

Friday, 24th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

50th Anniversary Service of Celebration

Please come to our 50th service of celebration on Tuesday 5th December at 9:30 am. There will be refreshments and some of our special cake. The Mayor of Chelmsford will be there to celebrate with us.

Front Playground

From today, Friday 24th November, the front playground is safe to use. Thank you all for your support during this difficult time with our gas repairs, it is much appreciated.

SMASH Update

On **Friday, 8th December**, we would like the children to wear a Christmas jumper to school and in return to bring a filled jar of sweets, smellies, stationery, hairbands etc. Be as imaginative as you like! These will then be sold at our Christmas Market that evening. Thank you for your support. Please, no more Christmas card orders. They have all been sent off and there is no time for any more. Thanks to Stacey England for sticking with all the extra orders – brilliant!

SMASH

We'd like to say a big thank you to all those who have managed to raise £3233.65 through Co-op membership cards. This will make a huge difference to our total and means we will soon be able to start purchasing some of the computing equipment we would like for our pupils.

We would also like to say thank you for supporting us. We understand a lot of flyers have gone out over the last couple of weeks – we are just super excited about all the events coming up.

On **Friday 8th December 4:30 – 6:30**, we will be holding a Christmas Market where outside agencies will be joining us for you to purchase Christmas gifts for loved ones and friends, or for you to treat yourself! There will also be game stalls, a soft play area and rides. A sweet stall will be created using donated decorated jars filled with sweets. These should be filled and brought to school on the day. There will be a prize for the best sweet jar in each year group. We welcome everyone in the community to join us to celebrate this Christmas so the more the merrier.

Bonus Ball

Thank you to all those who entered last week's Bonus Ball. It was a £30 roll over and was won by Mrs Cousins. Don't forget to find Miss Kneller to get your number for this week's draw. You have to be in it to win it!

Crossing Patrol Update

We have received this notification this week from Essex County Council which I am sure you will be as disappointed to read as I was. If there are any parents, grandparents or carers who would like this very important job, please do not hesitate to contact me. You will be welcomed with open arms!

Dear Schools,

I am sorry to have to advise you that has just informed me that she no longer wishes to take up the position of school crossing patrol at Barnard Road.

This is very frustrating as we had completed her recruitment compliance (after some difficulties) and were ready to confirm a start date and had planned our induction/training programme.

I have instructed our recruitment team to repost the vacancy on the Working for Essex website and this will be live from later today so hopefully we will get more candidates to apply.



I know this will be disappointing news to you and your parents and carers. Please advise them accordingly. In the meantime If you know of any suitable person (e.g. midday assistant caretaker, parent, etc.) who would be willing to volunteer to cover the crossings on a temporary basis while we continue try to fill this post please let me know.

Christmas Concert

Our formal concert will take place on Monday 18th December, starting at 1:30 pm in the school hall and parents/carers/friends are welcome to attend. Any child who has been learning to play an instrument (whether in or out of school) and would like to take part needs to let Mrs Rumsey or Mrs Maxwell know by Friday 8th December by leaving a note with:

Name, class, instrument and title of the piece they are performing. It would also be very helpful if they could say if they need piano accompaniment or are performing to backing tracks.

The school choir and other school music groups will also be performing. A letter will follow in due course.

Children in Need

Thanks to your amazing generosity and kindness, we managed to raise an amazing £234.59 for Children in Need. Thanks to Mrs. Veasey and the School Council for organising all the activities. Well done!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who took the time to put together shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. I am delighted to say that we have sent 74 boxes to the distribution centre. The boxes looked amazing and they will make wonderful Christmas presents for less-fortunate children.

Sports Report

On Monday 20th November, Esme, Roisin, Daniel and Alfie went to an archery competition. We came in third place out of seven schools and we played seven matches. Alfie scored the most points. Thanks to Mrs Scott and Mr Sturton. Report by Daniel, Esme and Roisin (Year 6).



Dinner Menus

Next week is Week 2.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday, 30th November – SMASH Years 3/4 Christmas Gift Sale in school time

Friday, 1st December – SMASH Years 5/6 Christmas Gift Sale in school time

Thursday, 7th December – Year 5 trip to Harry Potter World

Friday, 8th December – SMASH Christmas Market – 4:30pm – 6:30pm on front playground

Tuesday, 12th December – Reindeers are visiting!

Wednesday 13th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 14th December @ 1:30 pm – Years 3/4 Christmas Presentation PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Friday, 15th December @ 7:00 pm – Years 3/4 Christmas Presentation PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Tuesday, 19th December @ 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church – School Carol Service

Tuesday, 19th December – SMASH Christmas Disco – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 20th December – the school closes for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday, 3rd January 2018 – NON-PUPIL DAYS

Thursday, 4th January 2018 – Children return to school after the Christmas break

Friday, 9th February 2018 – School closes for the half-term break

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Rumsey".

Maria Rumsey
Headteacher