

Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. We hope you all had a great time and enjoyed Halloween and Bonfire night. The year is slipping away quickly and we are quickly approaching December! We now have the dates for the Christmas Performances and will be sending out information on how to obtain tickets very soon. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to keep abreast with what is happening; it promises to be a very, very busy half term!

- Next week is National School Meal Week. As part of an incentive to get more children eating school meals the kitchen will be giving out goody bags each day. A sticker will be placed on the bottom of one plate in each key stage hall – the child with the sticker wins the goody bag!

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We have lots of educational visits going on this month. All of our classes will be visiting the local library during the month. Our Y3 children will be visiting Tilbury Fort on 23 November as part of the work they are doing in class and Y5 will be visiting the Science Museum on 28 November to enhance the work that they are doing. Y3 will also be receiving visitors in the shape of Roman soldiers on 30 November when History off the Page visit school. These are all exciting events and we thank you once again for supporting them with your donations.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Once again, we will be supporting the wonderful Children In Need charity event on 17 November. This will be a non-uniform day, with the proceeds going to Children in Need. Our last charity event was for Action Aid at the end of last half term, raising £266.71.

SAFETY MATTERS

Unfortunately, we have to mention again the fact that children are using scooters and bikes unsafely around the school. On Wednesday morning, a toddler on a scooter hurtled around a corner, knocking into one of our pupils and almost hitting his mother as well. Both were extremely shaken, and the toddler's mum had no idea what had happened as she walked along with her music playing! Other children and parents have experienced near misses as children ride their bikes at speed on the pathways. We have new signs around the school prohibiting the riding of bikes and scooters on the premises. If we receive any more complaints, we will have to stop all bikes and scooters from entering the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been great to see the children coming back to school looking so smart in their school uniforms. Can we just remind parents that our uniform is :

For Boys Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt White shirt, polo shirt or plain white t-shirt Grey trousers or shorts	For Girls Red cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt White blouse, polo shirt or plain white t-shirt Grey skirt, trousers or tunic
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All children should wear conventional black shoes and not trainers for school.

RECEPTION CLASSES

An additional Parent and Child Session has been arranged for parents of children in our Reception class on Tuesday 14 November at 8.45am in the KS1 hall. Please come along if you are able.

NO PARKING

We received a complaint on Wednesday from a neighbour who reported that a black Range Rover had parked across his drive at the end of the school day, making it impossible for him to drive in. Please be aware of where you are parking when collecting your children from outside the school and reflect on how you would feel if you were unable to park in your own drive.

TUCK SHOP

Herringham's popular tuck shop is starting today and will be open every Friday at 3pm from the Cook It entrance opposite the outdoor classroom in the KS2 playground. Profits will help to purchase Herringham Radio!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to class 3 Maple who achieved 99.4% attendance on the last week of half term. They were closely followed by 1 Palm and 5 Elm, both achieving 99.3%. Other classes beating our target were:

2 Hazel	98%
5 Willow	97.9%
4 Eucalyptus	97.4%
1 Birch	96%

Classes not achieving our overall target of 96% were:

2 Monkey Puzzle	94.4%
R Acorns	92%
6 Chestnut	92%
3 Ash	91.7%
4 Sycamore	91.4%
R Conkers	91%
6 Oak	85.7%

Overall the school reached 94.7% attendance.

PUNCTUALITY

Every single class had someone arrive late during the last week of half term. In total, your children lost 7 hours and 55 minutes learning time.

Your child was affected as follows:-

RC	47 minutes lost	7 children	3M	30 minutes lost	5 children
RA	50 minutes lost	4 children	4E	25 minutes lost	2 children
1B	9 minutes lost	2 children	4S	59 minutes lost	2 children
1P	44 minutes lost	4 children	5W	22 minutes lost	2 children
2MP	22 minutes lost	2 children	5E	26 minutes lost	5 children
2H	5 minutes lost	1 child	6O	35 minutes lost	2 children
3A	50 minutes lost	3 children	6C	51 minutes lost	5 children

Once again, we can't stress how important it is to arrive on time for school. External doors to classrooms are open from 8.30am for registration and are closed promptly when our bell goes at 8.45am. After 8.45am your child is classed as late for school.



DIARY DATES.....

Monday 13 to Friday 17 November

National School Meal Week

Monday 13 November

Y1 parent and child session 2pm

Tuesday 14 November

Y6 visit Chadwell Library

Reception parent and child session 8.45am

Wednesday 15 November

KS2 Parents—Maths Know How 8.45am & 2.45pm

Thursday 16 November

Y3 visit Chadwell Library

Friday 17 November

Non Uniform day for Children in Need

Core Values Day

Monday 20 November

Y4 visit Chadwell Library

Thursday 23 November

Y4 visit Tilbury Fort

New Reception Parents Open Day 9.30-11.30am

Y2 parent and child session 2pm

Friday 24 November

Y5 visit Chadwell Library

Monday 27 November

Reception visit Chadwell Library

Tuesday 28 November

Y5 Science Museum trip

Y2 visit Chadwell Library

Wednesday 29 November

KS1 Parents—Maths Know How 8.45am & 2.45pm

Thursday 30 November

Y1 visit Chadwell Library

Y3 History Off The Page workshops

Wednesday 6 December

Y2 History Off The Page workshops

Reception classes visit St Mary's church

Friday 8 December

Y1 History Off The Page workshops

Christmas Market

Tuesday 12 December

Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am

Wednesday 13 December

Y1&2 Christmas Performance 9.15am

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14 December

Y1&2 Christmas Performance 11am

Y3,4,5&6 Christmas Performance 1.30pm

Y3,4,5&6 Christmas Performance 5pm

Friday 15 December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18 December

Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 19 December

Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 20 December

Non Pupil Day

Thursday 21 December—Monday 1 January

Christmas Break

Tuesday 2 January

Back to School—Spring 1