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# School Newsletter

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## EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been learning all about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have all been fascinated by the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. They have enjoyed researching on the internet and watching time lapse videos.

We have also been learning strategies to help us count objects accurately such as moving objects from one place to another as they count, or lining them up and counting from one end to the other. These are simple activities you may want to continue practising at home.

Just a reminder about WOW slips. The children have all been sent home with more WOW slips today and we would love to hear about all the amazing things they are getting up to at home independently.

The children are all trying really hard with their sounds. We are trying to reinforce the importance of learning the sound AND the letter name for each as they need to know both before we are happy that they are secure before we move them on.

Have a lovely weekend :)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all enjoyed the half term break: it's been lovely to hear about the children's activities, and we've been really impressed with the high quality of the homework that children have produced, especially relating to their topics of Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt. There are some fantastic achievements; thank you all for supporting your children in their activities.

I am really sorry to inform you that unfortunately I have been contacted recently by members of the public on several occasions, informing me that pupils from QBPS have been seen behaving inappropriately in our local community outside of school hours. I have been told that pupils have destroyed Halloween displays outside houses, been jumping inside large refuse skips and have been seen urinating and defecating against buildings. Please can I ask you to discuss these matters with your child so that everyone can continue to enjoy our local environment. Thank you for your kind support.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night and look forward to seeing the children again next week,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **96.49%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 100%	Oak YrR 95%	Elm Yr1 99.15%	Beech Yr1 96.55%	Birch Yr2 92.67%	Hazel Yr2 95.97%
Absences		8	2	8	17	10
Lateness	1	1		3	2	

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 – 97.9%, Grey = 91 – 94.9%, Blue = 85 – 90.9%, Red = <84.9%

### \*\*\*KS2\*\*\* Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.36%**

	Maple Yr3 100%	Rowan Yr3 92.92%	Holly Yr4 97.50%	Willow Yr4 95.83%	Hawthorn Yr5 98.21%	Sycamore Yr5 98.28%	Chestnut Yr6 100%	Aspen Yr6 98.36%
Absences		17	6	10	4	4		4
Lateness	1			3		2	1	1

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# SCHOOL DIARY

**Thur 9th Nov – 9.30am**

EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

**Thurs 16th Nov - AM**

Author Visit (Years 3 and 4)

**Friday 17th Nov**

Children In Need Non Uniform Day - £1

**Fri 24th Nov – 5 to 7pm**

FAFA – Christmas Bazaar

**Thur 30th Nov** (within the school day)

Shooting Stars Performance of Aladdin

**Tue 5th Dec – 2pm**

EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal (to whole school)

**Wed 6th Dec – 9.30am**

EYFS Nativity Performance

**Wed 6th Dec – 2pm**

EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

**Thur 7th Dec – 9.15am**

Yr3/4 carol concert rehearsal at St. Michaels

**Thur 7th Dec – 2pm**

EYFS Nativity Performance

**Thur 7th Dec – 6pm**

Year 3/4 Carol Concert at St. Michaels Church

**Fri 8th Dec – 5 to 7.15pm**

FAFA – KS2 Cinema Night

**Mon 11th Dec – 1.45pm**

KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (to whole school)

**Tue 12th Dec – 1.45pm**

KS1 Nativity Performance

**Wed 13th Dec – 9.30am**

KS1 Nativity Performance

**Wed 13th Dec – 5.30 to 8pm**

FAFA – Gingerbread House Event (Adults Only)

**Thur 14th Dec – 1.45pm**

KS1 Nativity Performance

**Fri 15th Dec**

Whole School Christmas Lunch

**Fri 15th Dec**

Christmas Jumper Day

(Save the Children - £1 donation)

**21st Dec to 1st Jan**

Festive Break

**Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Jan**

Non-Pupil Days

**Tue 9th Jan – 9.30am**

EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

## IMPORTANT – Punctuality Expectations

Punctuality is vital to the start of the school day as the day's objectives are set and learning tasks explained. Lateness also causes disruption for the rest of the class who are ready to learn.

- ◆ **The school gates are opened at 8.40am & locked at 8.55a**
- ◆ **The register is taken at 9am promptly.**
- ◆ **Lateness forms part of our regular Attendance Reviews conducted in conjunction with attendance officers from Attendance Solutions.**
- ◆ **Parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their children arrive at school punctually each day.**

Failure to address and improve on punctuality issues raised will, in the first instance; result in a request to attend a School Attendance Meeting here at school. Continued failure to address poor punctuality may then result in a fine being sought via Essex Country Councils 'Missing Education & Child Employment Service'.



