

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 4 DECEMBER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

There are lots of exciting events leading up to the end of term. The details of which can be found in this newsletter. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and healthy 2020.

Mrs Dack

FUN SWIMS

It is Fun Swim week commencing 9th 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised £528.35 for Children in Need and donated this to the BBC One Show Rickshaw Challenge as The Hunter Foundation pledged to give 40p for every £1 donated. Which means our donations was raised to £739.69. Thank you everybody for your support.

FOUNDATION STAGE & KS1 PRODUCTION

'The Midwife Crisis' performances are next week and the children are getting really excited. We look forward to welcoming everybody and hope you enjoy the show. The Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th performance it will start at 2pm and Thursday 5th at 9.30am. There will be a collection at the end of each performance, this will go to our chosen Christmas Charity, Helen Rollason Cancer .

YEAR 3 CHRISTINGLE

Our Year 3 pupils will be performing their Christingle on Friday 13th December at 2.30pm in the Viking Hall. There will be a collection at the end for Helen Rollason Cancer our chosen Christmas Charity .

PANTO

On Monday 16th December we will have a pantomime in school. This year the children will be watching Jack & The Beanstalk. 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 Pay or at the office.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 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. 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 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, 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.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everybody who supported this year's poppy appeal. We have not been given a final total to date, but will let you all know as soon as we are notified.

XMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

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 and are free to enjoy the bazaar. 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

We will be hosting Christmas Dinners on Wednesday 11th 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 Pay or send money to the office in an envelope. Please note we will not be serving Jacket Potato on this day.

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.

XMAS BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be running in the Mill Hall after school on Thursday 5th, at the Xmas Bazaar on Friday 6th and after school Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

These are the PTA events until the end of term, Friday 6th December Xmas Bazaar, Saturday 7th December Tesco Bag Packing and Christmas Discos are on Thursday 12th December. Details of all these events are available at the office, or may be booked or paid for on Sims Pay. The first Spring Term event is Film Night 6th February.

Saturday 30th November—PTA Xmas Shopping Trip London.

Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th December—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances.

Thursday 5th December—Book Fair Mill Hall from 3.30pm.

Friday 6th December—Book Fair Mill Hall 2pm—4pm.

Friday 6th December at 2pm—Christmas Bazaar 2pm—4pm.

Saturday 7th December—PTA Tesco Bag Packing Event 2pm—4pm.

Monday 9th December—Book Fair Mill Hall from 3.30pm.

Tuesday 10th December—Book Fair Mill Hall from 3.30pm.

Wednesday 11th December— Christmas Dinners.

Thursday 12th December—PTA Christmas Discos.

Friday 13th December—Year 3 Christingle Performance.

Monday 16th December— In School Pantomime— Jack and the Beanstalk.

Thursday 19th December—Santa Day & Last Day of Term.

Friday 20th December to Friday 3rd January 2020—Christmas holidays.

Monday 6th January 2020—Inset Day.

Tuesday 7th January 2020—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

KS2 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All KS2 assemblies are held in The Viking Hall and start at 2.40pm. Please come along.

5HW—16th January.

4S—23rd January, **4P**—30th January.

3N—13th February, **3P**—5th March.