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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th January—First day of Spring Term

Wednesday 14th January—9.00a.m.—10.30 a.m.—Open Morning—Please feel free to pop in to either site to both watch and join in with the lessons being taught

Tuesday 20th January—Assessment Period 2 Reports to Parents

Wednesday 21st January 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.—Informal Parents Evening

Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term. The Spring term starts on Tuesday 6th January.

The Wizard of Oz

On Monday morning the PTA treated all the children in the school to the Pantomime—'The Wizard of Oz.' Many of you, I'm sure, know the story, with Dorothy and Toto having to follow the yellow brick road all the way to Oz. On the way she is helped by the scarecrow, who wanted a brain,

the tin man who wanted a heart and the lion who wanted courage.

The pantomime was made all the more special because 30 children, from Foundation to Year 6, played an active part. With plenty of, 'he's behind you' and 'oh no you're not' the pantomime came to an end with Dorothy getting safely back home

with a new beautiful pair of red shoes. Many thanks to the PTA for paying for this for our children.



Squash

For the last 6 weeks our Year 5 & 6 children have been having squash lessons with a professional squash coach.

This week they had to put all of those skills to good use as they headed off to use the Garrison squash courts. With forehand smashes and backhand volleys the order of the day the children finished off their squash lessons with a mini competition.



Reading

This week we have been giving out reading certificates and a class award to all those children who have read 5

times every week since the beginning of term. Really well done to those children and my thanks to you as parents who are supporting your children. I do fully appreciate the efforts you make to make sure your children read.

Really well done to class Claudius, who with 98.8% of children reading 5 x a week since the beginning of term were our winners. Every child in class Claudius was able to choose a free book to take home. The school target is 100% and I don't think we've ever achieved it—but wouldn't it be brilliant if we did.



Our Foundation children also had a double treat this week as not only did they all get to ride on the Polar Express. But also the year 6 children came down to read to them the stories that have been writing in class.



Attendance

Class	% Attendance
Roses	97.1%
Daffodils	97.2%
Snowdrops	97.1%
Eagles	96.8%
Circus	96.2%
Claudius	97.9%
Mercury	98.4%
Dutch	97.2%
Castle	98.1%
Oysters	97.1%
Trinovantes	97.6%
Iceni	97.7%
Total	97.4%

On Wednesday and Thursday this week we gave out our attendance prizes to those children and classes with the best attendance. Really well done to all the children who achieved a certificate for 100% attendance. A huge well done to class Mercury, who with 98.4% attendance, will all be going to Ga Banana's in the New Year to celebrate.



Team Points

Our school teams are one of the ways in which we maintain the links across our two sites. School teams meet together weekly and have been competing for points this term for the much coveted non uniform day that the winning team receives. Winners for this term are Team Abbey with 4721 points.

Abbey Fields

Parents will I hope have noticed that we now have school noticeboards, and core value posters on display at the Abbey Fields site. Also arrived and installed today is a bin with the school logo which matches our Town site.

School Closures

Essex County Council have changed the way that schools need to advise parents should they have to close. Local radio will no longer be used—instead parents will need to go to www.essex.gov.uk then click on Education—Schools, Schools, Dates, Emergency School Closures. The school would also state on our website if we were closed. We have not had to close for the weather yet—and do not intend to but please be advised of the above.

And Finally...

A plethora of nominations this week...

- 1, Mr Bromley and Mr Skinner who, whilst adjusting the new school noticeboards, decided to drop it on the floor.
- 2, Mrs Bullivant who fell into the serving trolley whilst supposedly helping to tidy up after Christmas lunch
- 3, Mr Bates who decided to leave the water running in the staffroom causing a mini flood

All that remains is for me to thank you all on behalf of the staff and governors of the school for all your support and enthusiasm for your children's learning. We wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Have a good Christmas break

Simon Billings



Mr B's Christmas Quiz - 2014

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

- 1, What is the name of Peppa Pig's brother?
- 2, Who created the children's book character Tracey Beaker?
- 3, Which galaxy is earth located in?
- 4, What disastrous fate befell Peter Rabbit's father?
- 5, Who is the leader of the Octonauts?
- 6, Whereabouts in Europe is the Blarney Stone?
- 7, The Soup Dragon was a character in which classic children's TV series?
- 8, In which sequence of novels is Frodo a central character?
- 9, What green coloured substance is supposedly fatal to Superman?
- 10, What is Paddington Bear's favourite food?
- 11, What is Kylie Minogue's middle name?
- 12, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, created by writer Rudyard Kipling is what kind of animal?
- 13, What is measured on the Mohs scale?
- 14, What did Colonel Thomas Blood try to steal in 1671?
- 15, Which is the only planet in the solar system not named after a classical god?
- 16, The Green Goblin is the sworn enemy of which superhero?
- 17, In the Mr Men books, what colour is Mr Tickle?
- 18, Which singer, usually known by her first name, has the second and third names Giselle Knowles?
- 19, Which cartoon character has the catchphrase, 'Ssssh! Be vewwy, vewwy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits!?'?
- 20, What is the sport of Kings?
- 21, Which plot planned the murder of James I in 1605?
- 22, What was the magic phrase Ali Baba uttered to open the cave of the Forty Thieves?
- 23, Which is the only bird that can swim but cannot fly?
- 24, In which Disney cartoon film are Perdita and Pongo central characters?
- 25, Which biblical figure was found as a baby in the rushes?
- 26, What does HB on a pencil stand for?
- 27, What is the name of the boy spy created by Anthony Horowitz?
- 28, What feature of a medieval castle appears on a 1p coin?
- 29, How many hours are there in a week?
- 30, Which is the deepest of the world's oceans?
- 31, Which car company has a name that translates from Latin as, 'Let it be done?'?
- 32, What did Dorothy need to steal from the Wicked Witch of the West?
- 33, What kind of musical instrument is a bodhran?
- 34, No number between one and ninety-nine contains the letter A - true or false?
- 35, In which 2005 film was the galaxy engulfed in the clone wars?
- 36, In which season did Colchester United first play in the football league?
- 37, Which monster is the leader of the super moshis?
- 38, How many brothers does Prince Hans of the Southern Isles say he has?
- 39, Which Disney character is hiding on one of the shelves in Oaken's store?
- 40, In the poem, who set sail with the pussycat in a beautiful pea-green boat?
- 41, Which ballet features a Sugar Plum Fairy?
- 42, According to the rhyme, what is Friday's child?
- 43, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca Salt and Augustus Gloop are characters in which children's book?
- 44, What is No 1 Canada Square better known as?
- 45, Which fictional character has a best friend called Rude Ralph and enemies called Miss Battle-Axe and Great Aunt Greta?
- 46, Who finally managed to eat the Gingerbread Man?
- 47, What name is given to the rearmost mast on a three-masted ship?
- 48, Which legendary king had a horse called Lamri?
- 49, What are the names of the Three Good Fairies?
- 50, Who says "Oh Oh Oh"?