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Term 2 Week 3 17th – 21st January 2022

Quote of the week:

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu

Number Day 2022

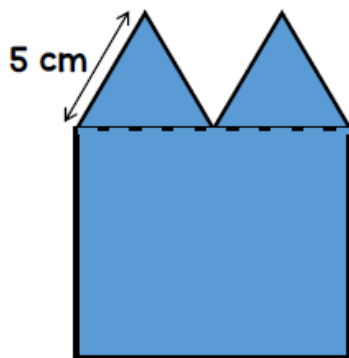
NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to inform you that our children will be participating in Number Day 2022 on 4th February organised by the NSPCC. On this day, our children will be encouraged to take part in Dress up for Digits and have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support services such as Childline. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social-special-events/number-day/>

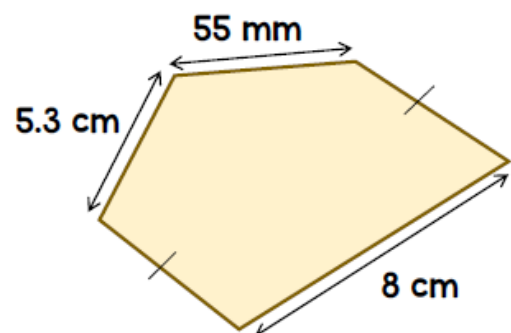
Problems of the Week

- 1 A shape is made up of two equilateral triangles and a square.



What is the perimeter of the shape?

- 2 The perimeter of the pentagon is 25 cm.



Find the missing lengths.

Oak & Elder class project

Last week, as part of our DT learning for this half term and linking to the topic of Earthquakes and Volcanoes; Oak and Elder classes created papier mâché volcanoes. We initially discussed the success criteria for creating the volcano, before creating designs based on volcano pictures and working to justify the materials that would be used to create the volcanoes. They then used papier mâché technique to create their structure, before painting them.

We are erupting them this week!



Cherry Class

We are learning about the Human Digestive system. We have learnt about the organs in our bodies. We learnt that the liver can self-heal and is very clever. The Digestive system includes your teeth, mouth and tongue, we didn't know this before! The Digestive system includes: the stomach, oesophagus, liver, bladder, anus, trachea, large and small intestine, the salivary gland, gallbladder, duodenum, rectum and pancreas. We compared the digestive system of animals and humans. We are now looking at different types of teeth.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 14th January as follows:



Class	Friday 14 th January	
Elm	Oliver	Ralph
Hazel	Brice	Storie
Willow	Kayden	Archie
Maple	Tristan	Marley
Ash	Monty	Tommy
Cherry	Reggie	Roma
Elder	Gracie	Eoin
Oak	Amy	Isabelle
Base	Kayden	

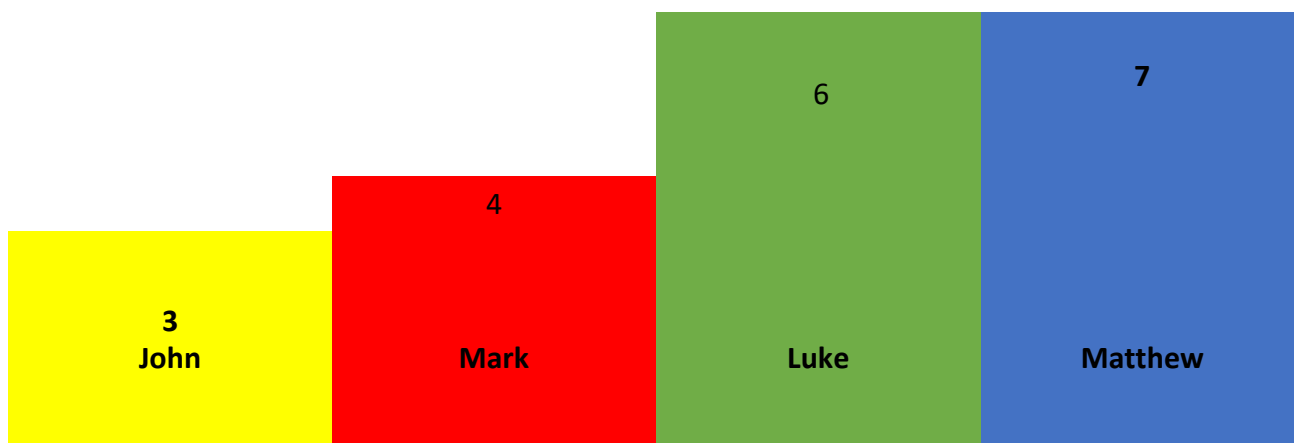
Attendance: Week ending 14.1.22	
Elm – Reception	91.36%
Hazel – Year 1 & Reception	92.05%
Willow – Year 1&2	92.51%
Maple – Year 1&2	94.23%
Ash – Year 3&4	90.79%
Cherry – Year 3&4	92.86%
Elder – Year 5&6	91.07%
Oak – Year 5&6	90.82%
Whole School	91.94%

Remember the class with the best attendance for the term, will be rewarded with a delicious tray of cupcakes!

House Points St. Mark 335 St. Matthew 379 St. Luke 345 St. John 299

Below is the chart to show the house standings for this week. Remember, every time that you show respect, good manners and courtesy to others, you are making Southminster Church of England Primary School stronger and a happier place for us all!

The winners at the end of this term will be awarded a fun splash session at our pool, the perfect end to a busy half term.



