



Well here we are at the end of the Autumn Term 2017. This term has certainly flown by and the last few weeks have been so busy with all the preparations for the Christmas activities in school.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported all the Christmas events we have held this term. The Winter Workshop and Market went really well on Friday and the children enjoyed selling their wares.



The Nursery singing, Reception and KS1 plays were fabulous and the KS2 Carol Concerts this week were very well supported. I am really pleased with all the positive comments about the children performances.

We have raised £512.91 for the Make a Wish appeal this Christmas through our collections at the events which I am absolutely delighted about. Many, many thanks for your support for this worthy cause.



Your children and been working really hard all term and have continued to show our core values of Friendship, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance and Positivity in all they do. Visitors to the school continue to praise us for the hard work and progress that we are making in our journey to improvement.

We would like to say a big thank you and 'Happy Retirement' to the following members of staff— Mrs Jacobs, Mr Spence, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Hills. We wish them all the best for the future.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Mrs N Kemp  
Headteacher



**Dates:**  
**December**  
20th—Last day of term

Dates for the Diary

**January**  
4th—Return to school  
5th—Year 2 Bring a toy to school  
18th— Reception children to visit local library  
19th—Year 2 Toy Workshop (in school)  
22nd—Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm  
23rd—Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm

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

**Year 2**

We have thoroughly enjoyed the topic this term of 'Wonders of the World'. It has been lovely to hear some of the children say 'I want to go and see the Grand Canyon when I am older' and 'I would love to visit the Taj Mahal one day.' One of our main aims for this topic was to encourage aspirations in the children and inspire them to want to visit amazing places around the world and we really feel that has been achieved.

**Rose Class**

A big thank you for the wonderful gifts, cards and support that 'Rose Class' parents have given this year. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Ms Simon, Miss Bray & Mrs Hafsi.

**Reception**

Reception were brilliant in their Christmas Production and we were so proud of them all!

All the children enjoyed their Christmas parties and had great fun. Parents don't forget our first reading together Thursday on the 11th January at 2.45pm. Remember to check Tapestry for all your children's amazing learning and speak to your child's class teacher if you are still having trouble logging on.

**Year 1**

Year 1 would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents for their kind donations for the Christmas Party. The children had so much fun. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Year 6 Reward Trip**

The children had a great time at bowling on Monday as a reward for all their hard work and good behaviour over the term. Keep up the hard work!

Keep Up The Good Work



**Wall of Achievement**

**Week of 15th December**



- Buttercup Class—Whole Class
- Daffodil Class—Nathaniel C
- Primrose Class—Reggie K
- Bluebell Class—Tino G
- Rose Class—Taylor P
- Tulip Class—Benas M
- Orchid Class—Max G
- Lavender Class— Lilly G
- Sunflower Class—Charlie N
- Ash Class—Lawrence L
- Beech Class—Child Absent
- Maple Class—Emily B
- Birch Class—Maddie T
- Pine Class—Lillie S
- Sycamore Class—Anayah T
- Willow Class—Ronnie C
- Olive Class—Callum L
- Elm Class—Callum R
- Elder Class—Theo G
- Oak Class—Jade M



**Reminders**

The first Friday back after the Christmas break year 2 are having a 'toy' afternoon to introduce our new topic of 'Toys'. We ask that children bring in a toy - board game, teddy, a figure or doll, etc anything except for something electronic or too expensive. All the children in the class will be sharing and playing with each others toys.

Reception visit to library—we are looking for some parent volunteers to walk with the children and school adults to/from the local library on 18th January. If you are interested please speak to the Reception teachers.

In the new year the whole of KS2 will have the choice of the following for school lunches—Hot Meal, Vegetarian Meal, Jacket Potato, Baguette (Ham, Cheese, Ham & Cheese or Tuna) Your child will need to request the correct meal when register being taken in class.

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.



**Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts.**

The children and parents all enjoyed their carol concert. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers come to support the children.



**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 Tulip class with 90.7% and KS2 Elder class with 97.2%. The overall school attendance is 94.4%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this. We had 100 children achieve 100% attendance this term—well done!

Our termly attendance winners are Tulip class in KS1 and Elm class in KS2, the children will have a non-uniform day on the first day back in the new year (4th January).

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

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