



Let me start the final newsletter of the term with a massive THANK YOU. Your support at all events this term has again been overwhelming!

We've collected for Jeans for Genes Day, The Poppy Appeal, BBC Children In Need, Harvest Festival and during our Christmas concerts, Cancer Research (Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children is next Friday!)

Your children have shown their enthusiasm for joining in events, contributing, representing the school and showing how much they care about the needs of others and their pride in their school. Thank you.



Christmas Concerts

Year 6 began our run of concerts yesterday with a superb production – mixing the traditional nativity with current views on Christmas (even Brexit got a few mentions!)



This year we are collecting for Cancer Research at the end of our concerts. Every so often we have children in school with medical conditions – we currently have a pupil receiving treatment and would like to show our support.

Another implication of this is that we must be informed promptly of any illnesses/flu etc. so we can let the relevant medical staff know. (Hence the Groupcall this week regarding a case of Rubella in school – so any pregnant mums could inform their GPs if they haven't had the MMR vaccination).

Another reminder of concert dates:

Christmas concerts all start at **9.15am sharp – please do not be late.**

Friday 7th December: Yr 4

Wednesday 12th December: Nursery 11am / 2.45pm

Thursday 13th December: Yr 1

Tuesday 11th December: Yr 3

Wednesday 12th December: Yr 2

Friday 14th December: Yr R



Re safeguarding the images of your children: we DO NOT allow any video recording of the concerts at all. Please do NOT try to do this – you will be asked to delete the file (and, if you have knowingly recorded, be asked to leave the concert).

We have some year groups where all children do have permission for photographs so you will be told at the start of each production if you may take photographs. Please try to ensure you 'zoom in' and photograph your child only. You should NOT be publishing any photos on Social Media which include any child other than your own. You only have permission for your own child. If any images are used inappropriately action may be taken against you. Keep our children safe.

Dates

Monday 10th December: Yr 5 National Gallery Trip

Tuesday 11th December: KS1 FORV Disco – 3.20-4.30pm (please collect promptly as it is now dark by 4.30pm)

Friday 14th December: Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for "Save the Children" charity if children wish to join in and wear their Christmas jumpers as part of their uniform (normal skirts/trousers please!)



We continue to work until Wednesday 19th December. Please ensure your children attend on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th. It would be a shame for them to have a reduced attendance rate and to miss out on any arranged end of term celebrations!

Tuesday 18th – Christmas party afternoon – each teacher will tell their classes what arrangements will be made. Some may have games and food – teachers will tell classes if food contributions are needed.

Wednesday 19th – School Christmas lunch. Free for KS1. Ensure sQuid is topped up in advance for KS2. The children enjoy the festive atmosphere in the hall as the staff help with serving!



Cashless Catering

Please
**PAY
FIRST**

We have an increasing number of parents who are not regularly topping up their child's cashless catering account. It is not acceptable to run up a debt, no matter how much. The office staff are constantly chasing parents who owe money. It costs £11.00 per week to have a school dinner every day. This is the **minimum** amount that should be on your child's account at the beginning of each week. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure adequate funds are on the account before the meals are taken!

Computer Scams

We sent out a Groupcall to let you know that we do **NOT** send parents invoices by email. Some Havering email addresses have recently been used to send fraudulent emails. Do NOT open them, report them to your provider. Keep internet safe.

Christmas Cards

Our post box is in the linkway for all children (except Nursery) to put cards into. Remind your child to put their friends first and last name and class on the envelope so the Monitors (aka postmen) delivering them can do so successfully. It's too chaotic to have nearly 500 children all trying to deliver their own cards!

Choir

The choir have yet again demonstrated their fantastic talents, with lovely positive comments from the Rainham Fayre and Christingle Service. Well done!



End of Term

We finish at 3.20pm on Wednesday 19th December 2018, returning normal time (gates open 8.35am) on Monday 7th January 2019.

Spring Term Dates

Start of Spring Term: Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019

End of Spring Term: Friday 12th April 2019

