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“Hope and a Future”

TERM DATES:

- 6th May—Bank Holiday
- 16th May—Golden Ticket lunch with ice-cream factory!
- 24th May—parents welcome in hall for Reading Breakfast 8.30-9.15am
- 20th-24th May: Book fair 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 for pupils in Years 2-6
- 11th June: Home safety lessons (Year 3) and Cyber Safety/Respect (Year 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
- 25th June: Sports Day practice (all children to wear PE kits)
- 26th June: EYFS Dinosaur Day at Chelmsford Museum
- 28th June: Picnic (12pm) Sports day races (1pm), PTA BBQ and stalls (2pm-4pm)
- 2nd July: Year 5/6 football tournament at Roxwell School
- 3rd July: Wimbledon tennis event with strawberries and cream (all wear PE kits)
- 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,

Last Friday we were delighted to welcome Mrs Webb, Mrs Allen and Mr and Mrs Kaszycki in to talk about their respective careers. Their talks were absolutely fascinating and the children and staff learnt so much. We are so grateful to them for giving up their time and sharing their experiences and advice. We would like to repeat this event with more parents so please get in touch if you would be happy to take part.

This week, some of our Year 4 pupils took part in a public-speaking competition against 11 other schools at Anglia Ruskin University. They spoke with clarity and confidence in front of a large audience. It is something the children will never forget and it really embraced our Trust value of Courageous Optimism. Thank you to Mrs Greenberg for organising the event and accompanying the children.

We were also proud of our EYFS children who performed in their class assembly in front of their families. They delivered a showcase of all the experiences they have had this year, including some fabulous singing and dancing! We were all really impressed by how much they have achieved both academically and socially this year.

Please do book your child in for a school lunch on 16th May. The children will have chance to win a Golden Ticket for a chocolate bar, and everyone will be offered an ice-cream factory dessert. We can't wait!

We know that there has been some discussion about the fact that Ford End are not currently part of the River Chelmer Partnership. Please be reassured that we are working very hard to re-join the community of schools that form the partnership. Mr Sparks, the new Headteacher of Chelmer Valley High School, is coming to Ford End on 9th May to discuss this issue with us both. We will update you as soon as we have more news.

We wish you a wonderful extended weekend. Hopefully the sun will shine and we can all enjoy some time outdoors!

With warmest wishes,

Mrs M Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL) & Miss J Bailey (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL).



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Housepoints:

Ash: 202

Chestnut: 204

Oak: 143

Willow: 197

Well done Chestnut!

Awards:

Star Of The Week: Florence, Robbie, Ngaakudzwe, Daisy

Reader Of The Week: Bertie, Harry, Parker, Bridget

Golden Work: Marley, Taylor, Elliott, Camille, Parker, Albie H.

Headteacher's Cup: Brooke

Zoe LIFE Trust Values Award: Alex, Camille, Lillian, Belle, Albie H., Elliott, Joey for participation in the Mighty Oak competition



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

Well done to Miss Scott and the pupils in EYFS for their incredible class assembly!

Attendance This Week

EYFS: 90.5%

Year 1: 93.0%

Year 2: 94.9%

Year 3: 93.7%

Year 4: 94.4%

Year 5: 92.4%

Year 6: 92.2%

Whole School: 93%

Current Primary National

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