

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 3 NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have lots of events this half term and preparations for Christmas are underway. Thank you for all your positive comments about our recent Ofsted report. It's official, we are a good school!!

Kindest Regards

Mrs Dack

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/2019

The school term dates have been set for 2018/2019. This is now available to download on the school website and copies are also available from the office.

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.

SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The winning entries will have their photos turned into canvases and placed in the meeting rooms at the school house. They will also receive a miniature canvas of their photograph as a keepsake. Congratulations too Oliver Bannister, Annabel Jones, Isabelle Kemsley, Max Grimmett Isabelle & Mia Scott.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2018 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We will be holding parent tours on Tuesday 31st October, Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 9th November for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018 with birth dates from September 2013 to August 2014. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a visit. Please inform any neighbours or friends who may have pre-school children who are looking for a school place next year.

NEW DINNER MENU

The new school dinner menu began this week. The menu is available to download on the school website and copies are also available from the office.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The school will be supporting Children on Need on Friday 17th November 2017. It will be a non uniform day with the theme "When I Grow Up". We ask for a £1 minimum donation which will be split between the charity and the school.

HOW MANY DAYS OFF?

The impact absence has on your attendance

Attendance Levels

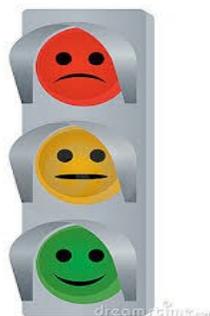
100% Attendance = 0 days off

95% Attendance = 10 days off

90% Attendance = 20 days off

85% Attendance = 30 days off

80% Attendance = 40 days off



Below 90% Unsatisfactory

91—95% Cause for concern

96—98% Good

99—100% Excellent

BABY NEWS

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Tompkins on the birth of her new Baby Girl Evie.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to thank everybody for their kind donations to our harvest festival. It was a fantastic response and the Maldon Food Pantry were most grateful.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

Thank you to Jo Waite who stepped down as Chairperson of the PTA at the recent AGM, and welcome to Julie Sollars who has taken up the position. The following events are organised for the Autumn Term. Adult only Race Night will take place on Friday 10th November at 7pm in the Viking Hall. Payment for this event may be made on Sims Agora. Christmas Bazaar 1st December and Children's Disco 7th December.

SPORTS NEWS

MALDON DISTRICT SPORTS AWARDS

Wentworth were shortlisted in the Best School or College category. The awards ceremony took place over the half term and we are delighted to announce that we won the category. Congratulations and well done to Miss Nicoll for all her hard work and of course the children who take part in all the competitions.

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 & 6 boys took part in a Football tournament at The Plume. After winning 2 matches and drawing 2 they came 2nd overall in the tournament. Well done to William Callow, Joshua Godfrey, Oscar Bassett, Arthur Shadforth, Ben Thomas, Ronnie Gatward, Jack Fowler, Beau Barry & Sam Shaw.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in a Football tournaments on the 5th October. The girls played really well considering none of them play football outside of school. They came 3rd overall in the tournament. Congratulations to Ruby Schelvis, Kathryn Black, Abi Gosshawk, Melis Pavett, Ruby James, Sienna Reece-Ford, Paige Parmenter, Chloe Jones, Hollie Heard & Ruby McKay.

TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We had teams from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 take part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Drapers Farm on Friday 6th October. Our Year 3 & 4 team played well and returned with a trophy for school. Our Year 5 & 6 team returned with a medal each and a trophy for school. Congratulations Bryn Taylor, Florence Parker, Beth Foster, Ted Shorney, Jedd Harris, Edward Cammack, Faizah Anibaba, Katie Middleton, Billy Boom, Adam Little, Kathryn Black, Oscar Bassett, George Schelvis, Chloe Jones, Melis Pavett, Harry Marshall, Eli Ashkettle, Charlie Seager & Hollie Heard.

NEW MORNING SPORTS CLUBS

We have some new and exciting morning clubs starting this term. On Fridays we have Dodgeball for Years 4 & 5 and on Mondays we have Boxercise for Years 5 & 6. There are only spaces available for Dodgeball at the moment. If your child would like to attend please pick up an application form from the office.

