



Well it is December already, where has this first term gone? The weather is turning colder so please make sure that your children have jumpers and warm coats.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up in school, with performances to watch, Christmas dinner to eat and our Winter Workshop to name but a few.

We would be grateful of donations for the bric'a'brac stall so any unwanted puzzles/books/games and toys etc (complete), that you have please drop into the office. Also any parents that are available to help set up or run a stall please let us know.

Our four Year 6 mathematicians took a trip to Lakeside again on Wednesday to take part in the second round 'Regional Finals' for the Young Mathematician Awards Competition. It was an engaging couple of hours of hard investigative work based around an 'extremely difficult' maths problem. Unfortunately, they didn't come first this time but they did receive some amazing, positive feedback stating how well they worked together. Great team work year 6s! Well done!

Please accept our apologies for the miscommunication with the year 3/4 reading sessions, we have arranged another session next Thursday at 3pm where you can go into your child's class.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:
December

5th-7th—KS1 Christmas play
(9.30am tickets needed)

6th—Reception Christmas craft
afternoon @ 1.30pm in class

7th—Year 3/4 reading sessions in class

8th—Flu Immunisations

8th—Pantomime in school

13th-14th—Reception Christmas play (9.30am
tickets needed)

14th—Christmas Dinner and Christmas
Jumper day (£1 donation)

15th—Winter workshop and market
(3.30pm start)

18th—Yr3&Yr4 Carol concert (9.15am)

19th—Yr5&Yr6 Carol Concert (9.15am)

20th—Last day of term

**Non pupil dates—2nd/3rd January, 29th
March and 25th May 2018**



Reception

We had our photo's taken for the Evening Echo on Wednesday so please look out for this in the paper!!

We have noticed, while getting children changed into their costumes, that lots of children have not got their names in their jumpers and tee-shirts. Please can you make sure all clothes have names in please. Thank you to all parents for helping the children to produce such fantastic homework, we are all really impressed!!

Year 1 & 2

KS1 have worked very hard this week perfecting their Christmas play, they cannot wait to perform in front of all of their families. We also had our picture taken by the Echo so please look out for us too!

Year 3/4

As year 3/4 science topic is plants this half term and we have been learning about seeds we did an exciting walk to Whitmore Park where we went on a seed hunt.

Year 5

Thank you very much to the parents that attended the Year 5 Reading session. We hope it was productive and you enjoyed seeing what the children do in school.

Art Club

This week the Art Club had fun using paints to learn about tone and form. They all enjoyed experimenting with colours and look forward to starting their Christmas pictures next week!



Wall of Achievement

Week of 27th November



- Buttercup Class—Kelsey H
- Daffodil Class—Lily T
- Primrose Class—Dawson H
- Bluebell Class—Enoch B
- Rose Class—Savannah B
- Tulip Class—Charlie D
- Orchid Class—Aaron H
- Lavender Class— Alfie F
- Sunflower Class—Maya D
- Ash Class—Zohair A
- Beech Class—Child Absent
- Maple Class—Riley E
- Birch Class—Caitlin O
- Pine Class—Ellie-Rose N
- Sycamore Class—Joey B
- Elm Class—Rianna O
- Elder Class—Josh T
- Oak Class—Sophie N



Reminders

Dinner Money—Please make sure that your child brings their dinner money in daily or pay in advance for meals. We are currently tackling the large amount of owed dinner money and will be contacting parents.

PE Kits—please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. Children can have jogging bottoms and jumpers to wear for PE and afterschool clubs during the colder months.

Adverse Weather Procedure— with the cold weather now here please remember to look at our adverse weather procedure as detailed on the school website. It is listed on the home page under school letters.

Beech class

This week Beech class have made Stonehenge models from paper.



Attendance and Punctuality

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.15am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Lavender class with 95.6% and KS2 Elm class with 100%. The overall school attendance is 91.5% but our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place—Blue
- 2nd place—Red
- 3rd place—Green
- 4th place—White