



STOP PRESS...

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Friday 4th December 3pm – 7pm
Please come and support the school at this event

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Another week over and I can't believe we are about to enter December!

On Monday, the children in KS2 had a visit from the school nurse in assembly. She spoke about how much sugar is in the drinks we drink. It was clear to see the shock on children's faces as they realised just how much sugar they should have each day and then how much they actually consume in their favourite drinks. The key message was that water doesn't have any sugar and is the best drink for your body!

Yesterday 48 children in Years 3-6 went to Blackshots playing field to represent the school in the annual Cross Country Competition. All of the children ran to the best of their ability and all of the staff were extremely proud of them all. The children finished in good time in all the races and we await the final results to see if any of the children go on to the next stage. As ever, the children represented the school to the best possible standard.

Years 5/6 Boys Football Team were also busy yesterday as they represented Thurrock at a County Tournament. This took place in Southend and involved the best team from each area of Essex. The boys played extremely well and although results did not go our way they battled through each game well.

It was great to see all of the children in non-uniform today in exchange for some chocolate! The children have had an enjoyable day and avoided eating any of the chocolate themselves. All of your donations will be used for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fayre. Please remember that the Christmas Fayre takes place next week (3pm – 7pm). Please come along and get into the festive spirit!

Lastly, today I presented two children with a 'Bronze Headteacher Award'. This was because they have earned 5 'Headteacher Awards' for various different reasons. Joshua Cartlidge and Joel Oduwole were the first children in the school to be presented with a 'Bronze Headteacher Award' ruler. I look forward to presenting more...

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 6	Miss Downs	99.0%
	KS2	Class 9	Mrs Livingstone	97.3%
	Congratulations to both classes!			
	Whole School Attendance			95.4%



Class Lists

Unfortunately, as a school, we are not permitted to hand out class lists with the children's names on for children to write Christmas Cards. This is not a 'Mr Bryant or an Arthur Bugler rule' – it is something that is imposed upon us in line with data protection and child protection. As ever, my number one priority is to keep your children safe and I will stop at nothing to ensure that I keep your children safe. Your understanding and support around this matter would be very much appreciated.



Coats

There have seen lots more coats this week – thank you for your co-operation with this.



Drop Off Zone

Please note that children should only be dropped off in the 'Drop Off' zone that is marked with white lines. On a number of occasion staff have witnessed children running across the turning circle which is extremely dangerous. Once again your support with this matter will help us to keep the children safe.



Swimming

The last session for Year 4 will be Thursday 3rd December due to a number of additional school events on the Thursdays before we break up. Swimming will start again on Thursday 7th January.



Christmas Dinner

The whole school will have Christmas dinner on Wednesday 9th December. Letters have been sent home to request a dinner and we ask that these are returned by Friday 4th December.



BOOK FAIR

Please don't forget we have our Book Fair next week Monday - Thursday from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Christmas Dinner – All Years – 26th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



November		
Monday 30 th – Friday 4 th Dec	ICT Suite	Book Fair (All Week)
December		
Thursday 3 rd	Main Hall	EYFS Christmas Performance (9.15am)
Friday 4 th	In School	Christmas Fete (3pm – 7pm)
Monday 7 th	Main Hall	Year 2 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)
Tuesday 8 th	Main Hall	Year 1 Christmas Songs (9.15am)
Wednesday 9 th	In School	Christmas Jumper Day
	In School	Christmas Dinner (Whole School)
Thursday 10 th	Trip	Christmas Performance at St. Margaret's Church 10.30am – Year 5 with Year 3 singing 1.30pm – Year 6 with Year 4 singing
	Main Hall	KS2 Disco (Years 3/4 3.30pm – 5pm & Years 5/6 5.15pm – 6.45pm)
Friday 11 th	ICT Suite	EYFS / KS1 Shopping Day
Monday 14 th	ICT Suite	Years 3 & 4 Shopping Day
Tuesday 15 th	ICT Suite	Years 5 & 6 Shopping Day
Wednesday 16 th	In School	KS2 Behaviour Rewards (PM)
	In School	EYFS / KS1 Class Parties (PM)
Thursday 17 th	Main Hall	Pantomime in School
Friday 18 th	No School	Non-Pupil Day