



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 29th November 2024

Main Office Information

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 4pm

Friday – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Attendance – Mrs Louise Price

Clubs, Lettings, and trips – Mrs Louise Price

Nursery & Finance – Mrs Clare Ryan

Tiddly Winklers – Mrs Clare Ryan (**Please note we are full**)

Contact email:

jricontact@compassps.uk

Open Door Policy

Please remember we are here if you would like to chat to us. Mrs Christian will stand at either the front or back gate. You can also speak with your child's teacher after school once all children have been seen out.

Contact email:

lchristian@compassps.uk

Donations needed:

Small world (castles, farms, buildings)

Small world people

Puzzles (that have all the pieces)

Dressing up clothes – all ages

EYFS donations – Boys' and girls'

socks/underwear. Girls' tights

Please hand any donations to the School Office. Thank you!



Please can I remind our parents/carers that we are a nut free school. This includes Nutella bars and pesto

Dates for your diary:

W/C 2nd December – Week 2 Menu

10th December – Choir singing at The Hawthorns

12th December – Choir singing at Riverdale Care Home

13th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
(Menu attached)

16th December – Year 2 Carols and Crafts AM

16th December – Choir singing at Braintree Nursing Home

17th December – Reception Nativity 2pm

17th December – Year 1 Carols and Crafts AM

18th December – Reception Cards/Crafts 9am

23rd December – Christmas holidays

6th January – Non-pupil day

7th January – Back to School

9th January – Movie Munch!

21st January – Reception Maths Workshop

22nd/23rd January – Year 2 Reading Workshop

29th /30th January – Year 1 Maths Workshop

7th February – Stay and Read for all Year groups

17th – 21st February – Half term week

These dates may be subject to change, but we will give advance notice where possible. Timings for all the above events will be sent out nearer the time

Clothing:

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing now the weather has started to become colder i.e. warm and waterproof coats, gloves and hats. Please ensure that **all clothes are labelled**, including shoes, as many children have similar sizes.

Jewellery:

Please note that children cannot wear any jewellery for P.E sessions. Please can jewellery be removed before coming into school.

Headteacher - Mrs L Christian

Deputy Head - Mrs E Turner

FS Lead - Mrs Pennell

Year 1 Lead - Mrs Yates

Year 2 Lead - Mrs H Cleary

We love to celebrate any achievements the children have awarded outside of school.

Please feel free to email jricontact@compassps.uk with a description of what they have done. It could be that they learnt to ride a bike with or without stabilisers, swimming achievements, karate, litter picking etc.



Congratulations to Isla from our Year 2 class who received a gold medal in her gymnastics. We are so proud of you!!

Local Community News

BEAVERS

TIME FOR FUN

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing. Come Join 2nd Braintree Beavers.

Apply today at:
www.2ndbraintreescouts.co.uk
Email:
beavers@2ndbraintreescouts.co.uk

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The poster features four cartoon beaver characters in blue and yellow uniforms. One is holding a kite string. The background is white with a blue border.

Christmas Market

SAT 16TH NOVEMBER - TUE 24TH DECEMBER

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

OLIVERS PLANTS,
COGGESHALL ROAD,
EARLS COLNE, ESSEX,
CO6 2JX

MON-SAT 8:30 - 17:00
SUN 10:00 - 16:00

TREASURE TRAIL EVERYDAY

FREE ENTRY
FREE PARKING

GIFTS
FOOD
WREATHS
HOT DRINKS
WINE TASTING*
FACE PAINTING*
AMUSEMENT RIDE
CHRISTMAS TREES
FESTIVE DECORATIONS
TABLE ARRANGEMENTS
+ MUCH MORE

*selected dates, see website

The poster has a festive red and gold color scheme with illustrations of Christmas trees, lights, and people. It lists various activities and the location of the market.

PTA Events



Our PTA will be running a gift shop for our children on Wednesday 4th December. Children can bring in £1 to buy a gift for a member of their family. This will be wrapped by the team so they can pop it under the Christmas tree



We had an amazing response to our Grotto and tickets were sold out within the hour. Please arrive at your allocated time. If you have given your ticket to another family, please ensure you contact the school office to change the name of the child.

Reminders:

Playground equipment - Please do encourage your children to stay with you before and after school and not to run around on the playgrounds or play equipment in the Foundation playground or in the back playground

Sickness - If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours before returning to school. Absence - Please ensure you call the school before 8.30am on each day of your child's absence. Please do not just say your child is unwell, please explain what their symptoms are.

My Child at School app - If you have not received the link to sign up to the MYCAS account for your child please contact the School Office.

Water bottles – A gentle reminder to have water in your child's water bottles and not juice/squash as it's healthier and less sticky if spilt.

Packed lunches: A reminder we are a no nut school. If your child is having grapes in their packed, please can they be cut length ways.