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News & What's coming up

Important Information

Please can we remind all parents to ensure that they are responsible for their child's behaviour and whereabouts before the gates open at 8.45am. Please do not encourage children to run about/hide or ride on scooters or bikes on site. This should help to reduce any accidents and incidents. If you do not walk your child to school could you please explain to them how to wait and behave before the gates open.

Christmas Events

Please see our twitter feed for photos of recent school events.

Christmas Production

Thank you to everyone that came along and watched our Early Years and Years 1&2 in their Christmas production "Mary's Knitting". We are pleased to say that we raised a total of £252.89 for the charity Spread a Smile which helped one of our ex-pupils during a difficult time over the past year.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas postbox has arrived in school for children to post their Christmas cards in. Can you please ensure that ALL cards have the recipient's first name, surname and class written on the envelope. Unfortunately if the first name alone is on the card it will not reach the person it was meant for.

What's on next week

Monday 19th December

3.30-5: Key Stage 1 Disco (£2.50 payable on the day)
6-7.30: Key Stage 2 Disco (£2 on the door)

Tuesday 20th December

Panto visiting the School

Wednesday 21st December

Non-Uniform Day & Christmas parties – see note at bottom of letter

Thursday 22nd December

School Closed

Friday 23rd December

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Future dates for your diary

The dates below are for your information only – full details of events will be sent via a separate letter or mentioned in the main weekly newsletter.

Thursday 5th January 2017 – Back to school

Wednesday 1st February – Parents Forum Coffee morning

Tuesday 7th February – Open evening 4-7pm

Thursday 9th February – Open evening 5.30-8.30pm

Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February – Half Term

Tuesday 7th March (am) – Cross Country Competition

Monday 27th March (pm) – Infant Music Festival at the Paddocks

Homework Reminders

Year 6 – Learning Log and My Maths

Year 5 – No homework til after Christmas – keep reading

Year 1 – No homework til next term – keep reading

Don't forget to read at least 4 times a week as well and do your Times Table Rockstars.

Star of the Week

Well done to the following children who are Stars of the Week

Yr6 Gold class – Elizabeth

Yr6 Green class – Louie

Yr5 White class – Jesse

Yr5 Silver class – Courtney

Yr4 Red class – Sophie H

Yr4 Bronze class – Riley

Yr3 Aqua class – Tom C

Yr3 Purple class – Lennie

Yr2 Lime class – Jack D

Yr2 Ruby class – Anais

Yr1 Blue class – Elizabeth

Yr1 Yellow class – Gabriella

EY Jade class – Jade Class

EY Amber class – Amber Class

Well done and keep up the good work.



Reading

Well done to all classes who had the following number of children who read **at home** at least 4 times this week and were entered into the Reading Record Reward Pot:

Gold – 27

Green – 24

White – 19

Silver – 19

Red – 27

Bronze – 20

Aqua – 24

Purple – 13

Lime – 21

Ruby – 17

Blue – 25

Yellow – 14

Jade – 22

Amber – 18



Rock Heroes this week

Well done to the following children who are Times Table Rockstar Rock Heroes this week

Gold class – Leo (Mrs Watson's Maths set)

Green class – Sonny (Miss Farrell's Maths set)

White class – Rhys

Silver class – Tommy

Red class – Aisha

Bronze class – Scarlett

Aqua class – Ben

Purple class – Daisy

Well done and keep up the good work.



Attendance – w/e Friday 16th December

The **Key Stage 1** class with the best attendance is **Lime** Class. Their attendance was **96.7%**

The **Key Stage 2** class with the best attendance is **Bronze** Class. Their attendance was **97.3%**

Other Key Stage 1 attendance is as follows:

Ruby Class – 96.3%
 Jade Class – 96%
 Blue Class – 96%
 Amber Class – 92.3%
 Yellow Class – 92.3%

Other Key Stage 2 attendance is as follows:

Red Class – 96.7%
 Aqua Class – 96.2%
 Silver Class – 93.3%
 Gold Class – 92%
 White Class – 92%
 Green Class – 92%
 Purple Class – 91.3%

Letters sent home this week

Year 5 – Space project letter

Letters home regarding 'Party Day' next Wednesday (21st)

Key Stage 2 Carol Service



PTA News

Christmas Discos – Monday 19th December

Years 1 and 2- straight after school until 5.00 pm. Please send in party clothes and the disco admission fee (£2.50 - includes drink and snack) to school. The children will change in class and then be taken down to the hall by school staff. (the disco is not for Early Years children as they have already had their party).

Junior Disco 6.00 – 7.30 pm

Entrance fee is £2. Refreshments will be available. Please do not allow your child to bring in more than £5.00 in change with them on the night. Children will have the opportunity to spend their money on hot food, sweets, drinks and glow sticks.

It is imperative that you arrive in plenty of time to collect your child from the disco and you must come into the hall to collect them, via the side entrance to the Library, and not arrange to meet them anywhere outside. We expect all children to be collected by a responsible adult.

Please no mobile phones and can parents meeting children come into the school, rather than wait outside so that we can ensure the children don't leave alone in the dark. Please note the school car park will be closed as usual, please walk or park in Richmond car park or in front of the shops.

Costumes & Uniform

If anyone has any spare nativity or other themed costumes that they no longer require, the PTA would be very grateful if you could pass them on. The aim to is to have costumes available for future themed days that parents can hire for a small fee.

We would also like to collect any school uniform that may be too small for your children. We are looking at having a second hand uniform shop.

If you have any items, please leave them in a bag marked "PTA" at the School office. Further details will follow in the New Year.

Don't Forget!

Cold Weather

Now that the weather has turned cold, could you please ensure that all children wear a coat to school.

Severe Weather- possible school closures

If we have severe weather i.e snow, extremely low temperatures, flood, heating problems etc. we will always try and stay open providing it is safe and sensible to do so and enough staff can get into work by a reasonable time. (NB some staff come from quite a distance!) We will use Parentmail, Heart Essex / BBC Essex, the school website and Twitter to announce any closures and reopenings. (Please ensure we have your latest email and mobile phone number.) Please remind your children that if the school has to close suddenly, or at any time there is no one to meet them, they must not go home alone from the playground but come into school where we will make arrangements for them.

Don't Forget



Menu for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Pizza Day – Selection of Homemade Pizza with a choice of topping	Homemade Chicken Korma	Chicken Pie
	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Quorn Pie
Wedges	Fluffy White Rice	Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Sweetcorn / Coleslaw / Salad Bar	Peas / Salad Bar Naan Bread	Seasonal Vegetables
Shortbread	Iced Smoothie	Waffle with Fruit

Christmas Parties – Wednesday 21st December

On our last day of term, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children will be having their Christmas parties. The children will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform. Please note EYFS party is next week on Thursday 15th.

It would be appreciated if you could send in ONE packet of party food that can be shared out and eaten at the party. For example, one box of cakes, OR one packet of biscuits OR one tube of Pringles. After the party any food that is not eaten will be thrown away, so please don't send in too much! Please do not send in anything until the morning of 21st December and note we cannot accept anything that will need refrigerating. We would appreciate it if you did not send in any food that contains nuts or traces of nuts which could trigger off any allergies. You do not need to send in any drinks, as the school will provide this. In addition to the party, your child will be able to bring a game to school to share with friends and/or a dvd. Please ensure the game is in a named carrier bag. Also please do not allow the children to bring anything of sentimental or monetary value as they will be responsible for looking after it. (Please note, no computer games)