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Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our subject leaders have been busy, this week, putting up displays all across the school to celebrate their subjects. Here's a sneaky preview, we hope lots of you will be able to attend our upcoming parent consultations to come and have a look in person.



## Parent Consultation Evenings

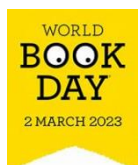
Lots of you have been signing up for your parent consultation meetings, which are due to take place on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March**. If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, as you have been unable to get into school, you can always contact class teachers directly, using their school email addresses.

## Pupil Premium Eligibility Check

If you think your child might be entitled to pupil premium, we can help you by carrying out an eligibility check. All you need to do is bring your **name, date of birth and national insurance number** to the school office. Pupil premium entitles pupils to free school meals, support with the purchase of school uniform, help towards the cost of school trips, access to breakfast club and lots more. It also helps us, as a school, to access additional specialist

resources to support the children. Why don't you pop into the school office, when you are free, and let us check for you?

### World Book Day



You hopefully will have received a letter this week, telling you all about our plans for this year's World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We're looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes or cosy outfits. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Parking on zig zag lines and parking attendants

The parking attendant was outside the school, this week and had to speak to a number of parents/carers, who had parked illegally. Please avoid parking on the zig zag lines, outside the school, when dropping off and collecting your children from school. These restrictions are in place to keep everyone safe.



### Comic Relief



Comic Relief is fast approaching so we wanted share our initial plans for the day. We would love the children to **come into school wearing something red** and there will be a special dinner menu offered on this day (more information will be shared with you in the coming weeks). All money raised will be donated equally between this charity and the school PTA.

### Strike Action

As you may be aware the next scheduled strike day is currently due to take place on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. As with the previous strike day, once we have gathered all of the necessary information, we will write to you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, to let you know our plans for this day.

### Sci-Fest 2023



Sci-Fest 2023 is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 4pm at Colchester Royal Grammar School. Sci-Fest is Free Entry and will be a busy and fun day celebrating all things science and science-related across the school site. From meeting a T-Rex and tarantulas to making smoothies by pedal power and watching stars in a planetarium. There are lots of family-friendly activities for age 5+ years. At the bottom of this letter is a flyer and leaflet, with more information if you are interested.

## Attendance Update

Our average attendance this week is **93.1%**, which means we still need to improve. Please try to ensure that your child attends school every day, so they can keep up with their learning, which will give them the best opportunity to do well in school and make progress.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% you should expect to receive a letter to alert you of this, and when we feel it is necessary, home visits will be arranged. If your child's attendance falls below **96%**, we require evidence to authorise any further absence. You can check your child's current attendance using the My Child at School App.

Lateness does also affect your child's attendance. Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school before the gates close, each morning at **8.40am**.



## Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE)


The CSSE **11+ examination** procedure for 2024 entry registration will be from 16<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Open days/evenings will be held during the June and July 2023. **If you have a child currently in Year 5** and you are interested in registering them for this examination and would like further information, please use this link [www.csse.org.uk](http://www.csse.org.uk). If you have any further questions please contact Mrs Spall, who may be able to help you.

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

1.3.2023	Secondary School Offer Day
1.3.2023	STRIKE Action (day 2)
2.3.2023	World Book Day
17.3.2023	Comic Relief
1.3.2023	Secondary school offer day
8 & 9.3.2023	Learning Conferences
15 & 16.3.2023	Possible Strike Action (days 3 & 4)
1 to 16.4.2023	Easter Holidays
17.4.2023	National Primary Offer Day
16.5.2023	11+ Registration opens
30.6.2023	11+ Registration closes

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes





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Meet the T-Rex



Smoothie Bikes



Wild Beasts VR

## Colchester Royal Grammar School Sci-Fest 2023

Saturday 18th March  
10am-4pm  
6 Lexden Road CO3 3ND  
Free entry



Forensics



Mini Beasts



Planetarium

**Families welcome, fun interactive activities**  
Premium activities will incur a small charge

## Activities include



Colchester Zoo - Wildlife Rangers & Forensics



Colchester Croquet Club



CRGSA Spring Raffle



Dissection Lab



Essex Birdwatching Society



Essex Golf & Country Club



Essex Wildlife Trust



Essex University - Baby Lab & Maths Puzzles



Mario Kart Live



Meet the T-Rex



Mini-Monsters



Nerf target game



Planetarium



Puzzle room with prizes



Sci-High Forensics



Smoothie Bikes



Tech Hub



VR Space



VR Wild Animals Wipeout



Lunch & refreshments available to purchase



Ronnie's Kitchen CRGSA

**Limited** parking available, entrance via Creffield Road or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA

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