MASTERY HOMEWORK

Thank you to all parents and family members who have supported your child with their recent Mastery Homework on time. We had a few time pieces made, excellent power point presentations and even food to sample. The children are developing very good presentation skills. Well done everyone!

YEAR 6 SATS INFORMATION MEETING

There will a meeting held on Wednesday 8th November at 6pm for all Year 6 parents and children to attend. Details of the meeting will be sent home this week.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th November 2017. You will receive a booking form this week. Please return by 8th November 2017.

CITIZEN OF THE TERM

The following pupils have been awarded Citizen of the Term by their classmates and teacher. This is for being a good role model to others and excelling over the last term. 6S—Callum McCarthy, 6T—Chloe Jones, 5HC—Belle Pollard, 5T—Ruby James, 4N—Daisy Pratt, 4S—Ceres Halls, 3E—Jedd Harris, 3S—Breeya Balaam, 2A—Mia Sheen, 2P—Florence Patient, 1H—Owen Elderton, 1S—Frank Church, F1—Arthur Patient & F2—Benjamin Pinborough.

FOOD TECH AWARDS

Mrs Brown has awarded the following pupils certificates for their attitude and knowledge during lessons and their improvement on skills. **6S**—Eli Ashkettle, George Schelvis, Megan Thorn, Malika Salah, Lily McCarthy & Holly Humphris, **6T**—Isabella Dennis, Charlie Seager, Sarah Sanchez, Chloe Jones, Isla Kennedy-Pinn, Mia Pemble, **4N**— Abigail Closs, Archie Kramer, Genevieve Poston, Sumer Wiseman, Stanley Shires, Jack Wells, **4S**—Hannah Garrod, Isabelle Scott, Kaylee Spencer, Freddie Waite, Preston Wheeler & Faizah Anibaba. Well done everybody.

STAFF CHANGES

KS1

At the end of November Mrs Morris will be returning to F1 from adoption leave. We would like to thank Miss Williams for all her hard work since September.

KS2

In February & March Mrs Tinsley (5T) and Mrs Edwards (3E) will be beginning their respective maternity leaves. Mrs Henson Webb will be covering class 5T and Miss Williams will be covering class 3E until the end of the summer term. I am sure you will join me in wishing both teachers a happy and healthy pregnancy.

Tuesday 31st October— Prospective new parent school tour—2pm—3pm.

Wednesday 1st November—Prospective new parent school tour—9.15am—10.15am.

Wednesday 8th November—Year 4 Class 4S—Trip to Anglia Water Education Centre.

Wednesday 8th November— Year 6 SAT'S meeting with parents & pupils in the Viking Hall at 6pm. Details to follow from the class teachers.

Thursday 9th November—Prospective new parent school tour—9.15am—10.15am.

Friday 10th November—Year 4 Class 4N—Trip to Anglia Water Education Centre.

Friday 10th November—PTA Race Night—7pm Viking Hall.

Wednesday 15th November—Year 6 Museum of Power Trip—Details to follow.

Friday 17th November—Children in Need— £1 donation for non uniform day.

Friday 24th November—Decoration Day Parent volunteers welcome. £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources. Details to follow.

Saturday 25th November—PTA Shopping Trip to Bury St Edmunds.

Wednesday 29th November—Year 5 Trojan Horse Workshop—Details to follow.

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November 3.30 to 5.20pm and 6 to 7pm—Parent Consultations details to follow from the class teachers. School meal taster session in Viking Hall.

Friday 1st December at 2pm—Christmas Bazaar Details to follow from the PTA.

Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances – Details to follow.

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

Wednesday 13th December— Christmas Dinners - Details to follow.

Thursday 14th December—Year 3 Christingle Performance—Details to follow.

Friday 15th December—In School Panto Aladdin—Details to follow.

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.

Please note dates are subject to change.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

6S—9th November 2017,

5T—16th November 2017,

6T—23rd November 2017,

5HC—18th January 2018,

4S—25th January 2018,

4N—1st February 2018.