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

Ignacy – Ash  
 Ehan – Ash  
 Kacie – Oak  
 Oscar – Elm  
 Tallulah – Beech  
 Abdulrahman – Birch  
 Louie – Hazel  
 Rahma – Maple  
 Olivia – Rowan  
 Jasper – Holly  
 Charlie – Willow  
 Nive – Hawthorn  
 Micah – Sycamore  
 Sophia – Aspen  
 Luci-Ana – Chestnut

## Term Time Holidays

Term times are for education, pupils and families have 175 days off school, including weekends and school holidays, to spend time together. Taking children out of school during term time can be detrimental to children's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents to take their children out of school during term time.

The school will only authorise a term time holiday in genuinely exceptional circumstance. Where an unauthorised holiday is taken, the school will request that a penalty notice be issued to each parent of £60\* for each child taken out of school.

\*Increasing to £120 if not paid within 21 days.



**DEAR PARENTS**

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

- Kingswood (Year 6) Residential – Place Not Required Letter



Visit ParentINFO via the link on the schools website for important FREE safeguarding advice.

Topics this week include:-

- [Are you worried your child might see something inappropriate online?](#) CEOP offers advice for parents.
- [Childhood stroke - what parents need to know](#) Dr Anne Gordon on behalf of the Stroke Association gives parents advice and useful information.
- [One of a kind: resisting the pressure to conform](#) Tips from the Dove Self-Esteem Project to help parents boost their child's body confidence. A free 40-page guide is also available to download.

This Week's Presentation Awards go to...



Ollie ~ Aspen  
 Liam ~ Sycamore  
 Tilly-Rose ~ Birch

This week's Golden Dustpan Award Goes To...



Holly Class



## Help Pudsey round up those old pound coins!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

- Spotacular Non Uniform Day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - £1 donation  
&
- Buy your Pudsey merchandise from the school office from Monday
  - Glow in the Dark Wristbands - £1 each
  - Glow in the Dark Pudsey Keyrings - £1 each
  - Pudsey & Blush Glitter pin Badges - £1 each
  - All while stocks last...

## Christmas Bazaar

**24th November 2017 from 5.00pm till 7.00pm**

**CAN YOU OFFER AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME?**

**PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF FAFA KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG AND HELP.**

We are now collecting donations for the Secret Santa Room. This is the most popular activity at this event. For our newer families this is how it works. We ask every child to donate something that is either being re-gifted or costs no more than £1. They can bring these items into school and leave them in the designated area in our school library. Then on the night of the Bazaar they are invited to come along and independently visit the Secret Santa room and buy "you" a gift and have it wrapped by a teacher who will be working in that room. We ask that all adults stay outside of the room to allow the children to shop alone. The children love this experience. All they have to do is pay £1 on the night per gift and then shop.

### **Suggested donations for each year group:**

**EYFS - Chocolate**

**Year 1 - Smellies for girls ~ Year 2 - Smellies for boys**

**Year 3 - Socks (male and female) ~ Year 4 - Sweets**

**Year 5 - Pens/note pads ~ Year 6 - Biscuits**

**Thank you for your continued support. See you all on the 24th November.**

# Gingerbread House Event

Wednesday 13th December 2017

6.00pm till 8.30pm

Adults Only



To get us into the Christmas spirit the Friends and Family Association are holding our second Gingerbread House making and decorating event.

There will be festive lights, mulled wine, a mince pie or two and Christmas music to get us all in the mood. You will be supplied with a gingerbread house kit, icing, icing bag, sweets, cake board and all the trimmings to wrap your beautiful creation ready to take home for Christmas.

The cost of this event will be £10 per person, we have limited spaces please respond by the

Friday 10th November 2017 at the latest.

We will be selling refreshments on the evening.

Bring a friend!

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Parent's Name ..... Child's Class .....

Number of tickets ..... Total £ .....

Please enclose your tear off clip and money in a sealed envelope marked Gingerbread House Event.  
Please DO NOT enclose any other money or forms. All events are organised by an external vendor.

Your ticket will be issued on December 1st and sent home via your child's book bag.



Our Friends and Family Association is in its eighth year. We have with the children's help raised over £30,000 in that time and been able to provide extra curricular activities and equipment that have gone to benefit every child at our school.

Do you see yourself as part of this successful team, helping to raise funds, organising events, rallying families and friends to come along and take part in our events.

We are looking for new people to come on board with new and exciting ideas. Can you offer a few hours of help at events, organise events? Is that you?

We will be holding our annual AGM on  
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018 AT 3.30PM  
in the main school hall.

SAVE THE DATE.

If you are interested and would like a taster of what is required come along and help out at our School Bazaar on the 24/11/17. Please contact Helene Debattista for further information.