

Weekly Newsletter



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Happy New Year

Welcome back to school and I hope you have had a good start to 2015 so far. We are starting the school year by welcoming some new faces to the staff. Unfortunately, Lesley Arnold is still poorly and unable to return to work yet and so we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Naomi Russell and Mrs. Minara Khan to the office staff in the meantime. Naomi will be managing the dinner registers, including identifying where debts are still owed for school meals (please settle your bills as soon as possible), whilst Minara will be at the front desk answering your questions and queries, particularly at the end of the day. I know you will make them both welcome when you see them in the office. We also are pleased to welcome Mrs. Sarah Humphreys and Mrs. Dawn Josling to the LSA team. Sarah will be supporting learning in Larch class whilst Dawn will be in Birch class every Friday.

New school dictionaries

Many thanks to The Rotary Club of Brentwood Breakfast for providing us with new dictionaries for use in Year 4. This will enable us to send our previous stock, which was also provided by the Rotary Club only last year, home with the children for their private use.

Learning targets

This term's targets for reading and writing will be sent home on Monday so that you know the areas in which to support your children. We are no longer setting termly maths targets as we have found it more effective to focus on a new target for each area of maths studied. Please remember to sign up for your Monday evening appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you cannot make a Monday, then see the class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Christmas presents

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank parents, carers and children for their very generous Christmas presents last term.

Fundraisers

Everyone is welcome to come along to Zizzi's in Brentwood at 8:00 pm on Tuesday for the next Fundraisers meeting.

Please help us

On Thursday, 15th January, it is our next Census Day. It is really important that as many people as possible have a school dinner on Thursday as we are funded based on this figure. The school menu will be a Pasta Bar with salad (see details below). Thank you.

Healthy Schools Award

Well done everybody for helping us to be recognised as a Healthy School, supporting children physically and emotionally. We are now applying for the advanced award.

Fancy making a cushion?

Is your New Year's resolution to try new skills? Why not come along to Holly Hobbies on Tuesday afternoon (2:00 to 3:15 pm). This half term we will be making cushion covers using different crafting methods (e.g. applique, embroidery, embellishments). We can provide the materials, but feel free to bring any yourself if you have a particular colour scheme or idea in mind. Just come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

Menu

Week 3 menu - please see the website for our menus. Please have a look at our exciting new Winter menus.

Thursday, 15th January – Pasta Bar

Choice of three pastas – Pepperoni, Three Cheese and Tomato and Basil with salad. American pancakes for dessert.

Letters home

6th – Y4 swimming

6th – Able Maths Day

7th – Forest School

7th – Y3 visit to Colchester Castle

7th – Y6 Maths Club

Attendance – 97% target

Congratulations to Birch, Elder, Elm and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Amelia Mason Braham, Hollie Freeman, Mohamed Salih, Olivia Simmons, Gracie Dines, Levi Holmes, Dylan Hann, Harry Izatt, Abigail Dench, Morrighan Charles, Woody Sansom and Tayla O’Keefe.

Headteacher’s Award went to Ardas Liaukonis.