



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018

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DIARY DATES

WED 12TH DEC, 9.15 -10.15AM
Christmas Story Time

THU 13TH DEC, 5PM
Carols on the Green

FRI 14TH DEC
Christmas Jumper Day

FRI 14TH DEC, 9.30AM
EYFS Christmas Production:
"Twas the Night Before
Christmas!"

[Dates and events are also published on our website.](#)

SCHOOL MEALS

Next week's menu will be
[Week 1 – click for details.](#)

SHOOTING STARS!

OLIVIA for being so amazing as the curious sheep in the performances of Hey Ewe!
EMILY L for her beautiful angel dancing!



GREGOR for fantastic reading & good comprehension skills!
FLYNN for always keeping his table nice & tidy & for helping others!



CASEY for working hard in Maths!
YUSUF for working hard on writing sentences!



JESS for using time connectives in her recount!
NATALIA for using the working walls in the classroom!



CHARLOTTE for writing your name! Well done for great perseverance!



JESSICA L for brilliant acting in our Christmas show!



BETSY for being so kind & helpful to others!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

At the time of writing we are excited about the Christmas Fayre and looking forward to seeing you all there. My thanks go in advance to our WISPA Chairs Liz Morris and Chantelle Mangion, as well as the rest of the WISPA committee and parents who have worked so hard to make the Fayre happen.

We've had a wonderful week, with two magnificent performances of "Hey Ewe!" by our Year 1 & 2 children. Thank you to all the family and friends who came along and to our staff who have worked so hard to achieve the very best from the children. Money raised from ticket sales will go towards our Health & Happiness Hub and we are also holding collections for two charities that are important to us – SADS UK and The Alzheimer's Society. SADS UK provided our defibrillator, which is now installed by the front door of our school, in a locked cabinet. If you require the code while the school is in session, please alert the office. Outside of school hours, dial 999 and the emergency services will give you the code.



We've had lots of visitors this week! Many thanks to Mr Rothstein who talked to Year Two about the Jewish festival of Chanukah and to Mr Coffey for delivering a memorable science lesson to Year One. We would also like to thank Mark from Bartlett Tree Experts, who talked to the children about the importance of trees on Monday and worked with them to plant saplings around the school. The children loved it! We look forward to watching the trees grow, providing a natural screen for our EYFS garden and our Forest Schools area.

Speaking of trees, our entry for the Writtle Christmas Tree Festival is ready! Named "100 Years Ago", it follows our recent commemoration of the end of World War 1. Do go along to All Saints Church this weekend and vote for us! My thanks go to Mrs Fisk and Mrs Clarke for decorating the tree.



Next Wednesday morning we have Christmas Story Time for all year groups, while on Thursday evening we have Carols on the Green at 5pm. Do join us for this annual community event. The children will be called when it is their turn to sing – we do ask that you stay with your child and supervise them closely at all times as it is not a school event and it will be very dark on the village green. Wellies and a torch are recommended and dogs must be kept on a lead. On Friday it is Foundation Stage's turn to give their Christmas performance. This is also Christmas Jumper Day, where children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top in exchange for a small donation to Save the Children.

Thanks very much to the many of you who took the time to fill out our questionnaire. The results are attached and I have contacted some parents separately just to clarify points raised. The staff are very appreciative of such kind comments.

I look forward to seeing you all later at the Fayre!

YEAR TWO NEWS

We have continued to look at life 100 years ago. The children have been interested to compare homes, clothes, food and toys now and then. In Maths, we have begun a new unit

ALEX for always helping with the tidying & washing up!

COMMUNITY LINKS

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at All Saints' Church on Sunday 16th December, 9.30am. More details of this and other Christmas services are available on their [website](#).

4-19 HEALTH DROP IN SESSIONS at 2 locations:
Chelmsford West Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, CM1 2AQ (next to Kings Road Primary School), 3pm- 4pm every other Monday: 17th Dec.
 Alternatively at **The School House (opposite Moulsham Jnr School)**, Princes Road, CM2 9DG, 3.15pm- 4.15pm every other Wednesday: 12th Dec.

on multiplication. The children have been looking at equal groups. Our thanks go to Mr Rothstein who kindly came into school to tell the children about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. We have also looked at the Christian festival of Advent. We spent lots of time preparing our Christmas play "Hey Ewe!" Thanks to all parents and family members who attended, we hope you were just as proud of your children as we are! On Thursday afternoon we will sing some of the songs to the Link Club and again at Carols on the Green.

[Home learning and spellings for this week](#) are published on our website.

YEAR ONE NEWS

The Year One children wrote recounts of their weekends and were asked to try and use time connectives such as: first, last, next, then, after that, after a while. They also completed reading comprehensions which required them to use the skills of prediction, inference, retrieval, vocabulary and sequencing. In Maths the children continued to develop their subtraction skills and at the end of the week carried out a maths assessment. In the afternoons they used the laptops to write sentences and draw Christmas pictures. They also used a green screen app on the iPad when making their Christmas cards!

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

We're feeling very festive indeed, after a full week of rehearsals and watching the brilliant KS1 show "Hey Ewe!" We started the week with a visit from "the tree man" who told us all about how long trees live for - longer than us believe it or not! We then got to plant our own saplings in the garden. We've also loved making decorations in the classroom and were extremely excited to have a special little Santa's helper in the classroom on Thursday morning.... To finish off a great week, we are very excited about going to the school Christmas Fayre today, looking at the stalls and seeing Father Christmas!

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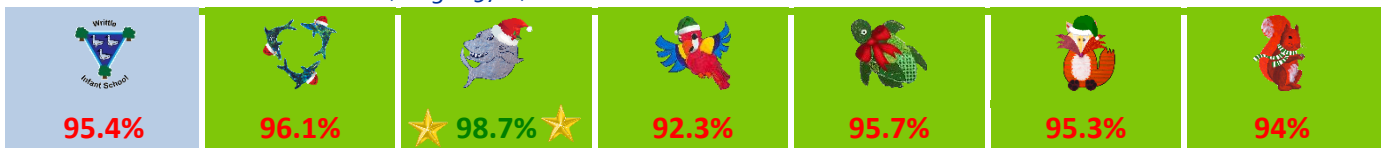
WISPA UPDATE

Thank you so much for all your donations for the Fayre! We look forward to welcoming you later today. Please check yesterday's ParentMail for all the important details you need to know about the Fayre!

NOTICES

- ★ Please remember to [submit your primary school application online](#) if your child is due to start school or move up to Year 3 next September.
- ★ Despite several messages, children were still left for clubs this week. **All clubs have now finished until the New Year.** Please **sign up for next term's clubs by Friday 14th December.**
- ★ We invite you to sign the **petition in our foyer to oppose the closure of our village library.** Parents and residents are having a peaceful protest outside the library this Saturday between 10.30 and 12.30.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK (Target 97%)



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