

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a very busy time of year with lots of events happening.

We hope you find this newsletter useful.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Dack

DECORATION DAY

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

FUN SWIMS

It is Fun Swim week commencing 3rd 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. Contributions are vital to ensure we keep the pool open. The expense of running this facility is vast so we rely heavily on your contributions. We are very lucky to have our own indoor swimming pool where our children swim all year round. It would be a shame if we were to lose it.

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 PRODUCTION

The 'Hey Ewe' performances are next week and the children are getting really excited. We look forward to welcoming everybody and hope you enjoy the performance. The Monday & Tuesday performance it will start at 2pm and Wednesday at 9.30am. There will be a collection at the end of each performance, this will go to our chosen Christmas Charity, Essex Air Ambulance.

YEAR 3 CHRISTINGLE

Our Year 3 pupils will be performing their Christingle on Friday 14th December at 2.30pm in the Viking Hall. There will be a collection at the end for Essex Air Ambulance our chosen Christmas Charity .

PANTO

On Monday 17th December we will have a pantomime in school. This year the children will be watching Cinderella. The whole school will get to see the productions. 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.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 18th 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 some special guests coming to visit the children to give out presents. The PTA ask for a donation of £2 per child which covers the cost of the gifts and also non uniform donation. This may be paid on Sims Agora or at the office.

BAD WEATHER CLOSURES

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

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We will be hosting Christmas Dinners on Wednesday 12th December, Roast Turkey and all the trimmings. If you wish your child to have dinner please pay in the usual way on Sims Agora or send money to the office in an envelope.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

The Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 7th December. As always this cannot be held without volunteers. If you can give up some of your time and help on the day it would be really appreciated. Please contact the school office or a member of the PTA. Thursday 13th December Christmas Discos, Foundation Stage & KS1 3.15pm 4.15pm and KS2 4.30pm—5.30pm. Payment can be made on Sims Agora.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Children will get the opportunity to walk around the bazaar from 1.30pm. They can bring some money in a named envelope or purse. We suggest no more than £3. The bazaar will open to parents at 2pm until 4pm.

Parents may pick their children up from 2pm from their class stall. All children must be collected from their class stall by 3.15pm. If you wish for your Year 6 child to walk home alone please inform their teacher and they will be allowed to leave at 3.15pm.

SPORTS NEWS

On Thursday 1st November some pupils took part in a festival at Thurstable school. There were lots of different activities target practice, obstacle course, curling & bowls. Everyone joined in and earned stickers for effort, respect & skills. Well done Scarlet, Isabella, Gracie, Teiya, Kelsie, Connor, Elaine & Betty.

Boys Football Tournament

Wentworth Year 5 & 6 boys took part in the Colchester Blackwater Finals on 8th November in Colchester. After playing 7 matches we won 2, drew 3 and lost 2. We came overall 5th in the competition. Well done Sam, Ben, Harry M, Billy, Riley, Harry P, Beau, Ronnie & Keane.

Girls Football Tournament

Our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in the Colchester football Finals at Thurstable School on 13th November. 13 schools took part and all the girls played well. In their group they won 3 and lost 2 matches which meant they progressed to the semi finals. Wentworth lost 1-0 so came in 4th place overall. Congratulations to all the girls who took part. Kathryn, Paige, Ruby, Melis, Jasmine, Abi, Florence, Beth & Katie.

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 £466 for this event. Thank you for your support.

POPPY APPEAL

We have raised over £800 this year. The most raised by any organisation in the area. The Royal British Legion have contacted us to thank us for all our fundraising efforts. To show their appreciation Councilor Mark Heard is coming into school to present a certificate to Mrs Dack and all the children.

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have spaces in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for school spaces.

Monday 3rd at 2pm, Tuesday 4th at 2pm & Wednesday 5th at 9.30am—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances.

Friday 7th December —Christmas Bazaar— Open to parents at 2pm.

Wednesday 12th December— Whole School Christmas Dinners—Please pay on Sims Agora in the usual way.

Thursday 13th December—PTA Christmas Discos—FS & KS1 3.15pm—4.15pm, KS2 4.30pm—5.30pm.

Friday 14th December—Year 3 Christingle Performance 2.30pm Viking Hall.

Monday 17th December— In School Pantomime—Cinderella.

Tuesday 18th December—**Santa Day** —Last Day of Term.

Wednesday 19th December—**Inset Day**

Thursday 20th December to Wednesday 2nd January—Christmas holidays.

Thursday 3rd January 2019—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

Please note dates are subject to change.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All KS2 assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall.

5HW—17th January, **4N**—24th January, **4P**—31st January, **3W**—7th February, **3F**— 7th March.