



The time has flown by since our return in September and we are already well into a very busy Autumn term. I'm sure the children (and parents too) are ready for a well-earned break!

Attendance



We are pleased to announce that so far this term the children's attendance has been fantastic. Our target that we aim for every week is 97%. So far this half term we have managed to reach 96%, so please keep up the good work so we can aim even higher and achieve our target by Christmas!



Well done everyone!!

LABELLING OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As regular readers will know, we continue to remind everyone that ***all personal belongings should be clearly named***. This is especially important with items of school uniform as staff cannot be expected to identify which identical piece of clothing belongs to a particular child. If any item of lost property is clearly labelled, it will stand a far better chance of being reunited with its rightful owner and save parents the money and hassle of having to buy replacements. Please check lost property if your child has misplaced anything.



Applying for School?

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

If you have a child in Year 6 you must make sure your application for a Secondary School place has been made by 31 October 2016

Applications for Reception places 2017 will open from Monday 14 November – these applications must be made by Sunday 15 January.



Film Week

During this special week each class were challenged to make and produce a short film relating to their topics that they have been focusing on. They had lots of fun using various different equipment and software to create these wonderful films. At the end of the week they all dressed in their smartest clothes for the premier showing of these films. This was then followed by the DAFTAs which were presented by Elsa (from Frozen) and Captain America, who gave awards to the classes for various different categories.

All the children and staff had a *funtastic* time and really enjoyed the week!



Christmas Treats 2016



It may sound too early to be thinking about Christmas but we like to think ahead to make sure our children have a magical time!

This year we have decided to bring a magical performance of Peter Pan into school, this will be performed by Pyramid Pantomimes on Friday 16 December for all children in Reception & KS1.



Our KS2 children will have a wonderful opportunity to venture out to the Hertford Theatre to see a performance of this year's Pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood, which will also take place on the morning of Friday 16 December.



Nursery has an interactive Christmas Music Workshop to look forward to on Monday 12 December, where they will explore the festive season of Christmas through music, dance and song.



A letter will follow with full details for parents regarding these festive treats.

Parent -Teacher Consultations



These will take place on the 7 & 8 November. Letters with information were sent out at the beginning of this week for parents to request a time slot to see their child's teacher.

Please make sure these forms are returned as soon as possible to ensure you get a suitable time slot.



West Wing Entrance

Just a small reminder to Parents/Carers and Children who use the West Wing entrance, Bikes/Scooters are not allowed through this gate – all children wishing to ride to school must enter via the East side of the school making sure they have dismounted and walk their Bike/Scooter through the school grounds where they may leave them in the stands provided.

Dogs are also not to be tied or left on any part of school property and if they must be left alone whilst you see your children into school they must be left at the East side of the school away from school property. Please help us to help everyone.

We appreciate your co-operation.



Afternoon Tea

Our next Afternoon Tea will be on **Thursday 17 November from 2.15 - 3.15 pm in the dining room.** There's no charge, and all parents and carers are welcome to join us for a relaxed and sociable hour before collecting the children from school.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Snack Money



If your child is in KS2 they have the opportunity to purchase a piece of fresh fruit from our Tuck Monitors during break time for 20p per piece.



Bug Busting

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Although just a few weeks into the new school year, headlice have been rearing their ugly heads again!! Please remember to check your child's hair thoroughly each time you wash it and at least once a week. Being vigilant and treating as soon as they are spotted is the only way to eradicate this annoying bug!

Parent Governor Vacancy

After many years of loyal service, Scott Dolan has decided to step down from his position as School Governor, due to extended work commitments. Mr Dolan has been a real asset to our team and will be greatly missed.

We therefore have a position available for a Parent Governor. If you would like to apply for the position or would like to find out more information about the role then please email parents@tanysdell.essex.sch.uk.

Dates for your Diary



Half Term – 24-28 October

Non Pupil Day – Monday 31 October

Design & Technology Week – 1-4 November

Parent Teacher meetings – 7 and 8 November

Amber Class Assembly – 10 November

Violet Class Assembly – 24 November

Flu Immunisation Reception-Yr6 – 13 December

