



**Staff member of the week**  
**Mrs Dennett**



**GLC**

**Herringham Primary Academy**



**Staff Team of the Week**  
**The LSA Team!**

**Friday 8 December 2017 Issue 309**

Well, our Christmas Market went off really well today – we will know the total raised by Monday, so will let you know at the end of next week. A big THANK YOU for supporting this event. It's a really nice start to our Christmas activities. Next week promises to be really busy – our children will be doing their Christmas performances. We will be holding a crèche for younger children during the day time performances so if you would like to book a place, please let us know so that we can judge numbers etc. If we have any spare performance tickets next week, we will be sending out a text enabling you to purchase extras if you need them. It will be on a first come first served basis if there are any available, so watch out for a message! It doesn't seem possible, but only one more week to go. We break up from school on Friday 15th December (after Father Christmas has made his annual visit!) and return to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

**NEW ADDITION!**

Have you noticed the new acquisition in our foyer? We hope you enjoy the presentation we have there now, celebrating all of the great things happening across the GLC. The information will be updated each week, giving you access to current events and activities in school.

**HISTORY OFF THE PAGE**

Florence Nightingale visited our school on Wednesday! This was a really great event run by History off the Page. The children (and adults who joined in on the day) really enjoyed the activities and it helped the children to understand the work they are currently doing in class. History off the Page were here again today looking at Toys with our Year 1 children. We have had great feedback about these events which have covered three year groups over the past two weeks. Thanks to everyone who donated towards these events. Without your help, they would not be able to happen.

**LOCAL SUPPORT**

Helen Catterick is our Local Area Co-ordinator working out of Chadwell Library every Monday from 10am – 12 noon and Chadwell Children's Centre in Claudian Way on the second Friday of every month between 9.30am and 11am. Helen can help you to:

- Access information to help make choices
- Identify, use and share personal passions and strengths
- Develop relationships
- Plan for the future
- Be an active part of your community
- Find practical ways of doing the things you want to do.

To contact Helen call 07710 950318 or email [hcatterick@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:hcatterick@thurrock.gov.uk).

**WELL DONE!**

Well done to Remi 5E and Oscar 4S – they both attend the after school karate club and were graded to Green Belt after their grading examination last weekend.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

ALL After School Clubs are now finished until after Christmas.

There will be no clubs during the last week of term. Premier Extra Curricular clubs are now available to book online at [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) With a range of clubs to pick from starting in January, you won't want to miss these exciting opportunities. Book early to avoid missing out. Clubs run by the school are not yet on our website, but we will text you as soon as they are available.

**SNOW WARNING!!**

There have been some weather warnings for this weekend. Hopefully, we will miss the worst of the snowy weather in this area, but just in case it is very bad snow on Monday, you will be able to find out if the school is closed through our website or by tuning in to Radio BBC Essex. We will also send a text out to parents if there is a closure.

**PRE-CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Grangewaters in South

Ockendon are holding some lovely Christmas activity events over the next few weeks. On 9th December, they are holding a wreath making session, where you can make your own Christmas wreath, and on Friday 15th December, there is a Christmas Fairy Trail from 3.30 – 4.45. For more information and to book, please email [grangewaters@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:grangewaters@thurrock.gov.uk) or call 01708 855228

**WONDER**

Our Year 6 children

visited the cinema in Lakeside on Thursday to see the film Wonder. All the Year 6 children from the Gateway Learning Community primary schools attended the event, taking over the whole cinema. The children are familiar with the story, as this is one of our My Book Blog Books. Once again, thank you for supporting this event.

**SAFETY FIRST**

In the interests of safety, can we please ask

parents to think carefully before pulling up outside of the school to drop children off in the mornings, and also when collecting at night. PLEASE do not pull up in front of our car park gates. This restricts access to the school, and also means that drivers need to reverse out into the road when children are crossing the pathway. Some parents are mounting the pavement to park when children and adults are walking along outside the school. We really don't want to be reporting an accident in our newsletter. We rely heavily on your co-operation in this matter. It is the only way to make sure that your children remain safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

## ATTENDANCE

3 Ash are our stars of the week this week. They achieved 98.3% attendance. Well done. Other classes meeting or beating our 96% target were:

3 Eucalyptus – 97.4%  
3 Maple – 97.1%  
6 Oak – 97%  
5 Elm – 96.3%  
4 Sycamore – 96.2%  
1 Birch – 96%  
2 Hazel – 96%

Classes not making the target were:

R Acorns – 95.7%  
6 Chestnut – 95.5%  
5 Willow – 94.7%  
2 Monkey Puzzle – 94.6%  
1 Palm – 93.3%  
R Conkers – 87.6%

## PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality last week was not what it could have been! Unfortunately, every single class in school had someone come into school late. A total of 12 hours and 57 minutes learning time was lost across the whole school and all of that time has to be made up by the children in 'catch-up' as it is important that the children spend time making sure that they have not missed any learning. Being late in the morning therefore has a knock-on effect all through the day, not just for your child, but for members of staff as well. Please make every effort to arrive at school on time. Thank you.



DIARY DATES.....

### Tuesday 12 December

Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am

### Wednesday 13 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 9.15am

Christmas Dinner

GLC Christmas Awards

### Thursday 14 December

KS1 Christmas Performance 11am

KS2 Christmas Performance

1.30pm

KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm

### Friday 15 December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

(We are expecting Santa in the afternoon to visit the parties!)

### Monday 18 —Wednesday 20 December

Non Pupil Days

### Thursday 21 December—

### Monday 1 January

Christmas Break

### Tuesday 2 January

Back to School—Spring 1

Reception Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

### Wednesday 3 January

Y1 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y5 Parent Partnership Meeting 2.45pm

### Thursday 4 January

Y2 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y4 Parent Partnership meeting 2.45pm

### Friday 5 January

Y3 Parent Partnership meeting 8.45am

Y6 Parent Partnership meeting 2.45pm