



Friday 2nd November 2018

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Life in a Medieval Castle Report

On Tuesday morning I got dressed into my Tudor outfit and my mum also dressed in an outfit. Then we got into the car and drove to school. First Zebras and Giraffes went around the room bowing and curtsying to the people who were running the activities. Then we could choose which activity we wanted to do first. I went to the medicine tent first. In the afternoon we did more activities. After the activities were finished we had a banquet. It even had real food. The food was bread, cheese, apple and ginger biscuits with Ribena, which was pretending to be wine. The kind of wine it was meant to be was red wine. Then in between the food we had entertainment. We had singers, dancers, jesters and knights.



Arnold Emerson, Jenson Galvin - deep and logical thinking in science. **Evie Schwingen** - an impressive Mayan mask. **George Pavitt** - for working so hard to become a good learner. **Kaylee Banner** - for making some very professional Top Trumps on Roald Dahl characters. **William Ripper** - impressive calculation of area.



Attendance champions

Congratulations to 3MN whose attendance was **100%** for the week commencing 15th – 18th October 2018.



Be Part of The Christmas Magic

Over the past few years, we have supported The Samaritans Purse's Christmas Appeal, sending 100s of shoeboxes to children abroad. This year, our children have voted (via our School Council) to support children closer to home. The charity they have chosen to support is Emmaus, who support homeless people in Colchester and the surrounding areas. In the run up to Christmas they are working with Colchester Food Bank to ensure that children from families who are experiencing financial difficulties also receive presents at Christmas. When families visit the foodbank during December, they will be given a voucher that they can exchange for a present for their children- last year this appeal helped over 360 local families enjoy Christmas. If you would like to support this appeal, please send donations into school and place them in the box in the entrance area near Mrs Jones by Wednesday 28th November so that I can deliver them to Emmaus before the start of December.

It is important that items are unwrapped and brand new. Suggested donations for children aged 0-16 include:

- Toiletry bags/ sets
- Colouring books and stationery
- Books
- Sweets (with at least 6 months expire date on them)
- Toys
- Games (Lego; board games and etc.)
- Gift Vouchers (perfect for teenagers!)
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Small bag/purse
- Hair bows or clips
- Craft kits and etc.

Every donation will bring a smile to a child's face!

Further information about the work carried out by Emmaus can be found on their website, by visiting <https://www.emmaus.org.uk/>

Hot Meal Orders on Parent Pay

If you have experienced any difficulty in ordering meals on Parent Pay this week, please ensure that you are on the booking screen and **not** the viewing screen.

Call the free O2 NSPCC Online Safety Advice Line

For information or questions about apps, sites, games or online safety in general. **0808 800 5002**

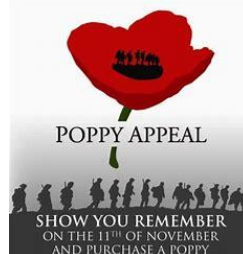
Key dates – Autumn 2018

November

1 st	EYFS reading meeting 2.00pm
2 nd	Harvest celebration assembly
3 rd	Fireworks - Gates open 5.30pm
6 th	Y1 visit to Hollytrees museum
	EYFS parents' lunch
9 th	100 th anniversary of the end of WW1
16 th	Wear something spotty – Children in Need (not a non-uniform day)
19 th -21 st	Open week

December

4 th & 5 th	KS1 nativity – 2.00pm
6 th	EYFS nativity
7 th	Christmas Fayre
11 th	Flu immunisations
12 th	Reception 2019 online applications open
14 th	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 th -6 th Jan	Christmas break (3 rd and 4 th non-pupil)



Poppy Appeal

House Captains will be selling poppies in school. If your child would like to purchase one, please send them into school with a donation.