

WHAT'S COMING UP

July

- 20th July - Summer Holiday

September

- 1st Non Pupil Day
- 2nd New Academic Year Commences

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has been filled with exciting opportunities, memorable experiences and valuable support for our pupils, helping them to thrive both academically and personally.

Across the school, children have enjoyed a wide range of educational visits and experiences. EYFS pupils visited Boydells Farm, while Year 1 and 2 explored the wonders of the Sea Life Centre. Year 3 and 4 were delighted by a visit from some exotic animals, bringing learning to life through hands-on encounters. Older pupils in Years 5 and 6 took part in workshops delivered by Essex Police and learning CPR techniques, helping them develop important knowledge and awareness about staying safe. Not to forget the year 6 residential which seems so long ago now.

We have also worked closely with external organisations to enrich learning and personal development. Pupils participated in Empower CYO workshops and assemblies and enjoyed a fantastic performance by the Saffron Walden Orchestra as well as the end of term Proms in the Playground inspiring an appreciation of music and the arts. Sporting opportunities have been another highlight, with pupils representing the school in the football league, competing in KS2 athletics events, Hockey festivals and taking part in our annual whole-school Sports Day.

On this note, we are delighted to inform you of an exciting new partnership that will enhance the sporting opportunities available to our pupils from the upcoming term. We are pleased to welcome FITC Academy as our new sports coaching provider. FITC Academy will be working closely with our school to deliver high-quality PE lessons across the school, bringing specialist coaching expertise and enthusiasm to help children develop their physical skills, confidence and enjoyment of sport.

In addition to supporting PE lessons, FITC Academy will also be providing:

- Football coaching at lunchtime for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6
- After-school sports clubs on Wednesdays and Thursdays

This partnership offers a fantastic opportunity for our children to work with experienced coaches from a specialist sports organisation. FITC Academy runs its own football academy and competes at a high level in both boys' and girls' leagues, providing a strong pathway for young players to develop their skills and passion for the game.

We are excited about the positive impact this collaboration will have on our pupils and look forward to seeing them benefit from the expertise, enthusiasm and opportunities that FITC Academy will bring to our school community. Further details regarding lunchtime coaching and after-school club bookings are attached to this weekly email. We are incredibly grateful to parents who completed our recent survey. Feedback highlighted many strengths of our school, including our strong family and community ethos, caring and supportive staff, and the positive relationships between pupils, families and staff. Parents recognised that children are happy, settled and making good progress, and many commented on teachers who consistently go above and beyond to support pupils. School events, concerts, sports days and community activities were also highly valued, with many parents recommending our school to other families.

Parents also shared areas for development. Priorities moving forward include improving information about events and activities, exploring opportunities for a single communication platform, and continuing to seek additional funding and resources for pupils with SEND.

We would like to congratulate Franklin on winning the House Cup this year - this has been a terrific year for points being gained across the curriculum and it has been close match all the way until the final event of the KS2 Athletics Finals which just swung it in the end.

Thank you for all your support over the year, we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in on Wednesday 2nd September.

Have a lovely summer,

Mrs Cagney

