

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 6 Journalists

Aylmerton Field Study Centre has been a Year 6 favourite for many years. Now it is finally my turn to tell you about our four day residential trip, pretending to be WW2 evacuees. We were looked after by super teachers, LSAs and the amazing staff at the centre. The activities kept us fully occupied and we were never bored. My favourite activity was the Spy Hunt, which took place in the forest near the centre. We also tried our hands at cooking soup over an open fire and searching for crabs in rock pools whilst working as a group. Sharing rooms with our friends made us less homesick at bedtime but we also added some not-so-quiet whispering and laughter. Luckily the meals weren't rationed so no one ever went hungry - except for the very fussy eaters. It was an unforgettable experience and I would recommend it to anybody who loves adventure and fun.

By Louise Clements

Last weekend, Year 6 went to Aylmerton. Everyone concerned, at least Year 6, would like to thank all the staff who came along as it wouldn't have been possible without you. Year 6 would also like to thank all the staff at the Centre for their wonderful acting.

By Edmund Bass

Operation Christmas Child - We are again encouraging children to participate in our shoebox appeal that helps provide a Christmas for children in disadvantaged countries. On Thursday the children were told about the charity's work in assembly and leaflets with further information will be sent home next week.

Learning Powers/Back to the Future Day - The new Learning Power that we will be focusing on next week is 'Use your imagination'. Children can prove how much they are using their imagination by participating in our Back to the Future Day on Wednesday. In the film, Back to the Future II, the main characters visit the future and see hoverboards and flying cars on 21st October, 2015, so we ask that children dress up in futuristic/sci fi/space travel costumes just for fun. There is no fundraising attached to this event and is entirely optional.

Autumn half term multi sports - Foundation Sports will be holding another course during half term. Sports include football, rounders, tag-rugby, netball, kwik-cricket, athletics, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. This course was very popular in the summer, so if you would like your child to attend any of the days, please return the booking form to the school office and make your payment through SIMS Agora as soon as possible.

Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum - Our Year 3 children had a great day on Thursday learning about rocks and fossils. Members of the public commented on how the children were polite and hardworking, which always makes us very proud.

Fundraisers - Fireworks Night – Friday, 6th November – We are proud to be hosting our second annual Fireworks Night. Ticket prices have been held at 2014 levels (£5 per adult, £2 per child, under 2's free if purchased in advance) at www.hollytreesprimaryschool.co.uk/fireworks for credit and debit cards and cash tickets from the Londis, 19 Warley Hill. Tickets will also be on sale after school on Tuesdays and Fridays from next week, in the playground near the willow dome. Please try and bring the correct money.

Mathletics - Thank you to Tamsin O'Hagan for finding out that if you want to support your child with using Mathletics, there is a parent login. Type www.mathletics.com/parent or visit Cathedral Primary School's website which has full instructions of how to use the parent facility.

REMINDER - Secondary School places

Parents of Year 6 children who have yet to submit an application, must do so before 31st October, 2015.

School Health Drop In Sessions - Brentwood School Nursing Team can offer help and advice with continence issues, hearing tests, growth/dietary concerns, sleep/behaviour issues and general health and development. If you would like to meet one of the team, go to Larchwood Children's Centre on Mondays between 3:00 and 4:30 pm on 26th October, 9th November, 23rd November and 7th December. No appointment necessary.

Parenting & Children Newsletter - If you would like to sign up to receive this newsletter from Essex County Council, please contact them at essexcountycouncil@public.govdelivery.com or telephone 08457 430 430.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch, Laurel, Mulberry, Spruce and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September). Because we are early in the school year, just one day's absence will mean that your child's attendance will only be 90% at the moment. Please make sure your child comes to school every day when he/she is well enough so that the most can be made of the learning on offer.

Menu - Week 2 of the menu. Please note that there may be some small changes to desserts due to unforeseen circumstances.

Letters home - No letters

Forthcoming dates

22nd Oct – Y5 London river trip

26th-30th Oct – Half term

4th Nov – Individual photos

5th Nov – Y2 – Great Fire of London theatre in school

6th Nov – Firework display

13th Nov – Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum

20th Nov – Y2 visit to Essex Fire Museum

9th Dec – Y1 dress rehearsal

11th Dec – Y1 play

14th Dec – Y1 play

16th Dec – Christmas dinner

17th Dec – flu immunisation

17th Dec – carol singing

18th Dec – last day of school – children return on Tuesday, 5th January

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Edward Whitfield, Ellie Gray, Nathan Bone, Marley Burnett, Anesu Before, Cristina Oniceanu, Ruby Appleton, Yasmine Bourote, Dimitrius Tsatsa, Cherys Bartlett-Avant, Charlie Dines, Keira Harman-Day and Parker Maher.

MFS Silver Merit Certificate went to Tilly Crook

Headteacher's Award went to Jessica Llewellyn.