

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

perseverance

courage

responsibility

## Head of School's Message

**Nativity Extravaganza:** a round of applause to our incredible Key Stage 1 students for their mesmerising nativity performance! We couldn't be prouder of their beautiful singing voices and outstanding acting skills. The hall was filled with parents and carers, creating a magical atmosphere. A special thanks to the dedicated staff, especially Mr. Fox, for orchestrating such a memorable event. Your support with costumes and encouragement means the world to us. I became quite choked at the end of the Nativity Performance with an overwhelming sense of pride to be working with such wonderful children, staff and families. Thank you.

**PTFA's Outstanding Christmas Market:** a resounding thank you to everyone who contributed to our PTFA Christmas Market! We are thrilled to announce that the event raised an astonishing £2000. This generosity is beyond belief, and we are immensely grateful. The funds will play a crucial role in supporting the school's development journey, ensuring our children benefit enormously from enhanced resources and opportunities. Thank you to all of the members of our outstanding PTFA.

**Wrap Around Care Update:** together with Mr Panrucker, our Trust CFOO, we have been working tirelessly to finalise plans for our Wrap Around Care. We are pleased to inform parents that locating the school for payments using Tax Free Childcare Vouchers is now possible. More details will follow shortly, ensuring a smooth transition for all families.

**Personal Belongings Reminder:** a gentle reminder that children should refrain from bringing toys, footballs, playing cards, etc., into school. We have all the necessary resources for a productive learning environment, and minimising distractions is crucial. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Learning Everyday:** our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication throughout this academic year, showcasing remarkable behaviour and learning habits. As we approach the holiday season, we want to emphasise that while celebrations and rewards are in order, learning remains our top priority. We believe in making every second count, and the commitment to education will continue until the last day of school. Staff may offer a reward such as a film or a game, but please understand that requests for holiday on the basis of Christmas activities will not take precedence over learning. Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a thriving learning environment for our students.

**Christmas Cards:** children may write cards for their peers (and staff if they would like to) but they should be posted in our post box, by the children, rather than hand them out during breaktime or lesson times. Our House Captains will distribute these for us. This is to support less littering and will be less distracting.

My heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.  
Wishing you a joyful festive season, *Miss Reece*



### PTFA News:

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December:**

**Winter Disco**

**1.20pm – 2pm  
KS1**

**2.10 – 3pm  
KS2**

### Excellent Punctuality:

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

**Class 4 – well  
done!**

truth

friendship

creativity

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

<b>Class 1:</b>	<b>Isla-Rose</b>	<b>Lily</b>	<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	<b>Joe B</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Hollie</b>	<b>Elliot J</b>	<b>Class 4:</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>

## Winter Dates:

**14<sup>th</sup> December PTFA Winter Disco**

*– children are invited to bring in disco clothes to change in to after lunchtime (please name label all clothes)*

**15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch**

*– children are invited to bring in a Christmas jumper to wear at lunchtime (please name label all clothes)*

**21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Holidays**

## Class 2: Mathematics Resources

Class 2 have been using the new maths resources to represent numbers. They are moving on to use the concrete materials when learning about subtraction and exchanging - great teaching and learning from Mrs Jiggins and the team!



*Dear Lord. Thank you for our kind and generous community. Help us to appreciate how lucky we are to be supported by so many and help us to appreciate the many opportunities that we have to learn. Help those who are less fortunate than us to be supported and feel kindness. 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.