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We are all
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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term. The Spring Term starts on Wednesday 3rd January.

Unicef—Rights Respecting School.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the school has been awarded by Unicef, the Rights Respecting School Award—Level One (Silver). This is a fantastic achievement for the school and one which recognises the hard work of the school council, the children and Mrs Corani in pulling it all together. Specifically the Level 1 achievement makes reference to the fundamental premise of the school which is 'putting children first' and how the Convention provides a framework 'across the curriculum' for the school's work and also 'helps to promote tolerance'. Moving forward towards Level 2 (Gold), you'll begin to see a few changes around the school including, for example, linking our corridor displays to the rights of children.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



Polar Express

Our EYFS children went on a magical journey yesterday to the North Pole on the Polar Express! Not only did they get to sit in the train with a magical ticket, they watched the film, drank hot chocolate and received a bell because they truly believed!



Autumn Term 2017 Attendance

	Class	%
1	Claudius	98.8%
2	Magnets	98.2%
3	Dutch	97.9%
4	Paxman	97.4%
4	Oysters	97.4%
5	Castle	96.9%
6	Jumbo	96.8%
7	Eagles	96.7%
8	Circus	96.4%
9	Cavalier	96.3%
10	Iceni	96.2%
11	Mercury	96.1%
12	Roses	95.8%
13	Romans	95.3%
14	Star	95.1%
15	Chariot	95%
16	Trinovantes	94.5%

Attendance

As parents, we know how important attendance is for our children as it's the best way to set them up for their futures. Really well done to those children who have achieved 100% attendance this term and a huge well done to Claudius who, with 98.8% attendance for this term, will be going off to Go Banana's next term for a reward. Really well done to Jumbo whose children have done brilliantly in their first term at school. And well done as well to the classes highlighted in green who all have attendance above 97%.

Reading

Everyone knows the importance we place on reading at the school and how important it is that we, as parents, do our bit by listening to our children read, even with the tears and tantrums, at least five times a week. Some classes are really moving forward with this, others do well a little more input—really well done though to class Claudius (who have had an excellent term) who had a percentage of 98.27% for reading five times a week. Every child in class Claudius will be able to choose a free book. Well done as well to Year 4 who, with 95%, had the most reads over all.



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Beat the Street Xmas Walking Trail

Beat the Street have identified several shops/organisations in Colchester town centre that will have alphabet letters displayed in their windows for a Beat the Street Xmas Walking Trail. This will run for 2 weeks over Xmas.

Quiz sheets are downloadable from 21st December from the Beat the Street Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/BTSColchester/> Players taking part will need to use the quiz questions to search for all of the alphabet letters, which will make up a word.

Once players have discovered the word, they can submit their answer via private message on the Beat the Street Facebook page, or drop it off in a postbox in Leisure-world.

There will be a prize draw out of all the correctly submitted answers and the winners will be announced in the New Year!



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM

Reminders

- Christmas Quiz entries need to be handed into school by Monday 8th January. A £10 voucher awaits the winner and the quiz is also on the school website.
- From Wednesday 3rd January, cash payments will no longer be taken for Breakfast Club. Parents must pay for this please by Sims Aqora.

We say goodbye today to Mrs Gustafson. Mrs Gustafson is leaving us to take up a position with Essex Fire Service. With all our thanks for everything that Sarah has done for the school, we wish her the very best.



Christmas Dinner

I ran out of space last week to wax lyrical about how well Mrs Burke, Mrs Blackery and the catering team had done in preparing and cooking our Christmas Dinner. I did obviously double check the standard for consistency at both sites and it really was quite delicious.



My thanks as well to the PTA who bought the Christmas crackers for the dinner to ensure the dinner went with a bang!

Class Stalls at the Christmas Fair

Competition does get a little bit fierce amongst the teachers as they compete for the coveted crown of making the most profit. In the end it was close, with class Dutch and Mrs O'Shea just pipping class Castle and Mrs Minshall to the biggest profit.

