

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

perseverance

courage

responsibility

Head of School's Message

Piano Recital: A resounding applause and gratitude to our talented pianists – Sophie, Rose, Jenny, Ted, Charlotte, Ruby, Isabel, Alex, and Jesse – for delivering a mesmerising Piano Recital on Tuesday. Their outstanding performances added a touch of elegance and joy to our school environment. A special acknowledgment to Mrs. Baulch for her dedicated teaching and guidance, which undoubtedly played a crucial role in the success of the recital. We also express our gratitude to the parents and carers who attended the event, showing unwavering support for our budding musicians.

PTFA Wreath Making Event: A big shout-out to our amazing Parent-Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) for organising the wreath making event on Wednesday. We understand that the creative energy and festive spirit were palpable, and we are thrilled to announce that the event raised over £200 for the school. Special thanks to Mrs. Denney for leading the wreath making and making it such a delightful and successful occasion.

Wrap-Around Care Update: We understand the importance of wrap-around care for our school community, and we want to express our gratitude for your patience as we finalise our plans. Rest assured that we are diligently working on this, and we aim to provide you with more information at our earliest possible convenience.

A Special Visitor: It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Welsman, the head of school from Stisted, another school within the Canonium Trust, to Tolleshunt Darcy. She was impressed by our calm, purposeful environment, the fabulous learning activities, and the polite and enthusiastic behaviour of our pupils. Such visits strengthen the bonds within our trust, and it was wonderful to share our achievements with a fellow educator.

Festive Season Prayer: As we enter the festive season, let us take a moment to reflect on our blessings and express gratitude for the safety and warmth of our school community. Today, we gathered to pray for those who find this time of the year challenging, and we acknowledge how fortunate we are to be safe at Tolleshunt Darcy School.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend, *Miss Reece*



PTFA News:

**Sunday 3rd
December 23**

**Christmas
Market**

Village Hall

Excellent Punctuality:

Excellent learners attend school on time. We celebrate punctuality. Each week, the class with the top punctuality will be noted below:

**Class 2 – well
done!**

truth

friendship

creativity

Stars of the Week: These learners have been awarded a certificate for their outstanding conduct this week:

Class 1:	Archie	Dolly	Class 2:	William	Joseph R
Class 3:	Montana	John-Joe	Class 4:	Jenny	Freddie

Winter Dates:

7th December KS1 Nativity 9.20am

14th December PTFA Winter Disco

15th December Christmas Lunch

21st December Christmas Holidays

Canonium Trust/Tolleshunt Darcy School Development Updates:

English Development Update: On Thursday, Miss Baker (English Lead), Miss Taylor (Early Reading/Phonics Lead), and Miss Barber attended Jonathon Bond's (English Specialist) writing update meeting. They gained valuable insights and knowledge to further enhance our English curriculum. The trio will soon disseminate this information to all staff, fostering a collaborative effort in supporting the continuous development of reading and writing across our trust.

Trust Expansion: We are delighted to announce the expansion of our trust with the warm welcome of Ardleigh St Marys. This addition not only strengthens our trust but also provides an invaluable opportunity to share expertise and collaborate for the benefit of all schools within Canonium Trust.

Maths Development: Miss Reece was joined by Gill Hasham (Maths Specialist) on Wednesday. Gill expressed her delight in witnessing engaged pupils and has offered her support for the ongoing development of mathematics within our school. As a significant step to support this, we have invested £1000 into new maths resources. These resources aim to support maths mastery and the concrete-pictorial-abstract learning approach, enhancing the overall mathematics learning experience for our students.

SENDco Capacity: A special acknowledgment goes to Mrs. Norman, who continues to contribute significantly to the capacity of SENDco support. Mrs. Norman is doing an excellent job ensuring that the needs of our children are met effectively. Her dedication is invaluable, and we appreciate her ongoing efforts.

Dear Lord, as we head into the festive season we'd like to thank you for our opportunities to celebrate. Help us to support those who may find this season challenging with kindness and respect. Amen

Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.