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Online Payments

All payments to be made online after half term – please ensure that you have set up an account

Contact the office if you have any questions or concerns

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

The end of another half term is here! The week has flown by and it only seems like yesterday that we were returning from Christmas!



Last weekend a group of boys from the football team had the opportunity to be a mascot at East Thurrock Football Club. This was a wonderful experience and the boys were treated to a training session, before the match, by John Coventry – the first team manager. All of the children enjoyed the afternoon and even met ex-England International Teddy Sheringham who was there watching his son play for the opposition – Hemel Hempstead. There were also lots of goals with East Thurrock losing in the last minute of the match 3-2. My

thanks goes to East Thurrock for reaching out to the community and for this wonderful experience for the children at our school. I am hoping they invite us back again next year!



This week has been our yearly 'E-Safety' Week with a number of activities and sessions planned for the children. The NSPCC were in school on Monday and today to lead an assembly and some workshops around keeping safe and what to do if anyone ever felt unsafe. The 'Two Johns' were back in school on Wednesday to speak to the children, to deliver staff training and then a parent workshop. They are both excellent speakers and really ensure that the message gets across about being safe when using the 'Dark Web'. I was pleased that 55



adults attended the evening workshop so that they could understand the potential dangers and how to work with your child in order to keep them safe online. Divergent Drama (the company who run our drama sessions) also worked with all of the children with a workshop to convey important messages about keeping safe online. This was both very enjoyable for the children and very educational. Overall it was another successful week and I would like to thank Mrs Lewis for organising this along with Carianne Mailey (School Governor) as it takes a lot of time and effort to ensure weeks like this run smoothly. As a school we have a real focus on teaching the children to be safe all of the time and I believe it is our duty, as a school, to work with the children and their parents to ensure that they are especially safe online. At times this is a challenge but I strongly

believe that if we all work together for the good of the children, this can be achieved.


On Thursday, 6 children in Year 5 took part in an 'Enrichment English Day' at St. Clere's secondary school. There was an 'Alice in Wonderland' theme linked to developing Reading skills. The children had an enjoyable time and behaved impeccably. This is just one of the many benefits of joining the St Clere's Trust as we now have access to high quality educational experiences at a secondary school setting. Well done to all of the children involved.


Today the children in Early Years were dressed as superheroes for their yearly Superhero work. There were some fantastic outfits on show and I am pleased to say that the staff looked great too! Well done to all involved.


Next week is half term and I am sure the children are looking forward to a week off – I know that the staff are. During this week, the work to the Learning Support Zone will be carried out and I look forward to sharing with you the improvements to such a vital area of the school. We return to school on **Monday 20th February 2017.**

Have a lovely half term!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 3	Miss Pugh	99.3%
	KS2	Class 11	Mrs Matthews	98.3%
	<i>Congratulations to all classes!</i>			
	Whole School Attendance			96.5%

	<p>Bronze Headteacher Award</p> <p>This week two Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Lacey-Lee Barton and Oliver Hitchcock they are now the proud owners of a new ruler! Congratulations!</p>
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	<p>Coffee Morning</p> <p>Please save the date!!! Our next informal Coffee Morning is Thursday 23rd February 2017 in the main hall – 9am – 10am. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a cuppa, some biscuits and a chat!</p>
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Just a reminder as from Monday 20th February all payments to school will need to be made online using the Schoolgateway payment system. This includes payment for school dinners, trips, swimming, clubs, and PTA events. The minimum payment will be set as £6.15.



Football Kits

As we come to the end of the football season can all kits be returned to the office ASAP. Please ensure that these are returned in good condition so that they can be used again next year.



SEND Parent Group Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone that supported the Valentine cake sale. The cakes were delicious and I am pleased to say that we raised approximately £188.00 – this money will be added to other money already raised in order to purchase friendship benches for the school.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Musical Grease at Thameside Theatre – Years 5 & 6 – sent 8th February.
Introducing Online Learning Journeys – Early Years – sent 10th February.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



February

Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Holiday
Monday 20 th	Return to School
Monday 27 th – Friday 3 rd March	Book Week

March

Wednesday 1 st	St David's Day
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day
Wednesday 8 th	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Thursday 9 th	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Saturday 11 th	PTA Barn Dance
Thursday 16th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)

Friday 17 th	St. Patricks Day
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day
	PTA Mother's Day Shop
	Year 5 IOW Final Payment due TBC (April 2017 Trip)
Tuesday 28 th	KS2 Disco
Wednesday 29 th	KS1 Easter Celebrations
	KS1 Class Parties
Thursday 30 th	KS2 Easter Celebrations
Friday 31 st	Year 4 Easter Performance (2pm)
	Last Day of Term