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*'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.  
We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their  
potential and excel in all they do'.*

## December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The school's Christmas season is in full swing! I think that those of you who attended the Nativity plays last week would agree that the children performed brilliantly and they should be very proud of themselves.

There is now a Christmas post box. If children would like to send cards to their friends, then please ensure they put the child's name and class on the envelope.

Don't forget that the school's Carol Concert at St Andrew's is **this evening at 6pm**. The children have been rehearsing the songs and carols that they will be singing. It is always a really special event and we welcome all from the school community.

### Message from the Governors

*Firstly, we would like to say congratulations and thank you to Mrs Taylor, staff and pupils for achieving the excellent results which have placed Scotts at the **top** of the 2018 Havering Primary League tables for progress and attainment at the end of KS2 and **16<sup>th</sup>** place out of all the schools in England for overall performance at the end of Key Stage 2. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of our school.*

*We would also like to thank Kerry Course, who recently resigned from the governing body and her role as Chair of Governors, for all her hard work and commitment over the last few years. Dan Window has taken on the role of Chair in the interim. Next term we will be introducing the newly elected members of the governing body and informing you of their specific roles and responsibilities.*

*Last month I was invited to attend the Parent Partnership meeting which was very informative - it also provides an excellent opportunity for parents to discover what is going on in school and discuss ideas and concerns.*

*I was particularly impressed with the way members of the School Council addressed the meeting. They clearly take the role of being a school council representative very seriously and was well prepared for the meeting and answered parents' questions clearly and articulately. Well done all of you.*

*We are looking forward to another busy and successful year and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.*

Mrs Jackie Boardman

Primary School League tables can be viewed here: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

### **Visitors to the school**

The new Chair of the Children and Learning Overview Committee, Councillor Judith Holt, and the Assistant Director of Education Mr Trevor Cook, visited the school in November. Councillor Judith Holt's letter following the visit was very positive:

*I was interested to see the best primary school in Havering and I was suitably impressed! The whole school and classrooms are bright, well-resourced and conducive to learning, with very good displays. Your teachers came across as most professional and inspiring. Your children are well-behaved and polite, as well as being focused and interested in their work.*

### **FOSA**

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success. Thank you parents for your support, whether this was helping out on a stall or attending and contributing financially! Approximately (to be confirmed) £3,142.02 was raised.

The children enjoyed the infant entertainer and junior discos provided by FOSA - these were very well attended.

There was a pantomime for the children today, paid for by FOSA. The children enjoyed this immensely - with much audience participation generated!

Thank you to FOSA for funding these events and for providing selection boxes for the children as a Christmas gift.

### **Enrichment activities**

Events since the last newsletter have included: 2AW and 4B class assemblies; Y2 cinema trip; able writer's day; Y2 Lighthouse Keeper's café; Y3 Stone Age workshop; Y5 debate and PJ Story time session.

#### **Parliament week**

All pupils participated in a range of activities during November's Parliament Week. Mrs Ford (Cranham councillor), visited Scotts - she informed the children about her role and the importance

of voicing concerns and opinions in the right way. The school council had a chance to meet our guest and they had a number of questions for her.

### **Little Musketeers Fencing Day**

Year 2, 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a day of fencing run by Olympian James Beevers. The day started with an inspirational assembly where the children had the opportunity to listen to James and watch some fun fencing activities. Then, throughout the day, each class had a session learning the basic skills of fencing and the 'on-guard' position.



### **Brentwood School Science Exhibition**

A group of gifted and talented scientists from Key Stage 2 were invited to present a project at the Brentwood School's annual exhibition. The theme for this year was "the wonder of science". The children compiled an amazing project all around eggs, featuring an investigation on how strong an egg shell is - would you believe that you can balance over 16kg on four egg shells?! The year 5 and 6 children also delved into osmosis and chemical reactions by removing the shell of an egg in vinegar and observing osmosis in action as food colouring penetrated the semi-permeable membrane!

The children who attended were commended by the team of judges for their confidence, charisma and thirst for learning! We were very proud of their efforts and it was great to see that two Year 6 students were recognised for their talent earning one of the top prizes! Well done to Ryan S, Kiitan, Daniel S, Ashwin and Harry W.

### **National Young Mathematician Award**

Rosie, Bomi, Findlay and Callum have been competing in the National Young Mathematician Award competition. They have successfully completed two rounds where they needed to find different solutions to some very complicated mathematical problems. Their fantastic team work has allowed them to become the Hornchurch champions and we are currently waiting to see if they will compete in the national competition at Cambridge University. What a fantastic achievement for these year 5s and 6s!

### **Road Safety Workshops**

Years 1 - 4 took part in school road safety workshops. The workshops covered several elements of road safety, including safe pedestrian and passenger behaviour.

### **Children in Need**

We raised £346.66 for the Children in Need Charity this year. Thank you so much for your generosity and for sending in t-shirts for your children to enjoy this special day at Scotts- all the children looking amazing!

