



Family Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to one of our Mid-day Assistants' husband who has handmade us a stunning exquisite wooden post box for our children to post their Christmas cards. It is extremely generous and the children love it! See photo below right.

We had a visit today from Mr Giles Watling, MP, who observed an assembly entitled "Be Internet Legends" which highlighted a number of areas linked to keeping safe online. Follow up work will now be completed in class over the next couple of weeks. Please do take the time to ask your child what they have learnt from the assembly, and help them to undertake any appropriate actions on their electronic devices to ensure their safety. See photo below left.

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Layer Marney Tower this week, and our Drama Club had a great time at Brentwood Theatre where they saw the production of King Arthur. Superb behaviour was displayed on both trips, and we are very proud in the way they represented the school. My thanks go out to all staff involved with the trips and also the two parents who accompanied Drama Club.

For anyone who missed the email from me this week with the letter attached; sadly, after much consideration, I will be leaving in April to relocate to Hampshire, where my family home is. I would like to say thank you for the kind comments and support I have received this week and rest assured, in the meantime, I will continue my hardest to ensure the best education and welfare is received for all the children here.

All children have been sent home with a letter and a reflector today; please help your child fix it to their coat and we look forward to seeing the children wear them from Monday.

This is the first Newsletter that we are sending by email; we hope you will find it more beneficial to receive it this way. A hard copy will continue to be available in reception together with being on display in the library window and our new Parent Communication board near the rear doors.

Next week, we look forward to the Year 3 & 4 Christmas Productions of 'We all love a Christmas Card'. They have all worked really hard and I am sure you will enjoy watching the performances. Sadly I will not be here for the Year 3 ones, due to attending my father's funeral, however, I shall be here for the Year 4 performance.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. **Mrs A. Syred-Paul - Headteacher**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3 Christmas Production - Wednesday 12th December 11am and 6pm - please see the office for tickets if you haven't already returned your slip.

Year 4 Christmas Production - Thursday 13th December 6pm - please see the office for tickets if you haven't already returned your slip.

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 19th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 20th December

Carols with the Salvation Army in the Playground - Thursday 20th December at 2.45pm

Last day of the Autumn Term - Friday 21st December 2018

First day of the Spring Term - Monday 7th January 2019

IMPORTANT DATES - CUT ME OUT AND STICK ME ON YOUR FRIDGE!

YEAR 3 & 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Please ensure children arrive back at school for the evening performances on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December at 5.30pm. They should come in via the front reception.

Thank you.

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child would like to receive music lessons from Essex Music Service within school, please contact the office and we can provide you with further information. The next block of lessons will begin in January.

RAFFLES

Raffle tickets are being sold again next week for the Christmas Chocolate Raffle, priced at 20p each.

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In addition, The Friends, Fundraisers & Supporters Association are selling Christmas paper chains. They will be named and put up in the hall as decorations; one will be selected at random before the end of term. This person will get a small prize.

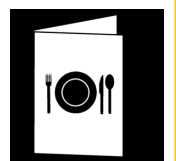
### **THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

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| Class 3B |  | 96.67% |
| Class 3N |                                                                                     | 93.00% |
| Class 3O |                                                                                     | 93.67% |
| Class 4K |                                                                                     | 94.67% |
| Class 4W |                                                                                     | 91.33% |
| Class 5C |                                                                                     | 90.33% |
| Class 5W |                                                                                     | 95.00% |
| Class 6H |                                                                                     | 96.67% |
| Class 6W |                                                                                     | 96.21% |

Top Classes this week: **3B & 6H** Well done!

### **MENU**

Next week, we will be on **Week 3** of the new Winter menu.



### **DINNER PRICE INCREASE**

With effect from January 2019, our new dinner price will be £2.00 a day. This is the first increase in at least 4 years; however unfortunately, due to the rising cost of supplies, a small increase is now unavoidable and brings us in line with other local schools.