



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back!

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Monday after 2 weeks off for half term, and as ever, the children were quick to settle back into the routines of everyday. It was like they had never been away!

Inspired by the Channel 4 programme 'Old People's Home for Young Children', the Early Year's staff took a group of children to Collins House, a local retirement home, so that they could work with the residents to make some poppies. The children had a wonderful time and it was such a lovely event to see everyone smiling and having lots of fun. This is definitely something that we will continue as a school and helps us to support the local community in anyway possible.



This week the children have been hard at work painting a poppy to go on display at St Margaret's Church in Stanford. If you get the chance to have a look over the weekend, do pop down and see the wonderful display that is in its third year. It is also the third year that we have contributed and have now made over 1000 poppies! My thanks to Mrs Sear, Mrs Luke and Mrs Austin who have been hard at work every day this week to work with the children on such a wonderful project.


I am sure the children have been telling you all about their new topics and the activities involved. These topics help to ensure the school provides a broad and balanced curriculum that excites and engages the children's interest right from the very start. As a result the children have taken part in some interesting activities to hook them in. Some of these activities take place in school and some occur outside of school. Most year groups have already completed their activities but a few will do them early next week. Here are some of the activities involved:-


| | Topic | Activity |
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| EYFS | Why do squirrels hide their nuts? | Outside exploration |
| Year 1 | Rio de Vida | Watched 'Rio' |
| Year 2 | Beat, Band, Boogie | Music Day |
| Year 3 | Tribal Tales | Hadleigh Castle Visit |
| Year 4 | Blue Abyss | Sea Life Centre Visit |
| Year 5 | Pharaohs | Egyptian Day |
| Year 6 | Frozen Kingdom | Orienteering in search of the North Pole |





This week we welcome three new members of staff to the school community Mr Lovell, Mrs Grant and Mrs Humphreys have joined the school as Learning Support Assistants. A further staffing update - Mrs Piggott is leaving the school after working in the school office for 6 years. She is leaving on Friday 17th November to take up a post outside of education. I am sure, like me, you will miss Mrs Piggott's warm and friendly smile whenever you come to the school and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new venture.

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

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|  | This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to | | | |
| | KS1 | Class 2 | Mrs Seamark/ Miss Pyne | 99.6% |
| | KS2 | Class 7 Class 9 | Miss Lowther Mrs Livingstone | 99.2% |
| | <i>Congratulations to all classes!</i> | | | |
| | Whole School Attendance | | | 96.1% |

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|  | <p>Silver Headteacher Award</p> <p>Today I presented the first Silver Headteacher Award to Isaac Sear for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. He is now the proud owner of a pen to go with his pencil. Well done Isaac!</p> |
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|  | <p>Bronze Headteacher Award</p> <p>Today I presented 4 Bronze Headteacher Awards to Jenson Fortt, Oliver Hitchcock, Sadie Hawkins and Alex Huggett. They collected their badge and pencil in assembly today. Congratulations to all of them!</p> |
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|  | <p>Children coming into school Late</p> <p>This week the amount of learning time lost by 8 children combined was 2 hours and 5 minutes.</p> <p>Children can enter school from 8.30am and there are some learning activities for them to carry out the moment they enter class. Registration closes at 8.55am and the first lesson starts at 8.55am. If children are late they potentially miss the start of the learning process and over time this can mount up.</p> |
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Cashless – REMINDER

Please remember that the school is now completely cashless. This means that no payments will be made with cash throughout the school, all payments need to be made using the on-line School Gateway app. If you have any questions please speak to the office.



Children In Need

We will be taking part in Children in Need this year on Friday 17th November and the children can come to school on that day in non-uniform wearing something 'spotty' - for a £1 donation to the charity.



Travel Plan

Our School Travel Plan was sent out this week via Schoolcomms. As a school we are always working hard to improve this area and welcome any comments you may have. The children have also been busy completing a Travel Survey in class. On week commencing 20th November Year 3 will be taking part in a Twilight Trail Walk after school and we will also be holding an assembly to celebrate 'Road Safety Week'.

The Travel Plan can also be found on the school's website so that you can see all of the initiatives that the school has completed to increase sustainable travel.

Don't forget our **Walking Bus Service**, which is available to all year groups. There is no cost and no parking your car worries! Children also benefit from some exercise before school. If you are interested please contact the school office.



Engines

A number of parents have informed me that cars waiting to come into school before the gates open at 8.30am are leaving engines running so that the children waiting to use the pedestrian gate are breathing in the fumes from the cars.

Please turn your engine off if you are waiting to come into school when children are waiting by the gate.



Science Week

I am pleased to announce that Science week will now take place during the week commencing Monday 19th March 2017. More information to follow.



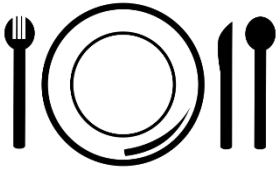
School Photos

The School Photographer is in school on Thursday 16th November to take individual and sibling (in school) photos.



School Discos

The Key Stage 2 discos will be on **Thursday 14th December**.
Years 3 & 4 disco starts at 4.00pm until 5.30pm. Children will need to be collected at the normal home time and return to school for 4.00pm.
Years 5 & 6 disco starts at 5.45pm until 7.15pm.



National School Meals Week

Week 13th – 17th November is National School Meals Week, children who stay for school meals will be in with a chance of winning a special goody bag, there will be 2 prizes a day.



PE Kit

As the weather is getting colder, if possible, please provide a tracksuit for your child for when they do PE outside. Thank you.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

PTA Christmas Fundraiser – all years – 6th and 9th November – sent by Schoolcomms.
Children in Need – all years – 7th November – sent by Schoolcomms.
School Travel Plan – all years – 8th November – sent by Schoolcomms.
Year 3 Twilight Trail Walk – 8th November – sent paper copy and by Schoolcomms.
Become a School Governor – 8th November – sent by Schoolcomms.
Friendship Week – all years – 9th November – sent by Schoolcomms.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



| November | |
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| Monday 13 th | Year 3 – School Trip |
| Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th | Friendship Week |
| Thursday 16 th | Individual & Sibling Photos |
| | SEND Coffee Morning (9am) |
| Friday 17 th | Children in Need – ‘Spotacular’ (Non-Uniform Day) |
| Saturday 18 th | PTA Barn Dance |
| Friday 24 th | Non-Uniform Day (Donation For Christmas Fete) |
| Thursday 30 th | St. Andrew’s Day |
| December | |
| Friday 1 st | Christmas Fete 3.20pm – 7pm |
| | Year 5 IOW Payment of £50 due (April 2018 Trip) |
| Monday 4 th | KS1 Class Parties |
| Tuesday 5 th | Year 1 Songs (9.10am) |
| | Year 2 Christmas Performance (2.20pm) |
| Wednesday 6 th | EYFS Christmas Performance (9.10am) |
| | KS2 Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 8 th | Xmas Jumper Day |
| | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Shopping Day |
| Monday 11 th | Year 3/4 Christmas Shopping Day |
| Tuesday 12 th | Year 5/6 Christmas Shopping Day |
| Wednesday 13 th | ‘Mop Up’ Christmas Shopping Day |
| Thursday 14 th | SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am |
| | KS2 Disco (Years 3 & 4 – 4.00pm – 5.30pm) (Years 5 & 6 – 5.45pm – 7.15pm) |
| Friday 15 th | Pantomime in School |
| | Last Day of Term |
| Monday 18 th | Non-Pupil Day |
| Tuesday 19 th | Non-Pupil Day |
| Wednesday 20 th | Non-Pupil Day |