



# Family Newsletter



**Friday 5th February 2021**

## Dates for your Diary

### Half Term Week

Monday 15th –Friday 19th February 2021

### First day of new half term

Monday 22nd February 2021

### Last day of Spring Term

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

After what has felt like the longest January in recorded history, February has finally arrived! Hopefully this new month, a little bit more daylight and some good news nationally about infection rates and vaccination rates will be improving everyone’s mind-set this week. This week has been Children’s Mental Health Week and we are all only too aware of the impact that the current climate has on many of our children. We are fortunate to have a strong pastoral support team as well as a wider staff team who place child wellbeing at the heart of all that we do.

With this in mind, I will be sharing with you some ideas every week for some screen-free activities. There is no requirement for all children to complete them but teachers know that some children may choose to complete one or more of these activities each week rather than some of their home learning—or in addition to depending on your circumstances! More information will follow but hopefully this will be something that the children will enjoy accessing each week.

I wish you all a good weekend

Mrs Jones

## Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather that forces a school closure, this will apply to all children including those who are currently eligible to attend school during lockdown. Any announcement will be made via Class Dojo as well as being reported on the Essex County Council website

## RSE Consultation

Before Christmas I wrote to you advising that we will be introducing a new RSE policy in line with new government guidance. Thank you to all the parents that responded to the consultation. Your suggestions have helped to shape important discussions around ‘language’ and what is taught and when. I will be ensuring that these are included in the final curriculum overview and shared with all staff.

The final policy will be presented to our Governors this term and shared on our school website.

## Parent Contact Details

It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details for all parents/carers on our records. If you have recently changed your phone numbers, email address or home address, please contact the school office to advise us of these changes.

It is also important that your other emergency contacts are updated to as necessary.

## Half Term Events

Our friends at St John’s Church are hosting some virtual events for all the family over the half term holidays. Many of our children are missing the interaction with their peers so why not use this as an opportunity to get together online and have some fun.

St John’s Church Half Term Holiday Club  
Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th February 2021 10 – 11.15am on Zoom

Join us for the usual mix of games, songs, craft and quizzes as well as learning about Jesus’ life between his birth and when he started teaching.

St John’s Church Pancake Party  
Tuesday 16th February 2021  
5.00 – 6pm on Zoom

Prepare your pancakes and collect up your toppings beforehand and join us on Zoom for the usual pancake activities and fun, followed by sitting down in our own homes and eating our pancakes ‘together’.

To book in and get the Zoom registration details, please contact St John’s Church Office on [gtclactonparish@gmail.com](mailto:gtclactonparish@gmail.com) or 01255 475704. Registration closes Wednesday 10th February 2021.



## Dojo Points



3H— 498

3W— 713

4B— 4208

4C— 221

4D— 72

5H – 716

5N– 955

5W– 609

6I– 286

6W– 324

Well done 5N for the most Dojos this week!

**FAITH**

**FORGIVENESS**

**HOPE**

**INTEGRITY**

**LOVE**

**RESPECT**