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A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Say "YES" and do your best!

The London Marathon and the sunshine have filled us all with inspiration and motivation to make our **sponsored run** a huge success on Friday the 27th. The forecast remains good though not as hot as the recent weather which should make running conditions more comfortable.

Please make sure the children have sun cream applied before coming to school and have a sunhat to wear with their school PE kit too. The children will obviously be allowed to take their water bottles with them.

If you are coming to watch remember the timings are on the sponsor form, which is available on the school website if forms get lost.

Hilly Fields is accessed via Sheepen Road opposite and just past the main entrance to St. Helena School. Look out for the footpath sign. [See photograph below]

Pictured right is parent, Alan Price, at the finish of the Brighton Marathon - his first ever marathon. This is what he had to say. "It was such an amazing weekend and the atmosphere was very exciting. I was quite emotional at the finish, and all I could say was 'I did it!' The last four miles really hurt and I really had to dig in and focus on completing the run because the urge to stop and walk was overwhelming - but I didn't give in... As Sam would say, I said "yes" and did my best!!" Well done Alan and thank you for raising so much money for Free for All. Good luck everybody in getting sponsors.



Inspiring a Love of Poetry

This term Monday school assemblies will aim to promote a love of poetry. Poetry plays an important part in our lives. Poetry paints pictures with words and it can help us express our strongest emotions - in times of great happiness and sadness.

The first assembly was held on the 23rd and its focus was St. George's Day.

Over the course of the term the children will be introduced to a range of famous and not so famous poems, modern and classic.

Hopefully it will inspire the children to find their own favourite poems, learn to recite them and even write their own. Near the end of the term there will be an opportunity in one of the assemblies for some children to share their own favourites.

School Uniform

School Councillors have been completing surveys and holding discussions on the subject of school uniform. Councillors have expressed very interesting views on why school uniform is important and what should be done to encourage all children to wear school uniform and school PE kit uniform.

Surveys show that nearly all children wear school uniform but there are a few children who do not wear school colour tops in the classrooms. Teachers will be having conversations with parents to address this.

The survey shows that when children start school they all wear the correct PE kit but as they get older the number of children who wear other sports clothing increases. Councillors are of the view that what matters most is the children do PE but nevertheless there are good reasons why all children should wear PE kit. The chief reasons were: it means that PE lessons aren't sporty fashion shows and if children take part in sporting activities off site they are good ambassadors for the school.

In colder weather children are allowed to wear warmer tops. Children were asked if they would like to wear a school hoodie. This seemed like quite a popular option. Our uniform supplier has come up with a few new lines so we will be ordering samples and get some councillors to model these for parents to see.

Councillors were also keen to point out that footwear should be black. Debate was had about logos etc and agreement was reached on the word "predominantly" black.



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Friday 27th April	Sponsored Run
Monday 7th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Friday 11th May	NSA Bingo Night
Monday 14th May	Y6 SATS WEEK begins
Friday 18th May	North's Got Talent Final
Thursday 24th May	6.00pm New Parents Meeting
Friday 25th May	Penny Race and last day of Half Term
Tuesday 5th June	Return to school
Wed 13th June	Y5&6 SRE Parents Mtgs (evening)
Tuesday 26th June	KS1 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 27th June	Reception Sporty Morning
Wednesday 27th June	KS2 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 28th June	am Nursery sporty morning
Thursday 28th June	pm Nursery sporty afternoon
Friday 29th June	NSA Summer Fete
Tuesday 3rd July	KS1 <i>Free For All</i> evening performance
Wednesday 4th July	KS1 <i>Free For All</i> morning performance
Friday 6th July	KS2 <i>Free For All</i> Event

Meet the teacher (times to follow)	
Monday 9th July	am New Entrants
Tuesday 10th July	am Current Y3
Tuesday 10th July	pm Current Reception
Wednesday 11th July	am Current Y5
Wednesday 11th July	pm Current Y4
Thursday 12th July	am current Y2
Thursday 12th July	pm current Y1
Thursday 12th July	Evening Music Concert
Friday 13th July	Open Evening
Tuesday 17th July	Y6 Show
Wednesday 18th July	am Year 3 Music Concert
Wednesday 18th July	pm Year 4 Music Concert
Thursday 19th July	pm Y5 Battle of the Bands
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leavers' 'Do'
Friday 20th July	End of Term

Comic Book Creation with Tom Armstrong

Colchester Library
 Thursday 31 May, 2-4pm

Explore the world of comics & produce your own marvellous comic book!

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