




WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

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DIARY DATES

MON 16TH DEC, PM

Christmas parties in class

TUE 17TH DEC, PM

Christmas pantomime

THU 19TH DEC

Christmas lunch

THU 19TH DEC, 3.10PM

School closes for Christmas holidays

MON 6TH JAN, 8.45AM

Children return to school

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

SHOOTING STARS!

EMILIA for marvellous multiplication!



LACEY for always trying her best!

CASEY for super speedy Maths work!



VINNIE for a great presentation on polar bears!

CASPER for a fantastic job writing his own Christmas acrostic!



HARRY for excellent questions during guided reading!

SYLVIA for a well written Christmas poem!



LEO for good 3D shape work!

ALL OF FOXES for putting on a wonderful Christmas show and singing so well!



ALL OF SQUIRRELS for super singing & during our Christmas show!



MESSAGE FROM MS CASTELL

Thank you all for supporting our Christmas Fayre last Friday, which raised £1350. My thanks go to the WISPA committee and everyone who helped make it such a success. Yesterday we saw Foundation Stage's wonderful performance of Helicopter Bedtime Stories. The children have grown in confidence this term and performed so beautifully. My thanks go to the whole team for their hard work and dedication to our Foxes and Squirrels. Your donations to Macmillan raised £250 over the three Christmas performances. It is a charity close to our hearts as many of us know people who have been affected by cancer this year. I was talking to a close friend whose wife died recently, who knows first hand the endless support that Macmillan gives. We also raised £112.30 for Save the Children today, and saw a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers!!

I have noticed how many children are coming in late - please everyone make a real effort to ensure that children are in by 8.55am as we start a new term.

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. 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. I am lucky to spend time teaching in all classes and their progress in a term is clear to see.

Christmas continues next week in earnest with parties, the pantomime (many thanks again to WISPA for their funding) and the school Christmas dinner. Next term we offer opportunities for you to share a dinner with your child, please see the website for details.

Please don't forget to [apply for your child's place at primary school or going up to Year 3](#) if you haven't already done so. Applications close on 15th January 2020.

We break up on Thursday 19th December and return on January 6th. This will be the last newsletter of the term and indeed 2019, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and new year and thank you for your support during this term.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have started a new maths unit on Multiplication. The children have learnt different strategies for making and adding equal groups, including repeated addition and learning how to use the multiplication symbol. We have been focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and 3s and 4s as a challenge. They have all made an impressive and encouraging start and we will complete the unit next week. Our Ice Bear text has captured the children's imagination and interest in all things polar! The children had the opportunity to reflect on the text and share what they had they learnt about polar bears.

Thanks to Mr Rothstein for coming into school to tell the children about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and how it is celebrated. The children also made Hanukkah cards which will be delivered to the Jewish community.

READERS OF THE WEEK!

THEO, RIHANNA-JANE, LUKE M, HUGO, LUCA, CHARLIE T-B

LISTENERS OF THE WEEK!

NELLIE, JOSHUA, EMILY B, NAVAYAH, AUDREY, IBRAHIM

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.

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

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week has been very "Christmassy". Thank you to the parents that came and read a Christmas story with the children, the children thoroughly enjoyed it. The children have made Christmas cards and carried out various Christmas activities. In Maths they continued to develop their subtraction skills using a number line. In English we looked at non-fiction books and completed our Alphabet Christmas Challenge! We have written some acrostic Christmas poems and the children enjoyed it so much. We are looking forward to the countdown to Christmas!

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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. As you can imagine this took a lot of practise 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. Please check the PE clothing for names as next term we will be getting the children changed. Can you write names in vests and shoes as these tend to go walk about! Can you also make sure that your child has a spare pair of clothes in a named plastic bag.

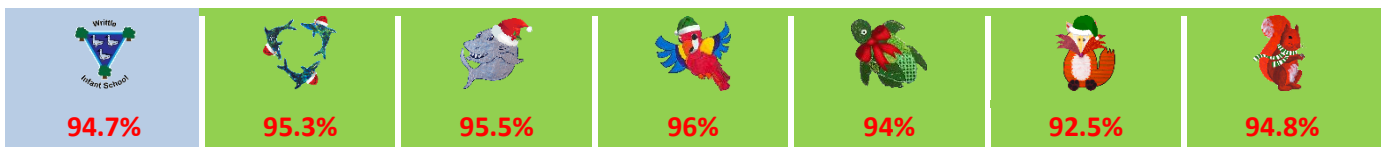
[This week's Tapestry Challenge is published on our website.](#)

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- ★ **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.
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