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Dear Parents

Congratulations to the following children who were our Learners of the Week:

6BH	Halliana Maycock	3SJ	Edie Pittuck
6TH	Isabel He	3RB	Isabella Evans-Barlow
5LH	Edward Thompson	2BR	Liam Twiname
5NR	Albert Myers	2NT	Theo Taylor
4LW	Emily Vint	1BI	Oliver Canham
4LRW	Daniel Lejwoda	1SH	Tabitha Yona

Swimming for Years 1, 3 & 4

We are really pleased to confirm that our swimming sessions will start again after Easter. As many of you are aware the school is in a fortunate position of being able to offer an enhanced programme of swimming provision due to having our own pool on site.

The swimming sessions for each year group run for 6 weeks with children receiving two lessons per week. We are delighted that Nicole Clarkson our experienced and qualified swimming instructor is joining us once again as she already knows many of the children well and is able to assist them in making real progress through these lessons.

Years 1, 3 and 4 will swim after Easter (commencing 23rd April and ending on 6th June)

Years R, 2 & 5 will swim after the May half-term (commencing 11th June and ending on 16th July)

Children will of course need a swimming costume (for girls this needs to be a one piece and for boys fitted swimming trunks), a towel and a hat must be worn for hygiene reasons. Hats can be purchased from the school office for £2.50. Please note that earrings have to be taken out for swimming lessons so any recently pierced ears will preclude your child from lessons.

As you are aware swimming is heavily subsidised by the school and the parental contribution is key to our ability to provide this opportunity which is so popular with our children. We have really appreciated the strong support shown by parents in recent years and would ask that you continue to demonstrate this by paying the £20 contribution for your child/ren this year as soon as possible. This amount is payable online via [Scopay](#).

Swimming Timetable for Years 1, 3 and 4 (23rd April – 6th June)

Year 1 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Wednesday

PTA Mother's Day Gift Sale

Next Thursday the PTA are holding a Mother's Day Gift Sale in the hall. Children are invited to come along with £2.50 and purchase a gift. Parents will be asked to wait outside so that the children can select something from the variety of gifts that will be available. If your child usually attends an after school club or Olivers Lodge on that day he/she should go to the club first to be registered and will then be escorted to the hall. Please send your child in with the money in a named envelope if he/she would like to purchase something.

PTA Newsletter

Please find attached the March edition of the PTA newsletter. You will see that on Wednesday 3rd April there is a cinema club after school for KS1. More details are to follow next week on this event.

Club cancellations

There will be no gardening club next Thursday but there will be the last club for this term on Thursday 4th April.

Please note that next week is the last Biscuits and Banter club for this term as it will not be taking place on Thursday 4th April.

Stansted Airport donation

Thank you to London Stansted Airport who have donated 4 Silver Birch (*Betula Pendula*) saplings for our grounds. This initiative is part of their first Biodiversity Week and members from their team delivered the plants this week. With the help of some of our children we were able to choose a suitable site close to our new science area to plant the trees. We are always looking for ways to increase the children's awareness of the importance of protecting the environment and hope over the coming months they will get the opportunity to watch the saplings establish themselves.

Y5 – Joyce Frankland

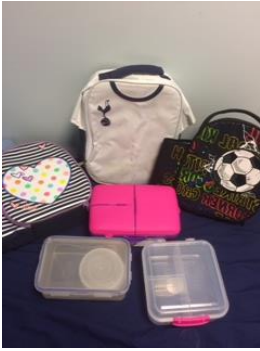
Many Y5 parents will be starting to think about secondary schools now. The Headteacher of Joyce Frankland Academy at Newport (JFAN) will be coming into school on Thursday 4th April at 3.15pm to speak to parents. This will take place in Mrs Rogers' classroom and children are welcome as well. If you are considering JFAN as an option and would like to attend this meeting please sign up on the return slip below.

Sports Round up

Tag Rugby – on Wednesday a team from years 3 and 4 travelled to Carver Barracks, Wimbish for the Tag Rugby Finals tournament. The children represented us very well coming 5th out of 16 teams in the whole of Uttlesford District. We hope they enjoyed themselves.

Gymnastics Festival – Ophelia Gibbs and Emily James were selected to represent the school at a gymnastics festival at Saffron Walden County High School on Thursday. It was a great experience for the girls to perform in front of a large audience. Well done girls!

Netball - Year 6 entered a mixed team in the DEEP schools netball competition at Felsted Independent School today. It was a round robin tournament with the team winning 3 of their matches putting them in 4th place out of 6 schools overall. Excellent play by all involved.



Lost Property

Our lost property box is growing as we near the end of term with lunchboxes, coats and jumpers/cardigans. All named items are returned to the child's class with unnamed items placed in the box. Please ensure all the clothing, bags and lunchboxes that are brought into school are named. On the left is a selection of lunchboxes we currently have unclaimed.

Y6 School Journey

Parents are reminded that all outstanding payments for the Year 6 School Journey must be received by the end of term (Friday 5th April). If you think you may have difficulty in paying any remaining monies please do speak to us *before* the deadline.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 25 th March	
WEDNESDAY 2.30	Y5 Parents PSHE Meeting
WEDNESDAY 2.55	2NT Smoothie tasting session for parents - £3
THURSDAY	YR Trip to Colchester Zoo
THURSDAY 3.15	PTA Mother's Day Gift Sale in the hall - £2.50
FRIDAY 2.55	2BR Smoothie tasting session for parents - £3

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths

Y5 JOYCE FRANKLAND TALK

Name of child: Class:

I would like to attend the talk by the Headteacher of Joyce Frankland Academy at Newport on Thursday 4th April at 3.15pm.

Signed
Parent/Carer