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DIARY DATES

No clubs running next week.

THU 5[™] DEC, 9.30AM KS1 Christmas Performance

FRI 6TH DEC

WISPA Dress Down Day – please donate cakes & bottles

FRI 6[™] DEC, 9.30AM KS1 Christmas Performance

FRI 6[™] DEC, 3.10 – 4.30PM WISPA Christmas Fayre

TUE 10TH DEC, AM Christmas Storytime

THU 12[™] DEC, 9.30AM EYFS Christmas Performance

THU 12TH DEC, 5PM Carols on the Green

FRI 13TH DEC Christmas Jumper Day

FRI 13TH DEC, 3.15 - 4.15PM Final Football Club session

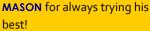
SCHOOL LUNCH

Next week's lunch menu will be Week 2 – details here.

SHOOTING STARS!

enthusiasm in school!

MASON for always tryi



VINNIE for doing well with his action words!



FAITH for knowing some lovely polar bear facts!

IRIS for using exclamation marks & question marks correctly!

ABIGAIL T for being an excellent role model for good behaviour!

MESSAGE FROM MRS CASTELL

It certainly feels as if Christmas has started! We had a very successful Christmas Decoration Day. Thank you for all of your support. Our entry for the Writtle Christmas Tree Festival, "A Mindful Christmas" is now in the church, adorned with decorations made by the children. Please go along this weekend and vote for us! The festival is open tomorrow and Sunday at All Saints' Church Writtle. My thanks go to Mrs Fisk for preparing the tree so beautifully.

Many thanks for all your donations today for next Friday's Christmas Fayre. Please consider how you can help at the Fayre. We want to have as many stalls as possible open but this depends on how much help we have. Any help setting up or clearing away, even for half an hour, would be



wonderful. Every penny we raise goes towards the extra things that the children really appreciate in school.

We are looking forward to the Year 1 and 2 Christmas performances next Thursday and Friday morning. Rehearsals for "I'm Gonna Shine" are in full swing and the children can't wait to perform for you all! The Foundation Stage Christmas performance will be on Thursday 12th December. Carols on the Green is the same afternoon at 5pm. This is a public event run by the Parish Council so the children will be under your supervision. Both the infant and junior school will be singing songs under the Christmas tree, with mince pies and treats for the children served afterwards.

Please note that with one exception, Football club on 13th December, all clubs have finished for the term. Please ensure that you have made appropriate childcare arrangements so that we do not have to supervise children at the end of the day – at this time of year our staff are extremely busy. Sadly Mrs Theodosiades is unwell and will be off for the rest of this term. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please remember to <u>apply for your child's place in Year 3</u> if you haven't already done so. Applications close on 15th January 2020.

Have a relaxing weekend. Enjoy the Christmas Tree Festival!

YEAR 2 NEWS

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Decoration Day! The festive season has well and truly begun! All of the decorations will be sent home at the end of the term. Many of them can be seen this weekend at the Christmas Tree Festival in All Saints Church. We have also had a very busy week in school preparing for next week's Christmas production. The children have enjoyed studying the Ice Bear text in great depth. They have learnt how to do choral and echo reading (reading in unison and reading stamina). We've developed our vocabulary and considered why the author has used the words in the text and thought about the verbs used. Everyone enjoyed acting out the polar bear's actions. Ask your children to tell you an interesting fact that they have learnt from the text. They are becoming Polar experts. Our

CHARLOTTE for a lovely retelling of Pumpkin Soup! **LOUIE** for great subtraction work!

OLIVIA P for her creative ideas when making things! **LINCOLN** for a wonderful Helicopter Story about the Nativity!

EVELYN for always working hard & for learning all the words & actions for our Christmas show! **GEORGIA** for becoming much more confident at school & taking photos on **Decoration Day!**

READERS OF THE WEEK!

GRACE, LILY HA, LUCY G, LEO, SYLVIA ST, NUALA

LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

BOBBY. CHLOE, BETSY, ROSIE W, FLORENCE, MICHAEL

COMMUNITY LINKS

FREE NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS Wednesdays 10-11am @ Chelmsford Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH. Call 0300 247 0014 (opt 2) for more info or to book a space.

work on money this week has included finding totals and finding change. The children were able to apply addition and subtraction calculation strategies in a different context.

Home learning and spellings are published on our website.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Thank you so much to the parents that attended Christmas Decoration morning! It was lovely seeing you all with your marvellous creations, they looked amazing! Key Stage 1 are all sounding great during rehearsals for our Christmas Show as well, we cannot wait for you to watch our performance next week! This week has been very busy! As well as rehearsing, we have focussed on using question marks and exclamation marks during English this week, while writing speech and thought bubbles. We have also been learning different ways to subtract numbers to find what is left!

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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

Thank you to all of you who came to 'Decoration Day' on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed making all the decorations and the cards with you. We still keep finding glitter everywhere! The things they made will come home at the end of term. We have been busy practising for our Christmas concert and singing the songs at every opportunity. We sent letters home yesterday about costumes for the concert, Mrs Fisk did find some on the floor even though they had been put in book bags! So on the 11th and 12th of December we have asked that the children come to school in their PJs or onesies and wear them all day. Have a lovely weekend. This week's Tapestry Challenge is published on our website.

NOTICES



- Please sign up for Co-op membership and support our Health & Happiness Hub! Just visit https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/37812. Thank you.
- Our Songs That Make Us Smile CDs are still available! Priced at £6 each or 2 for £10, profits go to our Health & Happiness Hub fund. Please collect your copy from the office.
- If you have any Books for Schools tokens from The Sun newspaper, please drop them into the office. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE (Target 97%)





















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