



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Melanie Vine, Headteacher



### Friends - Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to Friends and their army of helpers who organised a wonderful Christmas Fayre, raising approximately £2,500. This wonderful event would not be possible without the help of parents, family and friends, who kindly donate many hamper items, homemade cakes and Christmas sweets. A big thank you to the school choir for singing some lovely festive tunes and Father Christmas and his many elves!



### Attendance champions

Congratulations to Lions whose attendance was **100%** for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



### Well done for working so hard!

**Ronnie Bird, Emmy Jeffreys** – for being fraction fiends. **Lilly Short, James Kurz, Freddie Burder, Stanley Evason** – excellent pointillism drawings. **Thomas Sapsford** – perseverance and good thinking in maths. **Maisie Moon** – progress in mastering multiplication tables. **Maison Barrell** – super writing in R.E. **Tyler Simmons, Oscar Williams** – for working to improve their handwriting, **Madeline Preston** - for applying everything she has been taught in her writing.



### Visit to Colne House and Colne Place

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, our Year 5/6 Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Atkinson visited the residents of Colne House and Colne Place to sing carols. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to entertain our senior citizens leading up to Christmas and their presence is always greatly appreciated. It is also enormously beneficial to the children to consider others and get involved in this way.

### New Year School Meals

Please remember to book your meals on Parent Pay for when we return in January **by 11.59pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.**

Did you know that you can book up to 100 days in advance!

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive school meals free of charge. Why not order your meals for the whole term, it's one less thing to remember!

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



### Y6 Extended Trip

Parents of Y6 children who are attending the Y6 extended trip, future payment dates are as follows:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> payment** of £50 **was due** 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment** of £50 due 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- **Final Payment** of £60 due on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

We kindly ask that you send payments in on time.

### Sandwell Well-being Charter Mark

Earls Colne Primary has been fortunate enough to be selected for involvement in the Essex pilot scheme for 'The Sandwell Well-being Charter Mark'. The process will include our setting working with Educational Psychology Service staff to explore areas of success and development across eight categories. School staff will then carry out an action plan created from the feedback gained by talking to parents, pupils and staff.

The findings will feed into the long term development of the school, within the context of emotional well-being, with the aim of eventually being awarded 'The Sandwell Well-being Charter Mark'.

As part of this process an **Assistant Educational Psychologist from Essex County Council** will be asking pupils and parents to take part in small focus group sessions.

**We will send letters out to randomly selected parents and children, from across the school, with more details about participation.**





**Old wellies wanted!**

We are in need of any unwanted children’s wellies for the children in Reception to wear during their Forest School activities. Any size, colour, or style will be greatly appreciated.

**Fire Safety at Christmas**

The local fire service are asking us to remind everyone about fire safety at Christmas. To ensure you have the merriest of Christmases, keep fire safety at the top of your list. Ensure you place candles in suitable holders and away from curtains, never leave cooking unattended, ensure you switch off fairy lights, don’t overload sockets and check your smoke alarm. Did you know opening the door of your advent calendar takes the same amount of time as testing your smoke alarm!



Test your smoke alarms before the festive fun begins – it’ll help keep the whole family safe. #PressToTest



May Christmas fill your heart with all the love and joy it desires. I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and festive New Year.

**Key dates – 2018-19**

**December**

14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas break

**January 2019**

3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Planetarium

**February**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Romans workshop
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Romans workshop
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half term

**April**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3/4 Production – 6:30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 Production – 6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter egg hunt - tbc
8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter break

**May**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 extended visit meeting – 7.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	SATS
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Half-term

**June**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Non pupil day
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 extended visit to Mersea Outdoors
25 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception intake meeting – 7:00pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception/KS1 sports day

**July**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception 2019 intake day 1
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 production – 7:00pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 production – 7:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2019 intake day 2
15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 sports day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Disco
24 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers assembly
	Big Picnic

