

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the last few weeks of the Autumn term. There are many exciting events planned for the pupils, details of which can be found on the newsletter. Thank you for your ongoing support over these unprecedented times.

Mrs Dack

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all the parents who attended the online Parent Consultations last week. As this is the first time we have used this system we are pleased to announce everything went without a hitch. Thank you for your assistance and patience.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

As you are aware the PTA have had to cancel a number of events including the Xmas Bazaar. They have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to try and come up with new and exciting ideas, to help raise funds for the school and the children to still have fun. These have included film night in class bubbles, Christmas card project, smartie tube challenge and a virtual quiz night. Together these events raised £2030.00 we would like to thank you so much for your support.

In addition to the Christmas tree decoration competition the PTA are excited to announce the traditional Christmas raffle tickets will go on sale next week. The children will be bringing them home on Monday 30th November so please do let friends and family know. We have so many amazing prizes all kindly donated by the local community. After a very challenging year it's great to support our local businesses.

Prizes include: £50 cash, £50 co-op voucher, A Deluxe hamper from Morrison's x 2, Plus over 40 other great prizes.

In addition tickets for a children's raffle will be on sale in classrooms from 7th to 11th December with over 100 fantastic prizes to be won.

Both draws will take place on the 14th December

Good luck everyone and thank you again for supporting the PTA and helping us raise funds to give back to the school and help enrich the children's education.

DECORATION DAY

Decoration day will take place on Friday 4th December. Due to restrictions we are unable to have helpers this year. We can assure you the children will still have a lovely day. We are asking for a donation of £2 to contribute towards this event. Payment can be made on Sims Pay.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We will be hosting Christmas Dinners on Wednesday 9th December, Roast Turkey and all the trimmings, crackers & music. If you wish your child to have dinner please pay in the usual way on Sims. Dinners at £2.30 for KS2 pupils.

FS & KS1 NATIVITY DAY

On Friday 11th December pupils in FS and KS1 can come to school dressed in nativity costumes. The teachers will arrange activities and perform the Christmas Story in tableaux. Pictures will be uploaded to ItsLearning for you to view.

KS2 SANTA DASH

KS2 children will be taking part in a Santa Dash on Friday 11th December. We are asking that children in KS2 come to school in their outdoor PE kit and can wear a Santa hat or Christmas jumper. Details have been sent home.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 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. 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 Pay.

FUN SWIMS

It is Fun Swim week commencing 7th 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.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

Panto this year will be Goldilocks And The Three Bears. The children will watch in their class bubbles. It will be shown on the big screen in the Viking and Mill Hall over the last week of term. We are requesting a contribution of £1 per child to go towards the cost of the event.

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, the school will email parents and also put notifications on the School Website, Parent App and Facebook. You can also use the following link to the ECC schools closure notification page : <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/dates/pages/emergency-school-closures.aspx> where any closures will also be posted.

Friday 4th December—Decoration Day £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources.

Tuesday 8th December—Whole School Flu Immunisation.

Wednesday 9th December—Christmas Dinner Day.

Thursday 10th December—Year 3 Viking Day in school.

Friday 11th December— FS & KS1 Nativity Day.

Friday 11th December—KS2 Santa Dash—KS2 children to wear a Santa hat or Christmas jumper and outdoor PE kit.

Week Commencing Monday 14th December— Goldilocks & The Three Bears Panto £1 contribution requested to support the cost.

Friday 18th December—Santa Day **Friday 18th December**—Last Day of Term. Non uniform day.

Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021—Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January 2021—Inset Day.

Tuesday 5th January 2021—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

Please note due to ongoing government restrictions events may be moved online, dates and times are also subject to change.