As follows: Dutch £146.30, Castle £138, Trinovantes £131.68, Oysters 3131.50, Star £121, Magnets £ 114.90, Roses £110, Mercury £95.60, Claudius £90.82, Romans £89.65, Circus £80, Jumbo £77.82, Eagles £76, Cavalier £75.30, Chariot £63.50, Iceni £52.20, Paxman £36.20

In total after a few expenses, class stalls raised £1540.99 which is a brilliant amount. So again, thank you. You do at least now all have a plethora of very festive things adorning your homes, crafted lovingly. Perfect!



I have been ominously quiet so far this season as the mighty Colchester United have made steady progress up the league two table. There are two home games over the break, this Saturday and then again on Monday 1st January. The play off places are in touching distance....



Year 3 Pupil Alisha Naqvi was presented with a Gold Award for the University of Essex Arts Education Creative Story Writing competition. Well done Alisha!

And Finally,

On behalf of all the staff and governors at the school, our thanks for all your contributions in making our school the fantastic place it is. On behalf of the staff, many thanks for all the cards and gifts you have so generously given as a way of saying thank you. There is never a need but I know it is very much appreciated—so thank you.

Have a good Christmas Break and I wish you all the very best for the new year

Simon Billings

Books are the bees
which carry the pollen
of thought from one
mind to another.
James Russell Lowell (Poet.)



Christmas Quiz 2017

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, What is the name of the fictional town in 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
- 2, What is a baby reindeer called?
- 3, Which Christmas movie features a boy and an American steam train heading to the North Pole?
- 4, What Christmas related bird has a red chest?
- 5, What is the name of the snowman in the Disney movie 'Frozen'?
- 6, What month is named after the Roman god of war?
- 7, A spider has how many more legs than Spiderman?
- 8, The name of what chess piece comes first alphabetically?
- 9, What total is reached if you add Enid Blyton's Famous group to her Secret group?
- 10, At what country estate was the German Enigma code broken in World War Two?
- 11, What primary colour is the 'Little Miss' character, Little Miss Sunshine?
- 12, In the Harry Potter series, which wizarding family lives in The Burrow?
- 13, A lion and what mythical creature appear on the Royal Arms?
- 14, The name of what planet begins with two vowels?
- 15, Einstein completed his theory on what subject in 1915?
- 16, What city is the county town of Essex?
- 17, Melon is an anagram of what other fruit?
- 18, Which writer created the character Captain Hook?
- 19, Which Wild West sharp shooter was born Phoebe Anne Moses?
- 20, Tatooine is a planet in what series of films?
- 21, According to the proverb, every cloud has what?
- 22, What was Malcolm Campbell's record-breaking car called?
- 23, Which four characters comprise The Fantastic Four?
- 24, Galahad, Lancelot and Perceval were all members of which noble organisation?
- 25, Which country annually donates the Christmas tree erected in Trafalgar Square?
- 26, Who was Tweedledum's twin brother?
- 27, Which character had as his catchphrase, 'To Infinity and Beyond'?
- 28, In which hand does the Statue of Liberty hold her flaming torch?
- 29, After whom were teddy bears named?
- 30, Which fairy-tale hero is threatened by the evil Abanazar?
- 31, Who won Strictly Come Dancing 2017?
- 32, Star Wars, The Last Jedi, is which episode in the saga?
- 33, How long in miles is the River Thames?
- 34, What is Paddington Bear's address in London?
- 35, What is the postcode for Albert Square?
- 36, How many people were left on board the Mary Celeste, found drifting in the Atlantic in 1872?
- 37, What is the name of the palace in London where the British Royal family now live?
- 38, What did the Romans call Britain?
- 39, What was a Penny Black?
- 40, What type of dog is 'Skye'?
- 41, Which Disney film features the song 'The Circle of Life'?
- 42, What sort of creatures are 'babblers' and 'screamers'?
- 43, Which famous Nursery Rhyme did Jane Taylor write in Colchester in 1806?
- 44, What is the highest capital city in the world?
- 45, Which is the only continent which is also a country?
- 46, How many lines are in a sonnet?
- 47, Which cartoon mouse is assisted by Penfold?
- 48, According to legend, what metal must a bullet be made of if it is to kill a werewolf?
- 49, If you were in Sodor, who would be No 1, No 2, No 3, No 4, No 5 and No 6 in the North Western Railway Fleet?
- 50, Who delivers presents to cats?

