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Merry Christmas and a very Happy
New Year to you and your family from
all of the staff at
Brightlingsea Junior School



Brightlingsea Junior School Newsletter



Diary Dates—December 2016

Monday 19th December	AM - PTA Gift Wrapping event. Gifts will be on sale for £1, £3 or £5 please send some money in with your child if you would like them to take part. They can choose a gift to buy, get it wrapped and write a tag and bring it home as a secret present for a family member.
Tuesday 20th December	11am Christmas assembly, with carols, in St James's Church This will be a special Christmas celebration assembly for pupils and staff. With over 360 pupils there will not be space in the Church for us to invite all parents to join us, but we will need help to walk the children to and from the church and any helpers are welcome to stay for the assembly. We will be setting off from school at approximately 10:40am to walk to the Church. School Christmas Dinner (Years 3/4 12-1pm & Years 5/6 1-2pm)
Wednesday 21st December	Last day of Autumn Term
22nd Dec - 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 4th January	INSET Day (School closed to pupils but school office open to buy uniform etc)
Thursday 5th January 2017	First day of Spring Term for pupils
13th - 17th February 2017	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day - Please come to school dressed as a character from a book you have enjoyed.
Thursday 16th March 2017	5 - 8pm Learning Conferences (Parents Evening)
Tuesday 21st March 2017	3:30 - 6:30pm Learning Conferences (Parents Evening)
Friday 24th March 2017	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day (Theme yet to be decided!)
3rd April - 17th April 2017	Spring (Easter) Holiday
Tuesday 18th April 2017	First day of Summer Term
19th—21st April 2017	Year 6 classes on residential visit to Kingswood, West Runton, North Norfolk.
8th - 12th May 2017	Year 6 SATs week
13th June 2017	Year 5 Taster Day at the Colne

Dear Mrs Claydon,

I had the pleasure of meeting with Year 3 at St James' Church this morning, to show them around a Christian place of worship.

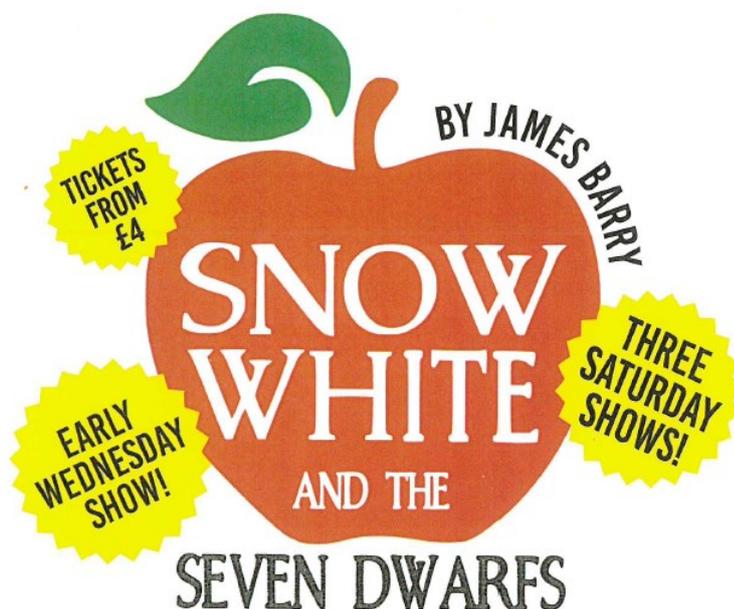
I am writing to tell you that the children were very well behaved, respectful and courteous throughout the visit. They listened carefully, then moved sensibly around the church observing, drawing and asking questions. Please convey my thanks to your hard-working staff for a lovely morning. You must be very proud of your year 3!

I hope the children learned some useful information about Christians and a church today. If there are any other questions, queries or anything we can help with during their work on Christianity, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to support them.

With all best wishes,

Catherine Graham (Licensed Lay Minister at St James)

BRIGHTLINGSEA PANTO GROUP PRESENTS



WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY @ 6:30
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY @ 7:30
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY @ 7:30
SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY @ 10:30, 2:00 & 7:30

BOX OFFICE: SPIRALS
VENUE: BRIGHTLINGSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE

We were delighted to win the Child Group category this year at the **2016 Brightlingsea Christmas Tree Festival** with our entries "OWL I want for Christmas is you!" and "OWL be home for Christmas". Please go to the Gallery page of our school website to see a photograph of our winning trees.

Dogs on the school site

Unfortunately we have recently had a couple of incidents of dog mess in the school grounds which has then resulted in staff or parents having to clean up children's shoes. This is clearly unacceptable.

REMINDER - Dogs are **not permitted** on the junior or infant playgrounds or on the pathways outside classrooms (all junior and infant classrooms).

Dogs are allowed in other shared areas such as the field and central gate area but we would urge you to avoid bringing your dog onto the school site if at all possible. Dogs that come on to the school site must be on a lead and under the control of an adult at all times. Dog mess must be immediately cleaned up by the owner - no excuses!

As parents are aware last year we resurfaced an area of the school grounds with artificial grass. This area is a Quiet Zone and is used for:

1. Sitting nicely and chatting with friends
2. Reading
3. Colouring / Puzzles
4. Quiet activities

Wanted - items for our Quiet Zone

Donations of unwanted reading books, puzzle books & colouring books in good condition. Also board games and card games.