



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018

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DIARY DATES

MON 17TH DEC, PM

Christmas parties in class

MON 17TH DEC, 5.30PM

Big Sing Concert, Christ Church, New London Road (performance begins at 7pm)

TUE 18TH DEC, 2PM

Cinderella pantomime performed by the Rainbow Theatre Company

WED 19TH DEC

Christmas Lunch

WED 19TH DEC, 3.10PM

School closes for the Christmas holidays

MON 7TH JAN, 8.45AM

Children return to school

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

SCHOOL MEALS

Next week's menu will be [Week 2 – click for details](#). A traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday.

SHOOTING STARS!

MOLLY for always trying her best & for being kind & helpful!



MATTHEW for fantastically fluent & expressive reading!

CONNOR for really taking care over his Maths work & not rushing!



JOSHUA for trying really hard in his reading!

ALBIE for working hard in Phonics!



OLIVER for great Maths work!

LUCIA for applying phonics patterns to her reading!



TYSON for working hard to use initial sounds!

LEO for knowing all the dance moves to our Snowman dance!



MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

As we come to the end of another term, my thanks go to our entire team for giving their very best to the school. Our teachers and LSAs are totally dedicated to making a difference to our children. The office team work tirelessly to keep the school running smoothly, looking after children and supporting our families, while our site manager Mr Turner keeps everything looking lovely. We are also grateful to the governors who support our school and challenge us in our practice. Thank you to parents for working so well with us and to WISPA for all their hard work at events this term. In particular I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Christmas Fayre such a success. Last but not least, my thanks go to our wonderful children who have showcased their many talents over the past couple of weeks and contributed to another successful term. I have updated our [School Improvement Plan](#), which reflects just some of the initiatives we have implemented this term.

We are delighted to inform you that our entry to the Wittle Christmas Tree Festival won the young person's category! My thanks go to all the staff involved, in particular Mrs Fisk and Mrs Clarke.

We loved the Foundation Stage performance of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" today! It is amazing how the children's confidence has grown during their first term with us and we are so proud of them. We have hugely appreciated your support at our Christmas performances over the last two weeks. We raised £860 for our Health & Happiness Hub through ticket sales and further donations, as well as £325 to split evenly between our chosen charities, SADS UK and The Alzheimer's Society. We also raised £112 for Save the Children from your donations to our Christmas Jumper Day today. Thank you so much, we really are overwhelmed by your generosity.

The term will finish in true festive spirit with the class parties on Monday (including a very special guest!), the panto on Tuesday and Christmas dinner on Wednesday. Thank you to WISPA for funding the pantomime, we know from previous years how much the children enjoy it! We also have the Big Sing concert on Monday. Tickets and final arrangements have been sent home this week. Children break up on Wednesday 19th December and return to school on Monday 7th January. Please note the school office will not be manned on 3rd and 4th January as the staff are all in training. The next newsletter will be on 11th January 2019.



I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

YEAR TWO NEWS

This week has been full of Christmas cheer! It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents sharing stories with their children or grandchildren during Christmas Story Time. We have been exploring the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have done this practically making equal groups, using repeated addition, number lines, arrays and multiplication number sentences. We used Predicting Pip to improve reading comprehension skills. Year 2 visited the Link Club Christmas Party on Thursday to perform some Christmas songs and give Christmas greetings to the elderly in Wittle.

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

SAMUEL M for doing so well with your Phase 3 sounds! Brilliant!

GRACE for putting so much effort & enthusiasm into everything we do!



EVELYN for being an honest & kind friend to others!

COMMUNITY LINKS



HOW IS YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

Wednesday 16th January 2019
7-9pm at Chelmsford Adult Community Learning Centre, Beeches Close, Chelmsford CM1 2SB. An opportunity to discuss concerns and worries you may have in this FREE workshop to help you understand how to support your child / teenager

- to help understand anxiety and emotional wellbeing in children,
- how to develop emotional intelligence/social and emotional resilience
- Find out what services/support is available locally/nationally

To book your place or for more information please contact Sarah on 03330 320903, or leave your name and number at 03330 321597.

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.

YEAR ONE NEWS

This week has been very Christmassy! The children have made Christmas cards and carried out various art and craft activities including sewing their own book mark. In Maths they continued to develop their subtraction skills using a number line. In English the children had a lovely time sharing Christmas stories on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you! The children also thought about their senses and worked together to record things they might see, hear, smell, touch and taste at Christmas. They also practised the alphabet and tried to come up with a word associated with Christmas for each letter. Later in the week they tried to write the story of Raymond Briggs' The Snowman.

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

Wow! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas concert! The children were amazing, we are so proud of them. Thank you for all your help with the costumes. As you can imagine this took a lot of practice, so we haven't been able to check children's words and sounds this week. Please keep going over their old words and sounds and if you want to try the next set that is in your child's folder please do. We are sending PE bags home today with the costumes. Please label all PE clothing as next term we will be getting the children changed for PE. Please also write their names in vests and shoes as these tend to go walk about!

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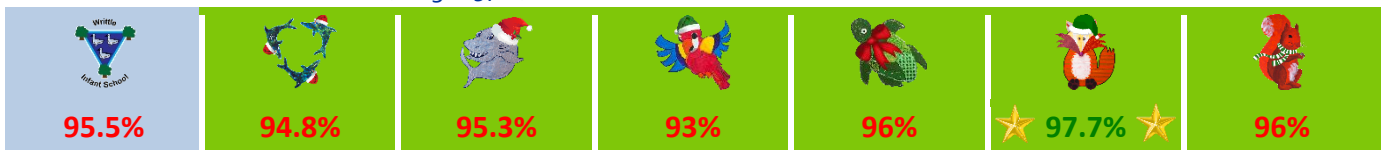
WISPA UPDATE

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre last Friday, we hope you all had fun! A full breakdown of figures will be available next week, but we have raised well over £2,000 for the school this term so thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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. The deadline is 15th January 2019.
- ★ **The Duckling Nursery will be closed on Wednesday 19th December.** Please ensure you have made alternative childcare arrangements.
- ★ **Please check the Lost Property box!** Any unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of term.
- ★ **Clubs resume in the first week of the New Year, except Basketball and Family Yoga** which start in the week commencing 14th January.
- ★ We invite you to sign the [petition in our foyer to oppose the closure of our village library](#).

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK (Target 97%)



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