

Weekly Newsletter



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Fireworks tonight - Tonight's the night! The Fundraisers have been hard at work putting together what promises to be another fantastic Family Fireworks Night this evening. Doors open at 6pm, with hot food, drinks, glow toys, a Guy Fawkes competition, and live entertainment (weather permitting). The fireworks display kicks off at 7:10pm with a 15-minute professional display from Fireworks Crazy.

We ask that you keep your children with you at all times, especially as the playground will be very crowded. No one will be allowed beyond the barriers to ensure that all attendees stay at a safe distance. Entry is only through the MAIN school gates.

Bring your tickets with you, or buy them at the door for £6 per adult/£3 per child. There is still space available, so please encourage family and friends to come along with you to enjoy one of the community's best fireworks night!

Thank you for your donations from non-uniform day which will all help with the fundraising tonight.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Fundraisers' meeting on Tuesday, 10th November at 9:00 am in school.

Year 6 Journalists - The time has finally come for fireworks. We have seen the firework colours that everyone was wearing and they were all amazing. This evening we have a spectacular fireworks show at the school and it will hopefully be a big success like the beautiful display last year. Let's hope the rain can wait until Saturday!

By Louise Clements

Learning Powers - The last of our Learning Powers will be introduced next week. The focus is 'Enjoy Learning'. The impact on our children since starting to study the Learning Powers has been impressive with improved attitudes and language for learning.

Healthy eating - We are currently applying for our enhanced Healthy Schools status. As part of this, I interviewed some children this week about staying healthy. Their responses clearly demonstrated their understanding of the benefits of exercise, healthy eating and mental health.

Please help us to support our children's health by either booking your child for a school lunch or by ensuring that the packed lunch you send is healthy. It is school policy that there must not be sweets or fizzy drinks in school packed lunches and they must provide a balanced meal.

MDA vacancy – We have a vacancy for a Mid-day Assistant (Mon, Tues and Weds). If you are interested, please collect an application form from the office. Closing date 17th November.

School Photos – Year 6 photos will be taken on Tuesday, 10th November. Please return your orders to school by Thursday, 19th November

Nits – We have had cases of nits in school so please make sure you check your child's hair thoroughly this weekend and treat if necessary.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to 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 1 of the menu.

Letters home –

2nd – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

3rd – Football match V St. Thomas' Junior School

Forthcoming dates

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 William D'Silva, Darshini Dayanidhi, Grace Power, Phoebe Fisher, Varshini Ramkumar, Maisey Todd. Joshua Jones, Harry Stock, Freya Michael, Poppy Jackson, Vinnie Slattery, Amelia Mason Braham, Isobelle Gray, Oscar Wyatt and Amelia Bendall.

Pen Licence went to Hanna Webb.

Golden Owl Badge went to Amelia Bendall.

Headteacher's Award went to Joshua Mussett.

Our Year 5/6 football team played a League match against St. Thomas' Junior School yesterday. The score was 4 – 4 with Holly Trees recovering from a 2 – 0 deficit early on. Well done to the team.