



Ford End C of E Primary School Newsletter

Hope and a Future.



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Courageous optimism

Boundless creativity

Heartfelt compassion

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas decoration morning on Tuesday. Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents for supporting this event. We are sure you will all agree that the tree looks amazing now it is decorated! We must say a big thank you to our wonderful PTA, who have suggested that the money we took on the day be divided between the classes to spend on their class parties (and perhaps some popcorn for a movie morning!) Thank you to them for their generosity, and thank you to the parents who helped clean up!

Thank you also for coming to our Carols at the Cathedral event on Tuesday, with the other Mid-Essex schools. We are sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully. It was a really fantastic evening organised by Mrs Tate from Roxwell— we are very grateful to her for all her hard work.

The Ford End postbox will be open from **Monday**. If you would like a class list of first names, please ask your child's class teacher and they will provide one. The children in 5/6 will be emptying the postbox daily and distributing the cards. On **Wednesday** of next week, pupils in Years 5/6 will be travelling to Leez Priory to sing carols to members of the Felstead Friendship Group. We know that they are really looking forward to the children coming to visit. On **Thursday** we have our Reindeer Run to raise money for Farleigh Hospice. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers and will be given some reindeer antlers to keep! Please make sure they wear comfortable footwear—trainers will be fine on Thursday as they will be doing lots of laps of the track! On **Friday** we are very excited for our PTA Christmas Fayre. Please arrive at 2.00pm for carols, followed by the stalls until 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you all for using the rear entrance to the school. We really do have the children's safety at heart. When you leave the school, please be careful on the road and hold hands with younger children when crossing the road. Please talk to your child about road safety and remind them to look both ways before crossing the street. Please remind older children that they should never be on their phone whilst crossing the road. Please remember that once you have collected your child/children from school, the school staff are no longer responsible for them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs M Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL) &
Miss J Bailey (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE)

Term Dates

4th Dec: Flu immunisations
6th Dec: Year 5/6 carol singing at Leez Priory (see separate letter)
7th Dec: Reindeer Run for Farleigh
9.30am—please wear Christmas jumpers and comfortable footwear
8th Dec: PTA Christmas fete, followed by carols 2.00-4.30pm
11th Dec: One Plan meetings (date 2)
11th Dec: Last KS2 boys' football coaching
13th Dec: EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2.00pm & 6.00pm
13th Dec: Last KS2 girls' football coaching
14th Dec: Whole school trip to panto at Chelmsford Civic Theatre
15th & 18th Dec: PTA Secret Santa
19th Dec: Class party games (am)
19th Dec: Christmas dinner day
19th Dec: Whole school disco (pm)
20th Dec: Church Service 2.00pm—parents can take home from the Church
20th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term
4th & 5th Jan: INSET days
8th Jan: Children return
8th Jan: First KS2 boys' football coaching
10th Jan: First KS2 girls' football coaching
12th Jan: Trumpet lessons begin for Years 3/4
23rd Jan: Head Prefect meeting at Roxwell 1.30pm
25th Jan: Cross Country race 3 (selected children)
26th Jan: PTA 'Sleepover' 5.00-7.00pm
15th Feb: Year 3-4 Class Assembly
7th March: World Book Day
8th March: PTA 'Women We Love' event
18th March: Year 3/4 visit to British Museum
28th March: PTA Easter Egg hunt
18th April: Year 1-2 class assembly
13th-16th May: KS2 SATs
3rd June: INSET day
4th June: Times Tables Check (Year 4)
4th June: Class photos
10th June: Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check
14th June: PTA Dads' bacon rolls & cuppa



Thank you to Christmas Wrapped Up at
The Easters for supplying our beautiful
tree!

Awards:

Star Of The Week: Isabella, Harry, Albie W, Iris

Reader Of The Week: Sitara, Kaylee, Alex, Kathryn

Golden Work: Florence, Sitara, Tiara, Olivia, Lillian,
Sophia

Headteacher's Cup: Florence F

Housepoints:

Ash: 157

Chestnut: 197

Oak: 192

Willow: 196

