

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support to date this term with fund raising and Covid related restrictions. Adults and visitors in school are now wearing face coverings and testing regularly. This month we have started to introduce parents and visitors coming into school with masks, lateral flow tests and social distancing. We are being cautious as pupils and staff are still catching the virus. For a few weeks this term we had over 12% of pupils off school and many staff. This makes the school day very challenging and can limit learning experiences. During our recent new intake tours we received some excellent feedback.

"I knew you were a good school but not how good".

"I was very impressed with the calm atmosphere and environment. Not all schools we have visited were like this!"

"The children are so polite and they speak with such confidence".

"Pupils clearly enjoy school".

"What lovely facilities you have, a swimming pool, computer suite, pond and wild life area" .

As Headteacher at Wentworth I was so pleased to hear the comments from the perspective parents. Well done Wentworth, pupils and staff.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Christmas.
Mrs Dack

PTA

A massive thank you to our PTA who has organised so many events this term for adults and pupils. The play equipment they have purchased for us to use at lunchtime is amazing: We have, 4 giant connect 4s, pogo sticks, skipping ropes, chinks, board games, musical instruments and much more. We are looking forward to our new Library furniture next year.

DECORATION DAY

Decoration day will take place on Friday 3rd 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 Pay 360. Please wear school uniform or PE kit.

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR

Monday 6th—Wednesday 8th December at 3.15pm in the Millenium Hall. Entry will be limited and adults entering the school will need to wear a mask. Please bring cash!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 17th 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 Pay 360.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We will be hosting Christmas Dinners on Wednesday 8th December, Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, crackers & music. (Please note there will be no jacket potato option on this day). If you wish your child to have a dinner please can we ask you register on Pay 360 so we are aware of numbers for the day. Christmas dinner is free for Foundation, Year 1 and 2. For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the Christmas dinner is normal price of £2.30.

FS & YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 NATIVITY DAY

On Wednesday 15th December pupils in FS and year 1 and year 2 can come to school dressed in nativity costumes. There will be lots of activities and fun celebrating the nativity.

FUN SWIMS

It is Fun Swim week commencing 6th 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.

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.

Our aim is to move to remote learning on the second day of closure if required. For the first day there will be work, timetables etc on Itslearning.

3rd Dec	Decoration Day (Children to wear school uniform or PE kit)
6th—8th Dec	Christmas book fair - 3.15pm Millenium Hall
8th Dec	Christmas Dinners
9th Dec	Christmas Fete Pupils only (Non Uniform Day. Please donate on Pay 360)
10th Dec	Year 3 Carol Service—2.15pm Outside
14th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Performance—Millenium Hall Tue 14th Dec – 9.30 and 2pm, one ticket per family. Please book online.
15th Dec	Foundation and KS1 Nativity Day. Children in Foundation and KS1 can come to school dressed in nativity costumes.
17th Dec	Santa Day Christmas themed non uniform day. £2.00 per child includes a present.
17th Dec	PTA Christmas Raffle takes place
20th Dec to 4th Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
	SPRING TERM 2022
4th Jan	Inset Day
5th Jan	Pupils back to school
21st Jan	PTA Bingo night
3rd Feb	PTA Film afternoon in classes
14th – 18th Feb	HALF TERM

STAFF MOVES

We are sad to say goodbye to the following members of staff. Mrs Smith is retiring after 20 years and Mrs Batterbee after 14 years to look after their grandchildren. Mrs Jones is retiring from teaching. We thank them all for their contribution to make Wentworth an excellent school learning environment.

Mrs Batterbee's play therapy will be taken over by Mrs Rayner.

Mrs Smith we will be using an ICT Educational Company to support the school.

Mrs Jones language subject leadership will be taken over by Mrs Edwards.