

Weekly Newsletter



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Year 6 Journalists - On Wednesday the School Council discussed matters for the school's welfare. Each year has four representatives who also report back to the classes. Year 6 representatives told our class that firstly the Council complained about the use of netballs as basketballs. 'Some people are using netballs' said the Chairperson of the Council, Preya Patel. 'People could ruin them'. A suggested solution by the Council is to have only two balls on the playground at break times. The Council have also received complaints about disruptions on the astroturf whilst games are being played. Further suggestions from the pupils included a skate park, a bike track and a pancake day. Tawny Owl captain, Paige, said that the park and the bike track would be too expensive.

By Edmund Bass

Maths Club - After half term, Maths Club for Year 6 will continue on Mondays after school until 4:15 pm. Because the clocks are changing this weekend, it will be getting dark by then and so all children must be collected by an adult. Any Year 6 children are welcome to attend.

Learning Powers - The new Learning Power that we will be focusing on after half term is 'Keep improving'.

Back to the Future - Well done to everyone who took part in our Back to the Future day on Wednesday.

ParentMail - Please remember that, after half term, we will no longer be sending out paper copies of letters sent out via ParentMail unless you specifically request it at the office. Please contact the office if you have any problems registering with ParentMail.

Congratulations - I am delighted to congratulate Mrs Sopher who is getting married during half term and so will return to school after the holiday as Mrs Trott. I wish her and her fiancée every happiness as a married couple.

Year 5 trip to the River Thames – Year 5 had a wonderful trip on Thursday to visit the Thames Barrier, Westminster and Greenwich in their studies about rivers. Once again, our children were recognised as demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitudes by members of the public and the river boat crew.

Autumn half term multi sports - There are still places available on this course. Sports include football, rounders, tag-rugby, netball, kwik-cricket, athletics, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. Please make your payment through SIMS Agora.

Fundraisers - Fireworks Night – Friday, 6th November – Tickets are still available at £5/£2 adults/children. You can buy them outside school Monday-Thursday after half term, from Londis on Warley Hill or online. Tickets will be available at the gate on the night at £6/£3. We still need volunteers to make the event happen. Please leave your name in the school office if you can help from 5:15 to 7:30 on the 6th. Unaccompanied children will not be allowed to leave the event. If you lose your child please find a marshal (wearing a high visibility jacket) for assistance. There will be a non-uniform day on the 6th and the theme is fireworks. Please bring in donations of cakes to be sold at the event or £1. We will be selling pork hot dogs and jacket potatoes with cheese and/or beans at the event, both priced at £2. Penny-for-the-guy competition – can you make the best dressed Holly Trees guy? Bring them in on Friday, 6th November and they will be on display in the evening with the opportunity to vote for your favourite.

Christmas cards – Every child has the opportunity to create their own unique Christmas card which you can buy and send to your family and friends. Look in the book bags for the blank cards and on ParentMail for more details on the activity. Make sure they're back in school by 3rd November.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elder, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch, Laurel, Maple, 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 3 of the menu.

Letters home –

19th – Swimming Autumn Term (2nd Half)

21st – Operation Christmas Child

Forthcoming dates

26th-30th Oct – Half term

3rd Nov – Deadline for Christmas Card artwork

4th Nov – Individual photos

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

6th Nov – Non-uniform day and Firework display in evening

13th Nov – Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum

20th Nov – Y2 visit to Essex Fire Museum

25th Nov – Y4 Anglo-Saxons day

3rd Dec – Santa's Grotto after school

9th Dec – Y1 dress rehearsal

9th Dec – Y6 – Christmas unwrapped

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 Amye Swinney, Elviene Squire, Beatrice Connor, William Clark, Nathan Donovan, Isabelle Brook, Bobbi McGovern, Taylor Brazier, Mackenzie Clark, Reice Jupiter, Julia Nibbs-Ramsay, Jim Jasionowski, Denhem Minors, Zoe Hewitt and Maisy Wratten.

Our Year 5/6 football team played a friendly match against Dame Tipping Primary School yesterday. Congratulations on their 10 – 0 win. Player of the match was awarded to Taylor Brazier.