## Sporting events

### **Cross-Country Club**

A huge well done to the children that have been coming to cross-country club every Wednesday morning before school since September. The commitment you have shown turning up to training on a weekly basis is very impressive. Without doubt all of you have shown an improvement in your fitness, so that's 40 fitter, healthier children in 12 weeks! You should be very proud of yourselves..... James L, Dhaval, Kiran, Nikhil, Noah D, Zain, Orlaith, Summer, Thomas W, Maisie, Mitchell, Paige, George, Oma, Harry B, Harry M, Jayden, Jake, Emad, Mikey, Daniel, Jacob, Ciaran, Harry F, Brooke, Henry, Joe, Findlay, Jack, Caylee, Isabelle, Lily-Rose, Oli, George F, Rosie, Eloise, Sam, Calum and Kai.

### **Junior Sportshall Athletics**

A huge well done to the 40 children that took part in the Borough Sportshall Athletics competition. They all tried their best in both the field and track events and showed impeccable behaviour throughout the day. The Year 3 and 4 team came 6<sup>th</sup> overall and won the 'Passion' award. The Year 5 and 6 team came 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all involved!



### **Gymnastics Club**

Well done to the Scotts girls, (Maisie, Freya, Amelie, Macy and Lexi) that took part in Jaybee's In-House Gymnastics competition. For further information, please visit our school website.

### **Orienteering**

Reiss and Tommy in Year 6 were selected to enter a regional orienteering event after finishing 3rd in the Borough competition. They not only came 1st but completed the 5 mile course in 32 minutes and 31 seconds, which the organiser said is the fastest time he has ever seen that course completed in- well done boys!

### **Girls and boys football- Havering League**

*The girls did themselves proud and displayed great team spirit especially as they had only played one match together prior to this as a team. We played 3 matches and drew all 3 and came 2nd overall. Well done to Brooke, Lily-Rose, Bomi, Eloise, Harriet, Amelia, Isabelle, Rosie, Abby & Tillie.*

*Mrs Knapp*

*The boys played with tremendous effort and determination. They persevered valiantly and showed good team-spirit and courage. Well done to Reiss, Tommy, Riley, Albie, Findlay, Joe, Callum, George F & George Fr*

*Mr O'Meara*

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/home> under the 'Curriculum' tab (then Sports).

## MUSCLEUP FOR LUCAS

Thank you to all the parents who attended the nativities last week and donated so generously towards this cause - an amazing £165.35 was raised and this will be added to the MUSCLEUP FOR LUCAS account.

A message from the family:

*'It means the world to us to know that you love and care for our little boy.'*



## Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Again this year we will be supporting Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day charity event, when the children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper and bring in a donation of £1. This has been organised to coincide with the Christmas dinner on the **18<sup>th</sup> December**. As a reminder, it will be a non-uniform day but with a Christmas jumper (or T shirt).

## Head Teacher's Awards for December

1M- Freddie, Kaya and Harrison  
1C- Joshua, Alfie and Chester  
2AW- Flynn, Platon and Esha  
2S- Hayden, Laura and Chester  
3B-Zac and Alyssia  
3L- Freya and Jyosh  
4B- Teddy, Daniel and Daniele  
4R-Megan Muhammed and Harry  
5B- Ruby, Kayden and Harry  
6W- Frank, Riley and Paige

## Dates for Your Diary:

<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Last Day at school
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- CHRISTMS HOLIDAYS
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- School reopens and pupils back to school
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- School Debate led by Year 3
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- Safeguarding presentations to Y1,Y2,Y3
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- Safeguarding presentations to Y4,Y5 & Y6
	- Boccia Competition
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	- FoSA Cake Sale - details to follow
	- Y6 Parents SATs Meeting @ 6pm - details to follow
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- Year 4R Class Assembly @ 9.15am details to follow
	- Netball League Matches - details to follow
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- Road Safety Workshop for Y5 & Y6
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	- Choir at 'Young Voices' Concert at O2
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	- Safer Internet Day
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	- 3L Class Assembly @ 9:15am - details to follow

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	- Y4 visit to Colchester Castle - details to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	- 3B Class Assembly @ 9:15am - details to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	- HALF TERM
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	- SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	- Able Writers' Day
	- NQT open morning
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- 5B Class Assembly @ 9:15AM - details to follow
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	- World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	- Whole school debate (Y4)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	- Book Fayre
	- Full Governing Body Meeting @ 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	- Red Nose Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	- Y5 Orienteering at Stubbers
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	- Y3 & 4 Gymnastic Competition at Clockhouse School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Y5 & 6 Gymnastic Competition at Clockhouse School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	- Good to be Different Day
Friday 5 April	- Bog Eyed Jog - details to follow
	- Easter Bazaar (FOSA)
8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> March	- Multicultural Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	- Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	- Parents' evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	- Last day of term

All the staff at Scotts would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor (Head Teacher) and Mr Kinnear (Deputy Head Teacher)

