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Newsletter 1 - Friday 8th September 23

Many Hearts† One School

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 12

What a wonderful week to come back into school! It has been great to see the children come into school ready to learn and spend time together

In classes this week:

This week we have welcomed our new EYFS children into Leopard Class. They have been enjoying taking part in lots of activities based around the story, ‘The Colour Monster goes to school’. One of their favourite activities involved them making their own colour monster. They have also spent a lot of time in our wonderful outside area, spending time at the water tray, playing in the home corner and constructing structures with the wooden equipment. In Maths, Year 1 have been sorting a range of objects into groups. They have used the Ipad to take pictures of the different groups they have created. Year 1 have started their Science topic by making a life cycle of a human.

Miss Day and Mr L are amazed how well Jaguars have returned to school. All the children have settled in really well and are really positive about their learning and their behaviour. They can also see the learning that has been happening over the summer, which the children are applying to their class learning. In English, the children have been learning how to construct sentences using subject, verb and punctuation. In Year 2 Maths, the children have been partitioning using different methods and resources, while Year 1 have been representing numbers to 20. In Science, the children have sequenced the human life cycle as part of the term's focus on different life cycles. In Geography, the children have identified the bodies of water surrounding the UK. In PSHE, they have established and refreshed the class rules. In computing, the children have been learning how to stay safe on-line and how to log on and use a search engine. Gentle reminder, please can the reading records be in school every day. Fabulous Fluency goes out on Friday for the children to read five times and answer the questions. It then needs to be returned the following Friday.

Tiger Class have had a busy week back in school and have worked so hard. As geologists they have already started to investigate the sedimentary rocks chalk, limestone and sandstone, noting the characteristics of each. The class will be working on Hokusai's work of The Great Wave and have already started to work on their sketching techniques and have created some wave patterns using their skills. In Music this week, Tigers listened to the song "This Little Light of Mine" watching performances by different musicians and discussing the piece.

Lion Class have also made a fantastic start to the new school year. They have spent time getting to know the new class routines and have begun to learn about a significant author in English - Philip Pullman. They have written fact-files about him and enjoyed listening to the opening chapter of the Northern Lights. They have then compared the opening to the first scenes of the film based on the book: The Golden Compass. In Maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of Roman Numerals and Place Value. They had great fun on Thursday afternoon creating life size pictures of the human circulatory system using red and blue wool. They have also enjoyed drawing detailed observational drawings of leaves as part of our Rainforest linked art project.

It has been wonderful to be able to welcome our newest children into school on Tuesday. They have been amazing in their class spaces and are settling well. I would like to thank the PTA for the fabulous welcome to all parents at the coffee morning, what a great start to our year.

Please be considerate when parking around the village for drop off and pick up, or in the 2 village car parks and please do not park in disabled bays unless eligible. Under no circumstances are parents to park, pull in or walk across the staff car park. This is not a safe area for children to be walking in.

If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer break please remember that all earrings must be removed for PE. If your child is not able to do this then please remove the earrings before school. Children are only allowed to wear a pair of simple stud earrings. Please speak to the office if you have any questions about this school rule.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Mrs Rebecca More
Headteacher



We hope that you have all had a good summer break. On Tuesday we held our first PTA event of the year, our Tears and Tissues Coffee Morning, which I am pleased to say was very well attended. We thank everyone who came along for their support.

Dates for Diary

**18th September PTA Meeting
3.30pm (in school children welcome)**

**11th October – Coffee Morning
14th October- Family Disco
Rivenhall Village Hall**

We are sending out our monthly newsletter with this weeks school newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the PTA if you have any questions about getting involved!

**Zoe
PTA Chair**



Key Dates

Sept

11th- KS1 Multi Sports Club Commences
12th – Forest School – Jaguar Class (Every Tuesday this half term)
12th – KS 2 Multi Sport Club Commences
13th- Impresario Dance Club Commences
14th- Colchester United KS 2 Football Club Commences
14th – StandUp Drama Club Commences
18th – EYFS Full Time
18th PTA Meeting
21st- New Rickstones Academy Open Evening
27th- Lion Class Stubbers Residential
28th - Lion Class Stubbers Residential
29th – Lion Class Stubbers Residential

Oct

4th- School Photographer
5th School Census Day
6th- Non Pupil Day
11th – PTA Coffee Morning
11th- Bikeability
12th- Bikeability
14th – PTA Family Disco Rivenhall Village Hall
23rd – Half Term Commences
27th Half Term Ends

Nov

3rd- Flu Immunisations
22nd- ProKick

Dec

8th – Grotto Visit -Village Hall
20th – Last Day of Autumn Term

Jan

4th – First Day of Spring Term

Successes

Golden book:

Leopards
Jaguars
Tigers
Lions

All of EYFS/Skye
Lily Ann/Izzy
Christian/Todd/Toby
Grace/Charlotte

Attendance

EYFS	97.14%
Yr 1	92.44%
Yr 2	100%
Yr 3	100%
Yr 4	94.12%
Yr 5	100%
Yr 6	100%

Great start to the new term! Well done!



Parents and Carers please note, the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Rivenhall Rainbow Reading Challenge

Our Rivenhall Rainbow Reading Challenge continues this academic year. If your child's sheet has been lost over the summer break, please let Miss Day know and she will work out which one you need.

Congratulations to Emma and Emily P for completing the Orange Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Amy for completing the Blue Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Daisy P for completing the Violet Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Skye for completing the Bronze Rivenhall Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Kaden for completing the Gold Rivenhall Reading Challenge