Year 6 – Bikeability

Bikeability are offering our Year 6 children the chance to complete their Level 1 and 2 certificates. If you are interested in your child/ren taking part in these courses, would you please ensure that you read and reply to the Bikeability letter sent out to you via Dojo. You can find out more by visiting:

www.bikeability.org.uk/about-cycle-training/cycle-training-for-children/

School Clubs & Activities Spring Term 2022

We will be sending home paper copies of this letter on Monday 24th January. Please complete the reply slip below and return by Wednesday 26th in order to secure your child's place and to avoid disappointment. The lead teacher will confirm arrangements by Friday 28th January.

Club	Leaders	Age Group	Time and Days
IT Club	Mrs Gentry & Mrs Cuthbert	KS1	Mondays 3:15pm-4:15pm
Netball	Mrs Weller	KS2	Mondays 3:15pm-4:15pm
Football	Mr Bragg & Mr Smith	KS2	Mondays 3:15pm-4:15pm
Mindfulness	Miss Mason	KS1&KS2	Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm
Dance	Miss Mills	KS1	Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm
Art & Recycled Craft	Mrs Griffiths	KS2	Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm

Key dates for your diaries:

- 26.1.22 Activity reply slip deadline
- 4.2.22 - Number Day 2022
- 14.2.22 – 18.2.22 – Half term
- 24.3.22 – Yr 3 & 4 Bradwell trip
- 4.4.22 – 18.4.22 – Easter Holidays
- 16 & 17.5.22 – Yr 5 Mersea trip
- 23-27.5.22 – Yr 6 Residential trip
- 30.5.22 – 3.6.22 – Half term
- 10.6.22 – Yr 3 & 4 Colchester castle trip
- 1.7.22 – Teacher Training Day
- 7.7.22 – Yr 6 Transition Day to Ormiston Rivers Academy
- 25.7.22 – Start of summer holidays

Community News

Latest Covid testing update

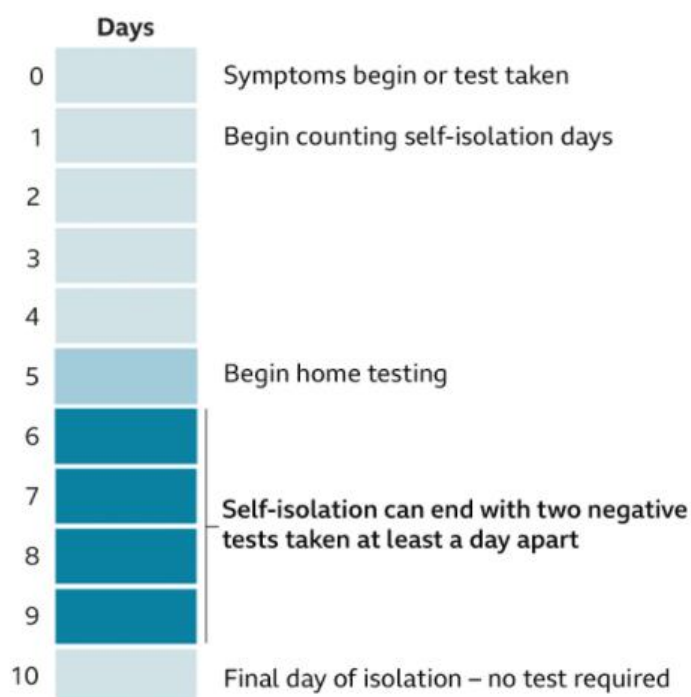
The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed.

It is now possible to end self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days.

The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms).

The self-isolation period remains 10 full days for those without negative results from 2 LFD tests taken a day apart (see below):

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Essex Safeguarding Children Board

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board are providing online safety awareness sessions for parents. Please see the details below: -

Online safety awareness session by The 2 Johns

This session will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. It will explore how they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without parents' knowledge.

This session will explore solutions that parents and professionals can adopt to help keep children safe which includes how to use settings on apps to ensure safe use of games and how adults should approach the online arena.

[Find out more and request place on 3 February 2022.](#)

***Parent session* Online Safety with The 2 Johns**

A parent session will be held on 3 February at 6pm on Facebook Live. Anyone wishing to attend will need to go to The 2 Johns [EST Safety Facebook page](#). Please share with colleagues, across your networks and with any parents you are working with. You can also like and share the [ESCB Facebook page](#) which regularly promotes these type of events.

Wellbeing courses run by Essex County Council for wellbeing

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Resilience and Wellbeing workshops **A four week course for parents/carers of children (0-19)**

Resilience Training

Introducing the idea of building resilience (managing the daily family pressures and stress), and using what we know, can help children and ourselves to bounce back when life is particularly tough.

Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover from stressful life challenges, strengthened and more resourceful. The course focuses on what it means to be a parent of a child/children and the particular challenges the family may face on a daily basis

The course aims to build parents' resilience, so they are well placed to enjoy their journey bringing up their children:

- *Share and explore their travels so far*
- *Take note of and celebrate the skills they have acquired along the way*
- *Map their needs in preparation for the next adventure*
- *Practise and rehearse possible strategies for building their skills and strengthening their resolve to journey on*



"Meeting and knowing my basic needs, resilience in a meeting – learn skills to have a positive attitude. Put into action all what I have learnt on the course."

Course details

Dates: 25 Jan, 1, 8, 15 Feb 2022

Times: 10:00 to 13:00

Venue: Conference Room, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford, CM2 7PX

FREE Parking in rear car park & refreshments

A contribution of £15 towards material costs.

For more information, or to book:

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Book online: <https://interactchelmsford.wufoo.com/forms/zxtagex04fnge3/>