



IF WEEKLY

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Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to start the week by putting our Christmas tree up on Monday, kindly donated by the congregation at St Mary the Virgin Church in Fryerning, which looks beautiful in our reception area. Revd. Patrick would also like to thank everyone who came along to the Community Centre on Sunday for the Church Christmas Bazaar. It was an enjoyable event for all the family and help to raise over £1,700.

It has been another rewarding week in school, even though there were a few tired faces in school this morning after our amazing show performed by Years 3 and 4. On Monday Mr Poole put out our Christmas post box, which is now open for the children to post their cards. If you can remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope it will help us with delivering the cards. You may have also seen that we have put up our beautiful tree in reception which was kindly donated by Fryerning church.

On Monday afternoon Years 5 and 6 headed off to the Anglo European School to watch their dress rehearsal of 'We Will Rock You'. The show was fantastic and the lively production was an inspiration to us all. It was wonderful to see so many past students from our school not only taking part, but also taking on the lead roles in the show.

I have also enjoyed reading newspaper reports written by Years 3 and 4 and raps written by Years 5 and 6 based on the Prince of Bel Air. It has been wonderful to see them producing some excellent work.

As you may know Mrs Nolan will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We have considered a range of different scenarios and have decided that Mrs Angeli will teach in Class Iceland on a Monday and Tuesday morning in addition to her current three days. Mrs Johnson will teach on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon in Class Iceland. Mrs Frith will teach in Class Wales on a Friday in addition to her current three days and Mrs Johnson will continue to teach in Class Wales on a Thursday.

On Wednesday and Thursday we welcomed parents, siblings, grandparents, Ingatestone Infant School, friends, family and governors to watch 'How Christmas Came To Be' which was an Edgy Production written by Andrew Oxspring and Ian Faraday. Years 3 and 4 put on a marvelous show and it turned out to be one of my highlights of the week. It brought a lot of festive cheer to the stage and the show was a huge hit with everyone. I personally thought it was a magical show which the staff and children enjoyed with enthusiasm. The children were fantastic and I felt they performed with confidence, sang beautifully and lit up the stage. It was a thoroughly enjoyable production and I would like to thank all the staff, parents, PTA and of course the children for creating another memorable occasion at Ingatestone and Fryerning C of E (VA) Junior School.

"What a great show! The children's voices were clear and confident, the singing was lovely and the costumes beautiful. It was great fun."

During the week it has been wonderful seeing groups of children planting trees with Mrs Porter which were donated to the school by the Woodlands Trust. Altogether we planted 30 trees which in time will create an interesting space for the children.

Throughout the week members of our PTA have been running a Christmas Shop, which has proved to be a huge success. This is always a lovely event and the children enjoyed shopping with their class and purchasing special gifts to put under the Christmas tree. I would like to thank the PTA for running this and everyone who helped to ensure its continued success.

This Sunday there is a Christmas Market being held at the Ingatestone Community Centre from 12pm until 6pm and our school choir will be singing with Ingatestone Infant School at 2.00pm, so please come along and support this event. There will also be a number of shops open in the village to make it feel even more festive.

Next week there is a lot going on in school apart from keeping up with learning in class. On Monday we have Mrs Ringrose joining our staff team as an LSA, on Tuesday we are off to Ingatestone Infant School to watch their production, on Thursday we have a pantomime in school, provided by the PTA and a football match at home and finally on Friday the PTA are hosting a film night at school.

On Tuesday 17th December to coincide with our Christmas dinner our School Council would like to hold a festive non-uniform day. They are running a competition for the best dressed/most interesting Christmas themed costume. As in previous years they would like everyone to bring in £1 to support our chosen charities and dress up in something festive (for example reindeer antlers, PJ's, onesie, tinsel, Mary and Joseph, red and green, Christmas jumpers (please don't buy one specially), Brussel sprout, cracker, Christmas Pudding, 9 ladies dancing, 10 Lords a-leaping, hats or anything else).

Neil Taggart





Bake Sale

after school in the hall

12th December

all items 50p

gluten-free
Vegan option!

Please drop off your baked or bought treats to the office in the morning!



Head Teachers Cup:

Freya Maskell
Jack Sutton

Times Table Rockstars Certificate:

Daisy George

School Value Award:

Co-operation: Lexi Foley, George Quick

Respect: Alexa Court

Enjoyment: Tobie Webber, Kimberley Crane, Leo Goddard, George Jennings

Aspiration: Anna-Maria Moodey, Maddie Borwn

Well Done Certificate:

Martha Acfield-Cork, Alexander Davey, Jared Callan, Freddie Sutton, Tari Gwanzura, Verity Hall, Rosie George, Charlotte Pudney, Lily Wheeler, Alex Wade, Alexander Stevart, Jack Sutton, Olly Wright, Lexi McCallum

Out of School Achievements:

Congratulations to:

Zac Wright for his Bronze Sash in Kung-Fu and Anya McCoy for her Distinction in Drama.

Dates (new in bold)

December

8th School Choir singing @ Ingatestone Community Centre Christmas Market
12th 10am Whole school pantomime in School

Football v St Peter's (h)

13th 9:05 Class Iceland assembly
PTA Popcorn night
17th 12:00 Christmas Lunch
6pm Upper School Carol service @ t Edmund & St Mary church
18th Christmas service @ St Edmund & St Mary church
12:00 School closes early

19th Non Pupil day

20th-5th Christmas Holiday

January 2020

6th First day Spring Term

17th 5-7pm PTA Disco

February

15th-23rd Half Term

28th PTA Popcorn Night

March

7th PTA Spring Ball

10th PTA Mothers Day shop

12th PTA Mothers Day shop

20th Class Turkey assembly

25th Governor Day

31st 9am Lower School visit to Hyde Hall

Monday 9 th Dec	Tuesday 10 th Dec	Wednesday 11 th Dec	Thursday 12 th Dec	Friday 13 th Dec
Pasta day! With bolognaise sauce and grated cheese	Chicken tikka masala curry	Pizza with cheese and tomato or pepperoni topping	"Sea Dog" !! A jumbo fish finger in a long roll	Oven baked chicken chunks with tomato sauce
✓Macaroni cheese	✓Vegetable curry	✓Tomato and herb Pasta bake	✓Linda McCartney veggie sausage in a roll	✓Birds Eye vegetable fingers
Garlic bread Salad bar	Rice Naan bread Salad bar	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Rice salad with peas and sweetcorn Pasta salad Salad bar	Chips Peas Baked beans Salad bar
Jacket potato with toppings	Jacket potato with toppings	baguettes not available today	Jacket potato with toppings	Jacket potato with topping
Fresh fruit	Bakewell flapjack	Festive shortbread biscuit	Apple crumble and cream	Jelly pot
Muller corner yoghurt or Yeo valley organic yoghurt	Fresh fruit, Muller corner yoghurt or Yeo valley organic yoghurt	Fresh fruit, muller corner yoghurt, yeo valley organic yoghurt	Muller corner yoghurt or Yeo Valley organic yoghurt, fresh fruit	Fresh fruit, Muller corner yoghurt or Yeo valley organic yoghurt

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