

'Striving for Excellence'
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NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy and exciting November at school. We are now getting ready for the festive season. Included in the newsletter are some important dates for you to make note of.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Dack

PANTO

On Friday 15th December we will have panto in school. This year the children will be watching Aladdin. All the children will get to see the production. There will be two shows on the day. We are asking for a contribution of £3 per child which can be paid on Sims Agora or at the office.

YEAR 3 CHRISTINGLE

Our Year 3 pupils will be performing their Christingle on Monday 11th December at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall. There will be a collection at the end for our chosen Christmas Charity Farleigh Hospice.

BBC FILMING

On Tuesday 28th November the BBC came in to film some of our Mandarin lessons. 6T performed a traditional lion dance with a drum, cymbal and chopsticks band. They also demonstrated their favourite greeting song and lion dance chant. 5T demonstrated Calligraphy using traditional inks and brushes. Some pupils in 5T were also interviewed for BBC radio. The segment will be aired on Sunday 10th December on the Sunday Politics Show. The radio interviews will be aired on BBC Essex Breakfast Show on Friday 8th December. We will be given a link to the recordings so you may download it. We would also like to mention how complimentary the reporter and cameraman were of our pupils. They all behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 PRODUCTION

The production will be held next week and the children are getting really excited. We look forward to welcoming everybody and hope you enjoy the performance. Please note we have had to change the time of the Monday & Tuesday performance it will now start at 1.40pm. There will be a collection at the end of each performance this will go to our chosen Christmas Charity Farleigh Hospice.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 19th December, our last day of term, will be non uniform day and we ask that the children wear something Christmassy. Christmas jumpers, anything red or green or come along dressed as an elf, a Christmas fairy, Santa, a reindeer or a snowman! Do not forget to still provide your child with a coat on the day and suitable footwear for playtimes. We will have a very special guest coming to visit the children to give out some presents. We ask for a donation of £2 per child which may be paid on Sims Agora or to the office.

DECORATION DAY

Thank you to all the helpers who came into school on Decoration Day. It was a great way to kick start the festive season at school.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir performed at Mrs Salisbury's Tea Rooms Choir competition on Monday morning. They were all very festive in their Santa hats and performed really well. We had some Year 6 pupils play the clarinet and flute. Well done Mrs Bennett and all the children. Also thank you to the parents who helped walking the children to the High Street.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

A great day was had on the shopping trip to Bury St Edmunds. The Christmas Discos will take place on Thursday 7th December if your child would like to attend please pay on Sims Agora or pop into the office. It is £2 per child. **Please note this is a non uniform day.**

FUN SWIMS

It's Fun Swim week commencing 4th December. Your child will have already received their invitation. If you have not paid your child's swimming contribution, there is still time for you to pay.

WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome back Mrs Morris to our Foundation Stage, she is returning after her adoption leave.

SPORTS NEWS

MORNING SPORTS CLUBS

There are still some spaces for Dodgeball for Years 4 & 5 which is held on a Friday morning. Boxercise on Monday mornings for Years 5 & 6 there is 1 space available. If your child would like to attend please pick up an application form from the office.

Boxercise will also be holding a class on Wednesday mornings in January for Years 3 & 4 details will be sent home next week.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Basketball Team who played some amazing basketball and won the Colchester Finals. They have now progressed to the Essex Finals. We will let you know how they get on.

DODGEBALL

We had 2 teams compete at the Dodgeball Tournament. All the teams were mixed up with children from different schools. 1 team came in 1st place and the other came in 2nd place. Congratulations and well done to everybody.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Wentworth once again took part in the popular local Cross Country Competition at The Plume. We had 60 children take part in teams from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 teams came in 1st Place and our Year 6 team were in 2nd place. This means our Years 3, 4 & 5 will take part at the Colchester Finals in February.

BAD WEATHER CLOSURES

Hopefully we will not need to close the school for bad weather this year. In the event of very bad weather a text and email will be sent to all families to notify them we are closing on the day. We will send the text as soon as we know how many staff are able to get in to school. We need an optimum number of staff to be open. Please also refer to the school website: www.wentworth.essex.sch.uk where any closures will also be posted.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all the parents who came along to Parent Consultations this week. We hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work and how they are progressing this year. Also a big thank you to the catering team for holding the popular taster evenings.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are pleased to announce we raised £240 for this event. Thank you for your support.

POPPY APPEAL

At this stage we don't know our final total collected for the Poppy Appeal, we thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have 1 space in Foundation Stage and 3 spaces in Year 1. Please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for school spaces.

Dates for the remainder of 2017

Monday 4th—2pm, Tuesday 5th—2pm & Wednesday 6th December 9.30am—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances.

Thursday 7th December—PTA Christmas Disco—Non Uniform Day.

Wednesday 13th December— Christmas Dinners.

Monday 11th December—Year 3 Christingle Performance 2.40pm Viking Hall.

Friday 15th December—In School Panto Aladdin—£3 per child.

Tuesday 19th December—Santa Day Pupils to wear anything Christmassy which can include Christmas jumpers, anything red or green or come along dressed as an elf, a Christmas fairy, Santa, a reindeer or a snowman! Do not forget to still provide your child with a coat on the day and suitable footwear for playtimes.

Tuesday 19th December—Last Day of Term.

Wednesday 20th December—Inset Day .

Thursday 21st December to Monday 1st January—Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 2nd January 2018—Inset Day.

Wednesday 3rd January—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All KS2 assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall. Please come along and watch your child.

5HC—18th January 2018,

4S—25th January 2018,

4N—1st February 2018.

Please note dates are subject to change.