerment and resilience, to support their transition to secondary school. We are grateful to them for taking the time to provide these valuable sessions free of charge.

On Thursday, Years 1 and 2 presented their Class Assembly to parents and we were very impressed with their confidence and enthusiasm! We very much enjoyed hearing all about their learning so far this year and seeing how they are blossoming.

This week, if your child's attendance at school has fallen below 90%, you will receive a letter reminding you of the importance of making sure your child is in school every day. Missing two days of school a month means your child misses 10% of the school year. Thank you for making sure your child/children are in school, on time, every day.

We wish you a wonderful weekend. Mrs M Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL) & Miss J Bailey (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL).



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Congratulations to our SENCO, Miss Purcell, who got married in the holidays and is now Mrs Smith!

# Did you know...

Honeyguide

If your child's attendance during the school year was...

Your child lost approximately...

This is the same as approximately...

**95%**

**9** days from school

**50** lessons

**90%**

**19** days from school

**100** lessons

**85%**

**29** days from school

**150** lessons

**80%**

**38** days from school

**200** lessons

**75%**

**48** days from school

**250** lessons



Well done to our year 3/4 football team (left) and the goal-scorers! (above)

Thank you to all the parents and families who came out to support them.