



Week 15
15 Dec 2022

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 5 December was Y1 Sharks with 97.8%.

Deciding whether it is safe to stay open on a snow day is really hard. Mr Saward, our Site Manager, was sending me photos of the school grounds at 6am Monday morning and from discussions with him we decided we could keep people safe on site. Mr Saward got to work to salt the entrance to school and clear snow from areas needed to get all the children to their classrooms safely. Thank you to parents who supported that.

It is incredibly frustrating when the council do not grit the area outside school and that factors into any decision we make. It is much easier for schools situated on a main road when that has been gritted.

This has been a long, busy term and children and staff alike are very tired with a number of unpleasant bugs and viruses doing the rounds. So far we have had six Christmas performances to parents with two more from Y5 next Monday. These performances don't just happen; there have been weeks of practices and learning words and songs and my thanks go to all our staff who once again have stepped up to give the children some great experiences - we have one more planned for next Tuesday!

This week we have been particularly short staffed with many staff working in different classrooms to usual so we can keep classes open.

From myself and the staff, we would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful break and we will see the children back again on Thursday 5 January.

Jacquelyn Pick



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch as a great success again today with Mrs Tedder and her team feeding over 400 people.

Sleeping Beauty

The children were treated to a pantomime this week funded by our PTA. It was one of the best pantos we have had in school and the children thoroughly enjoyed it - oh no they didn't!

Just one of the many ways our PTA arranges great experiences for our children.

Phonics for Parents

Parents in EYFS and Y1 are invited to our phonics session the infant hall tomorrow morning. Come and find out how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home.



Christmas Pupdate

Merry Christmas everyone. Mrs Tedder read the newsletter last week and gave me delicious Christmas lunch. I've spent my day showing everyone my snazzy Christmas jumper but now I'm going to have a little nap to sleep off all that turkey. I hope you all have a safe, healthy and happy Christmas break. I can't wait to see you in the New Year.

Flick x



Clubs

There are still a few spaces in clubs starting in January. Places can be booked on www.clubbly.co.uk

Mon Infant Choir

Weds Y3-Y6 Multisports

Mon Y1-Y4 Dance

Weds Junior Choir

Thurs Y1-Y3 Gymnastics
 Thurs Y3&4 Maths on the Move 7.45am

PTA

Tomorrow! Friday 16 December Festive treats




A festive take on our end of the month tuck shop. Come and find us in the warmth of the junior hall tomorrow after school. We will have Christmas sweets, cakes and couple of games stalls including our famous chocolate and bottle tombola and a performance by the wonderful school choir. Games will be 50p, tuck shop 50p - £1. We look forward to seeing you all there.




Quiz Night Friday 3 February 2023

Save the date for our Trivia evening. Teams of approx. 6 will battle it out to win top prize. Contestants can bring their own food and drink and there will be a raffle running on the evening. This is a really fun event and we hope that you'll support us.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us over the last half term, especially our team of helpers that set up and run stalls and the letter printing and delivering elves. We wish you a happy and healthy Christmas.

Dinner Menu w/b 19 December & 2 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork sausages Pork & gluten	Fish Fillet Fish & gluten			
Quorn sausages Gluten	Cheese omelette Egg & dairy	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mash potato Baked beans	Chips Peas			SCHOOL CLOSED
Festive shortbread cookie Gluten	Selection of desserts Gluten & egg			
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Tomato pasta bake Gluten & dairy	Fish fillet Fish & gluten
SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED		Garlic bread Gluten	Veggie sausage roll Wheat
		SCHOOL CLOSED	Salad bar	Chipped potatoes Baked beans
			Cookie Gluten	Fruit smoothie
Drinking water, bread, yoghurt and milk available on request				

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022		
Fri 16 Dec	Phonics session for EYFS & Y1 parents PTA Christmas tuck shop & festive stalls	9am 3.10

Mon 19 Dec	Y5 Christmas play for parents	2pm & 6pm
Tues 20 Dec	Choir to sing at Lyon's Court Care Home Break up for Christmas holidays	3.10
Spring 2023		
Thurs 5 Jan	Return to school after Christmas break	
Fri 6 Jan	Colchester Castle Y3	9-3pm
Mon 16 Jan	Y5 space dance session	
Tues 17 Jan	Y1 Fairy Tales & Y4 Frozen dance sessions	
Weds 18 Jan	Y3 Romans dance sessions	
Fri 27 Jan	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions PTA tuck shop	3.10pm
Fri 3 Feb	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety sessions PTA Quiz night for adults	7pm
Tues 7 Feb	Y4 Superstar Sports	
Fri 10 Feb	Y5 Road Safety session	
13-17 Feb	Half term	
Mon 20 Feb	Inset day - school closed to children	
Tues 21 Feb	Y5 Roots to Food workshops	
Fri 24 Feb	Tuck shop	3.10pm
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day - come as a book character / non-uniform	
Fri 10 Mar	Wear house colours day	
Weds 15 Mar	PTA Mothers' day/someone special gift sale. All gifts £2 each	
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day - non uniform / wear red £1	
W/C 20 Mar	PTA Smarties challenge - more info to follow.	
Tues 28 Mar	The Two Johns Online Safety for parents	6pm
Fri 31 Mar	Easter tuck shop & games Break up for Easter holidays	3.10
Summer 2023		
Mon 17 Apr	Back to school	8.40
Thurs 4 May	Possible Inset Day if needed for an election	
Mon 8 May	School closed - bank holiday for Coronation	
Tues 9 May	KS2 SATs week	
Fri 19 May	PTA EYFS & KS1 fun afternoon (during school time)	
Fri 26 May	Charity event led by children in Y6 Tuck shop PTA disco for Y3,4&5	3.10 5pm-6.30
29 May - 2 June	Half term	
Weds 7 June	Y2 Mini Games	
7-9 June	Y6 Residential at Essex Outdoors Mersea	
Weds 14 June	PTA Fathers' Day/someone special gift sale. All gifts £2 each	
Fri 16 June	Sports day EYFS-Y2 - wear house colour t shirt with PE kit Sports day Y3-Y6 - wear house colour t shirt with PE kit	1.30-3pm 9.30-12
Fri 30 June	PTA Sponsored event – House competition (during school hours) Tuck shop	3.10
Thurs 13 July	Dance afternoon on the field for parents - weather dependent	2pm
Fri 14 July	PTA Tuck shop & summer raffle	3.10
Tues 18 July	Y6 performance for parents	2pm & 6pm
Thurs 20 July	Y6 Leaver's assembly for Y6 parents and families Break up for summer holidays	10am 1.30
Fri 21 July	Inset Day - school closed to children	

PE Days for January

EYFS	Thurs & Fri	Y5 Elephants	Mon & Weds
Y1	Mon & Weds	Y5 Hippos	Mon & Weds
Y2	Mon & Weds	Y5 Rhinos	Tues & Thurs
Y3	Mon & Fri	Y6 Panthers & Tigers	Weds & Fri
Y4	Tues & Thurs	Y6 Lions	Tues & Thurs