



**STOP PRESS...**

***This will be the last time the newsletter is sent home as a hard copy – please sign up to ParentMail to ensure you get a copy each week***

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

### Welcome back to everyone after half term!


I would like to start but saying a huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA. All of the activities during 'Opening Week' were funded by the PTA and if it wasn't for their kindness and generosity, lots of the events would not have taken place. I know the children had a wonderful week and everyone is appreciative of your kindness and cake!


I also attended the PTA meeting and lots of talk was around Christmas. There are so many exciting things planned for all of the children at this special time of year. The next big event is the Christmas Fete which will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (3pm – 7pm). We hope that you are able to attend and support a fantastic and exciting event for the children.

The children in Year 3 went to the church on Monday in order to present all of the food collected during Harvest. This food and the money collected will be used in the Thurrock Foodbank to allow a range of people to benefit from the community's generosity.

I am pleased to report that the sponsored events raised some excellent amounts during 'Opening Week'. Firstly, the Early Years' sponsored bounce raised a fantastic £492. The children enjoyed the Frozen themed bouncy castle and managed to collect lots of money for the teachers to buy some new equipment for the Early Years' area. Secondly, the children in Years 1 – 6 raised an incredible £2710 during the Netbusterz football event. This money will be used to buy some much needed equipment to be used at lunchtime. The prizes for this event have arrived in school today and we hope to hand these out as soon as possible.

The last thing to mention is driving and parking around the school. I am fully aware that since the introduction of the new arrangements for coming in to school there have been some concerns expressed by parents. I will continue to monitor the situation but in the meantime can I please urge all drivers to take care when driving to school. Please be aware that there are a lot of children coming to school each day and like any school – it is always a busy time of the day.

	This week the <b>Attendance Bears</b> have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 2	Mrs Seamark/Miss Glandfield	97.3%
	KS2	Class 7	Mr Simmonds	99.4%
	<b>Congratulations to both classes!</b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>			<b>96.7%</b>

	<h3>New Building</h3> <p>Don't forget that there will be two coffee mornings next week on <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> and <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> so that parents can come along for a coffee and a chat and then have a chance to see the newest parts of the school as a result of the new build. There is no need to book and you can call in for coffee, a chat and a quick look round from 9am.</p>
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### Race Night

The PTA Race Night that took place before half term raised just over £400. Well done and thank you to all those involved – everyone had an enjoyable evening and an excellent amount of money was raised for the school.



### Poppies at St. Margaret's Church - Stanford

The poppies have been delivered to the church and are now on display for everyone to see.



### SEND Parent Group Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone that supported the cake sale last night. The SEND Parent Group worked really hard to make some lovely bonfire night themed treats and despite the rain they managed to sell out and raise a staggering £320! This money is going towards a Sensory Room for the children.



### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Parent Questionnaire - 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Parent Consultation Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Year 3 Stone Age Day – 6<sup>th</sup> November

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



### November

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	Coffee Morning & New Build Tour (9am)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	Coffee Morning & New Build Tour (9am)
	Halls	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting Room	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
	Halls	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	In School	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Main Hall	'Stranger Danger in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century' Workshop for Parent/Carers (7pm)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	In School	Flu Immunisation (forms must be returned by Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	In school	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a donation for Fete)

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher