

# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

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## Head of School's Message,

As I write the 14th edition of our newsletter, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible community that surrounds us. Your unwavering support and commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of our children has made the start of this academic year truly exceptional.

**Celebrating Progress:** we are thrilled to witness the remarkable progress our children have made in their learning, social, and emotional skills. Following the principles of ready, respectful, and safe, our students continue to shine, embodying the values that define our school community.

**PTFA Magic:** a round of applause is in order for our incredible Parent-Teacher Friends Association (PTFA). The recent winter disco was a resounding success, raising over £300! Your relentless commitment to enhancing the school experience does not go unnoticed. The PTFA has generously contributed over £500 towards a 'Forest School Starter Kit,' ensuring an enriching start to this exciting new provision. Another special thanks to the parent who is donating a brand new shed and another connected us with a wood supplier. Mrs. Russell has already explored the Forest School Area, ensuring a seamless launch in January.

**Farewell and Gratitude:** we bid a fond farewell to Mr. Collingwood, who embarks on a new venture. Thank you for an excellent start to the year. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

**Governing Body Acknowledgement:** a heartfelt thank you to our diligent Governing Body for their continuous monitoring and support. Your dedication ensures that we stay true to our vision of providing the very best education to our children.

**Exceptional Feedback:** we were honoured to have Mr. Flitman, with over twenty years of experience as a Head Teacher, visit our school. His positive feedback on our reading provision and overall development is a testament to the outstanding efforts of our students and staff.

**Online Safety Support:** with the festive season approaching, if you plan to gift your child a new device, visit: [www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings](http://www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings) practical tips on ensuring a safe online experience.

**Wrap Around Care:** we are diligently working on finalising plans for our Wrap-Around Care. Rest assured, provision will be available from January 4th, and you can soon book your spaces. More details will follow shortly

**Christmas Dinner:** thank you to Maxine for catering for us all – Christmas dinner was delicious and lots of fun! The music was playing; the crackers were cracking; everyone had a fabulous time!

**Celebrations:** while the last three days of the academic year will maintain routine and structure for continued learning, we will also take the time to acknowledge and reward our students for their exceptional efforts this term

I extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas to our entire community. May this time be filled with joy, safety and relaxation for you and your loved ones.

**Miss Reece**



## 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!**

**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>Penelope</b>	<b>Class 2:</b>	<b>Brooke</b>	<b>Dexter</b>
<b>Class 3:</b>	<b>Jaxon Joe</b>	<b>Maia</b>	<b>Class 4:</b>	<b>Jasmyn P</b>	<b>Darcey</b>

### Winter Dates:

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

### Spring 1 Dates:

4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – return to school

24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Class 3 Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm

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## A Fabulous Christmas Dinner (Mr Fox will load more pictures to the blog):



*Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Saviour and his love for us. With joy we pray, 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.