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Newsletter

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Please Note: It has been decided that Friday 17th December will be a Non Pupil Day and the school will be closed.

The last day of the Autumn term will be Thursday 16th December.

PTA Christmas Market

Please don't forget that tomorrow from 2.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. is our PTA Christmas Market.

This will all be happening outside at the Abbey Field site.

The entrance to the Christmas Market will be by the side gate on AF by the EYFS outside garden and you will enter via a tunnel of lights...ohhhh!

Obviously, the preference is to ask parents to walk, but if you can't, please park very sensibly on Abbey Fields and drive exceptionally cautiously as there will be lots of children around.

You only have to look on the poster on page 2 of the newsletter to appreciate how much is going on and how hard the PTA have worked to bring all this together.

As well as all the stalls, there are also live performances from the Salvation Army Brass band, the School Choir and the Colchester Cancer Choir.

It promises to be an excellent afternoon—so please if you can spare some time come along with a few pennies. All the money raised is directly for the school.

Christmas Cards



The Christmas Post boxes will be out from next week at both Abbey Field and Town.

If your child wants to send a Christmas Card to anyone, then all they need to do is pop their cards in the Post box and The Christmas Elves do the rest.

Please could you make sure you put on the envelope both the first name and the surname of the child they are sending the card to and the class that they are in.

(On Monday (the end of the day), we will have available class lists which will just have the children's names on—for parents that are unsure. Please just collect one from either School Office.)

If you'd rather not send Christmas Cards this year but instead want to make a donation to our Food bank, then please just e-mail into the school. We will make sure that it is passed on to the class teacher, so they can tell the class that's what you're doing.

Class Christmas Crafts

Class Christmas Craft Stalls will be after school on either Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th December. I will let parents know next week which day their child's class stall will be on and the wares that your child has worked so hard to lovingly create.

There will be no class stalls at the Christmas Market tomorrow—there is however, as you'll see from page 2, plenty of other arts and crafts for your purchasing pleasure!



Team Cross Country Friday 10th December

Please make sure that all children in the school Year 1 to Year 6 wear their PE kit to school next Friday.

This is our Inter House Cross Country Competition so PE kit is really quite essential.

Although we will be giving children a Santa Hat—if they want to bring their own—they are very welcome!

Coronavirus Omicron

The most recent advice that has been given to schools is that if we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus and the Omicron strain is detected, then we will be asked to isolate the whole class.

If the Omicron strain is not detected, then isolation remains as it currently is—just for the individual.

The **Big** Question for this Assessment Period—**Where are my Roots?**

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Celebrating Differences

Our Assembly Theme for next week is: Identity, Community, Diversity

As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush

Article 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Year 4 Danbury and Year 5 Kingswood

Following the two recent parent information meetings, just a reminder about the deposits for booking a place for your child on these residentials.

For Danbury, a £50 deposit needs to be paid by Friday 10th December.

For Kingswood, a £70 deposit needs to be paid by Friday 17th December.

Please, if you are having any trouble managing these deposits at this time, come and speak to us in either School Office, so that we can support you.

Many thanks.

Christmas Dinners

Please don't forget it's our Christmas Dinner Days next week.

If you haven't yet done so, please could you book and pay for this by Monday 6th so we can make enough Vegetable Loaves and catch enough Turkeys!

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Term Dates

Last day of Autumn Term—Thursday 16th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th December and each Tuesday. 'Tuesday Trot' Saturday 4th December. 2.00p.m.—5.00p.m.—PTA Christmas Market

Tuesday 7th December. Christmas Dinner Day for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. (with Crackers)

Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th December @ 10.00a.m. EYFS Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy'

Thursday 9th December. Christmas Dinner Day for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (with Crackers)

Friday 10th December Inter House Cross Country (with Santa Hats)

Wednesday 15th December. AP1 Reports for Parents.

Thursday 16th December. EYFS Polar Express Dress Up Day.

Thursday 16th December. Year 1 Pyjama Day

Colchester Walks

Colchester has the earliest and best preserved Roman Wall in Britain.

The entire wall circuit is 2,800 metres in length and it once stood nearly 6 metres high.

This week's walk then is a walking tour of the Roman and Medieval Gates. It's all on the website under the tab 'Colchester Walks'.

Definitely something to do on Sunday if you're not at Colchester United!



Colchester United

The mighty Colchester United are at home on Sunday afternoon in the 2nd Round of The FA cup.

They're playing Wigan who are top of League 1 and who won the FA cup in 2013. Win or lose, this has been Colchester's longest cup run for several years, so we do have to hold on to the positives!



Awards

STAR—Jay (MM), JUMBO—Naeve (CC), CHARIOT—Alexander (CC)

EAGLES—Nikola (MM), CIRCUS—Evie (RREX), ROSES—Emma (RR)

MERCURY—Noah (RROX), CLAUDIUS—Anna (RREX), ROMANS—Charlotte (MM)

DUTCH—Maes (RREX), ICENI—Kiara (CC), PAXMAN—Romeo (MM)

CASTLE—Zachary (RREX), CAVALIER—Bethany (RREX), GARRISON—Oscar (MM)

OYSTERS—Marley (MM), MAGNETS—Lukas (RREX), RAEDWALD—Tyrese (RR)

CYMBELINE—Reece (RREX), TRINOVANTES—Joanne (CC), LATHES—Sara (MM)

ATTENDANCE—Castle



Emergency Services Cenotaph

A sea of red, orange, blue and green enveloped the school today (and a few other colours in-between as well) as we supported the appeal for an 'Emergency services Cenotaph.'

In total £445.55 has been raised across the school—so thank you for your support. In the words of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS,
THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE



"As a society, we owe our wellbeing, and indeed our lives, to the men and women in our emergency services who work tirelessly to protect us in some of the most difficult circumstances. It is only fitting that we should recognise the vital role that they play, and pay tribute to the bravery and dedication of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities."



PTA Christmas Market

Saturday 4th December

2pm-5pm

Abbey Field site

Playground



Performance time table

2pm-3pm Salvation Army brass band

3.15pm school choir

4pm-5pm Colchester cancer choir

List of stalls

- Bat the Cracker and Carrot Game
- Clair Piper - Crocheted gifts
- Fiona Josephs - Ceramics and printed cards
- Bean bag toss
- Billie Vasquez-Walters - Felt Christmas decorations, painted ceramics
- Boxed Delights and Bay Tree Wreaths
- Yore Mill Lane Bakery
- Knock elf off the shelf and name the teddy
- Pin the nose on the Reindeer & Reindeer food
- Cooksters Bakery
- Sweets in a jar/present game
- Kitty Fong - Handcraft items
- SmiffysWhiffs - Scentsy
- Miscellaneous items for sale, games, books, gifts etc
- Water and Wine game
- Wheel of fortune/Antlers game
- CraftyCreations & Kellies Keepsakes - Personalised wooden gifts & small gift ideas
- Cake stall
- Jennifer Megee Crafts - Christmas gifts and clothing
- Lucky dip
- Charlottes Hampers and Gifts - Sweet/fudge gift stall
- Stef's Tropic Skincare
- PTA Christmas Decorations and gifts
- Raffle
- Tombola
- Popcorn
- Food and drinks
- Fairground ride
- kids only story tent
- Happy days photography

