



John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week at John Ray Infant - half term already seems a long time ago! It has been a mixed weather week but the children have coped well and have embraced their learning – despite the gales.

It was lovely to see so many of you in the school building this week, it seems a long time since this has been the case. If you missed the Year One Phonic Information session then the presentation is on our website and email has been sent to you with the link. Any questions on this will be happily answered by the class teacher. Additionally, if you were unable to attend the 'Year Two Book Look' then please ask the class teacher if you can have another opportunity to pop in before or after school one day.

Next week we host the Teacher Learner Reviews – if possible, in this instance, can you attend these without your children. Teachers would like the opportunity to have more honest conversations with you as parents and this is sometimes made more difficult when children join the meeting too. Classes will aim to leave some activities out if you can not arrange childcare.

Can you please ensure that before and after school your children are not playing with any school equipment. Some of the toys within the fenced area around the tree in the back field have been moved and damaged. The willow is also being swung on and broken which is a shame.

Tuesday 1st March at 6.00pm there will be a parent consultation meeting for our move to join Saffron Academy Trust. We believe joining this established and successful academy will enhance opportunities for both children, staff and parents. Please do come along to hear from the CEO of the trust – Caroline Derbyshire. She will be talking through what the change would mean for the school and surrounding community. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions about the process.

As mentioned previously our more factual newsletter will now incorporate a 'Celebration Corner' where we will publish the names of children who have done something fabulous during that period! Please do email Mrs Ryan at office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk to share your child's achievements. This could be a swimming certificate, karate belt, ballet medal or something you are particularly proud of like learning to ride a bike.

As always, please catch me on the gate or email me at head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk if you have any worries or concerns.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend,

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Headteacher

