



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Christmas is in the air...

The highlight of my year is always Christmas and there is nothing better than the fun and joy that children bring at this special time of year. As well as lots of Christmas songs filling the corridors, there is lots of talk of all of the plans ready for the festive seasons. I am not sure about the children, but I can't wait – especially because we couldn't do all of these fun things last year!

Shopping was on the agenda this week and the children loved spending their money to buy presents for their loved ones. This is always a busy, but enjoyable experience for the children and I have loved seeing the children skipping back down the corridor excited to tell me what they have got for each of their family and friends – you are in for some treats, I can tell you. My thanks to the PTA who have worked endlessly to ensure that the children can have this experience, I know that the planning and then wrapping takes a lot of time and effort.



I suppose it wouldn't be a newsletter if I didn't provide a quick update regarding Covid! I am pleased to say that cases have settled slightly at school but cases in primary schools across Thurock are rising significantly. Over the past two weeks, two year groups have taken part in mass PCR testing and this has really helped to ensure that we can slow the spread of the virus, especially as a significant number of double vaccinated staff are also testing positive along with the children. My thanks to everyone for your support with this, especially as we enter the Christmas period at school.

Next Friday is the return of the Christmas Fete and we would love to see as many people there to help the PTA raise more money for our fantastic school community. Even if you can only come for an hour, it will be lovely to see everyone and there will be lots of fun and games for the children along with a number of stalls. The PTA are hard at work preparing for the event, so please save the date!

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE

Lower School

Class 7

Mrs Scott

97%

Upper School

Class 10

Mrs Livingstone

98.71%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance

94.02%



Discos

The KS2 school discos are on the Wednesday 8th December.

Years 3 & 4 will attend from 4pm until 5:30pm

Years 5 & 6 will attend from 5:45pm until 7:15pm

Tickets are £5 and this must be paid via the School Gateway app by 3rd December at the latest.

Payment covers entry, entertainment from AJ, a drink & a snack plus a goody bag to take home. Please see SchoolComms letter dated 16th November for all the details.

Please note that this is a change from the original date that was sent out at the beginning of the term.



Children In Need

A huge thank you to everyone that supported this fantastic charity. We were pleased to have raised a fantastic £145!



Safeguarding Concerns

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using admin.abp@osborne.coop. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.



LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

All Years – Parents Governor Vacancy

All Years – Community Support News

Year 3 – 6 – Christmas Performance at St Margarets Church

Choir – Various letters regarding performances coming up

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...**November**

Tuesday 30 th	St Andrew's Day
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December

Friday 3 rd	Christmas Fete 3.15pm – 6.30pm
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Tuesday 7 th	Year 1 Christmas Songs (9.10am & 2.15pm)
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Wednesday 8 th	Year 2 Christmas Performance (9.10am & 2.15pm)
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Thursday 9 th	EYFS Christmas Performance (9.10am & 2.15pm)
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Friday 10 th	Christmas Jumper Day
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Tuesday 14 th	KS2 Christmas Performances
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Wednesday 15 th	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner
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Thursday 16 th	KS2 Christmas Dinner
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Friday 17 th	Panto In School
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Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term
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Monday 20 th – Monday 3 rd January 2021	
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Holiday