



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a hot week here at John Ray Infants. The children have coped really well with the high temperatures and we appreciate your support in providing hats, applying suncream and water bottles. I have had some queries around the application of suncream in school. If you feel your child has sensitive skin or they need a second application as they are at breakfast club early, then please do send a named bottle in their bag.

Den Day was a huge success today, even with the high temperatures. Every year I am blown away with the creativity and innovation of the dens. This year was a first – I saw a parent armed with a drill and nails! Well done to all the winners and runners up – it is such a hard job to choose. Thank you to all those parents who took some additional children under their wing, there was some fabulous team work. Some photos are already on the website, more to follow.

EYFS	Winner - Martina Runner Up – Logan
Year One	Winner – Lianna Runner Up – Alex, Jaxon, Noah, Hayden
Year Two	Winner – Callum Runner Up - Izzy, Amelija, Ruby

Both sad and happy news this week. Congratulations to Miss Springall who will be leaving us at the end of the year to take up the Deputy Headship at Hatfield Peverel Infants School – a well deserved promotion. Further well done to Mrs Gray who has a new job in September returning to teaching older children at Kings Road Primary School in Chelmsford. Both will be hugely missed. We are, however, thrilled to announce that we have appointed two fantastic new teachers from September. Mrs Guilder, who has been outstanding when completing her teacher training year in Hedgehogs at JRI and Mrs Humphreys who is also a newly qualified teacher, whom also comes with a superb reputation from her placement school.

Now that staffing is complete then Mrs Turner and I have spent time working our way through the mammoth job of sorting the classes for next year. After a first draft then these lists are currently with class teachers to ensure that friendship and academic needs have been considered. To allow enough time for us to be confident in the new groupings then we will be informing both parents and children of the new classes on Monday 26th June. This then allows us enough time for the children to have plenty of transition sessions in the new classes. I know this is an anxious time for both the children and you as parents. I am currently waiting for my own child's new teacher. However, please be reassured that we have the children at the heart of any decisions we make.

Have a lovely weekend in the sun,

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Headteacher

