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PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the school and PTA in our Christmas Fair.



The PTA had done a brilliant job, with lights and decorations festooning the school and a plethora of stalls and activities to help everyone start feeling just a little bit Christmassy.

The school choir singing to welcome us in, arts and crafts, raffles, tombola's, games, Christmas Stories, a Selfie booth, Elftridges—I'm not quite sure how the PTA packed it all in—but pack it in they did!



Huge thanks to our PTA who have been working tirelessly on this over recent months and whose hard work paid off magnificently with a very special evening.

Many thanks as well to all the school staff, who were on hand to make things tick along smoothly on the night.

In total, over £3000 has been raised, which is fantastic, so again, my thanks to everyone who was able to come along.

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

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

Assembly Theme:

Know how to Give and Receive Compliments

Article 12:

I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.

Danbury

Just a reminder that the next Danbury payment for our Year 4 residential is now due.

If you've forgotten how much you owe or need to pay, please just check with the T Office staff.

Kingswood

Just a reminder that the £60 deposit for next years Year 6 residential to Kingswood is due today.

Class Christmas Stalls

Please don't forget that next Friday (13th) Class Christmas Stalls will be running in both the Lower Hall at T and at AF.

These stalls will be packed with festive delights that your children have created under the guidance of their class teachers.

Parents are very welcome to have a look at all the class stalls on display and staff will be actively courting your attention as there is a bit of competition as to which class can make the most money.

The event runs from the end of the school day until 4.15p.m.

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Diary Dates

Friday 6th December. PTA Wreath Making Night. 7.00p.m.-10.00p.m. @ AF.

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December. EVFS Nativity. 10.00a.m. @ AF

Thursday 12th December. EVFS Nativity 2.00p.m. @ AF.

Wednesday 11th December. Year 2 Production Bethlehem B&B @ 2.00p.m.

Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th December. Year 2 Production Bethlehem B&B @ 6.00p.m.

(PLEASE REMEMBER BABIES AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE EVENING PRODUCTIONS)

Friday 13th December. Christmas Jumper Day. £1—Save the Children.

Friday 13th December. Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert. 9.30a.m. @ AF.

Friday 13th December. Class Christmas Stalls @ AF & T. End of School Day until 4.15p.m.

Thursday 19th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Boxes will be out and ready from Monday for children to start posting their Christmas Cards to friends across the school and 'Elves' will be on hand to deliver them.

All children have been given a class list of names to aid in the Christmas Card writing.

Please could parents make sure that children address the envelopes with the child's first name, surname and the class as this makes it much easier for the elves to deliver the cards to the right people.



The Post Box at Town will be in the Top Hall and at Abbey Field in the Library area. Class Teachers will make sure that children are able to post their own cards so there's no need for parents to come into school.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner at AF is on Tuesday next week and at T on Thursday.

If you want your child to have a Christmas Dinner please can you make sure you've ordered and paid for it by Monday.

Many thanks

It's Behind You...

Yesterday afternoon, all our Year 4 children were treated by the PTA to the Mercury Theatre Pantomime—Cinderella.

Our PTA have been doing this for each Year 4 cohort for the last few years and it is an absolute treat for the children.

By all accounts the children had a fantastic time—Oh yes they did! And in the words of Mr Eves, 'I thought Year 4 were excellent at the pantomime today ... they boomed, cheered, joined in and sang with gusto.'

As an aside, my mother in law was also at the pantomime yesterday and sitting directly behind Mr Mathews. I haven't told him yet!

As always, my thanks to the PTA for all they do for the children.



Christmas Jumper Day

Please remember that next Friday (13th December) is Christmas Jumper Day in support of 'Save the Children.' Children can wear non school uniform along with their Christmas jumper but must bring in a £1 for the privilege.

All the proceeds go to 'Save the Children'.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Charlotte Anderson (MM)
- Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Morgan McGivney (RREX)
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Riley Ring (RROX)
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Ore Odunaikie (MLM)
- Year 5 (Raedwald) - Lewi Cook (MLM)
- Year 4 (Castle) - Subhaan Famuyiwa (RROX)
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Caleb Dean (RROX)
- Year 4 (Garrison) - Jack Christie (MLM)
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Anna Hearn (MM)
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Vada Gibson (MM)
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Amelia-Rose Wilkopp (MM)
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Florencia Dempsey (RREX)
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Kai Spindler (RREX)
- Year 2 (Romans) - Riley Bilton (RREX)
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Eva Rogerson (RREX)
- Year 1 (Circus) - Awana Chikomba (MM)
- Year 1 (Roses) - Ivy Hawes (RROX)
- Foundation (Chariot) - Alina Dudarjonoka (MM)
- Foundation (Star) - Raven Cooper (RROX)

Idling Cars...

BREATHING in Colchester's air is the equivalent to smoking 123 cigarettes every year, a charity has warned.

Research carried out by the British Heart Foundation caused the charity to call on the UK to declare air pollution a public health emergency.

The charity looked at particulate matter pollution, in particular the link between poor heart health and PM2.5 - pollution which comes from sources including diesel fumes and wood burning.

Its figures show Colchester has an average daily PM2.5 exposure of 9.7mg per cubic metre, which in health terms is the equivalent to smoking 123 cigarettes per year.

The above article was published on-line this morning. Regardless of your views on smoking, everyone smoking the equivalent of 123 cigarettes just by breathing our air is quite a damning indictment of local air quality.

I fully appreciate that we all need to use our cars to carry out our daily responsibilities.

However, could I ask parents on the school run, not to sit in their cars with the engine idling. I do appreciate that people like to stay warm but clearly the cumulative effect this is having on our environment and air is staggering.

An engine restart uses less petrol than a car idling for 10 seconds—so in other words, if you turn the engine off, you're saving money.



And Finally,

Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold, clear night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love.

Lucinda Frank

Have a Great Weekend

Simon Billings

Christmas Gift Suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

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