

Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

We have had a great first couple of weeks back in school, with lots going on. It has been lovely to see parents in school sharing in their children's learning and at our Parent Consultation Evenings. Earlier this week, a group of pupils and I had a fantastic time at the Multi Schools Council Awards Event on Tuesday and we have ended this week with a fantastic performance of Sleeping Beauty, performed for us by M and M Theatrical Productions and kindly paid for by the TVF. Things will become very busy as we approach the end of term but we have lots to look forward to.

Multi Schools Council Awards Event

On Tuesday, our Year 5 School Council representatives and three children nominated for awards, attended the Multi Schools Council annual awards event. We were absolutely thrilled that Kian in Year 3 was highly commended for the courage award, while Freddie in Year 4 won the award for perseverance and Lacey, from Year 5, won the award for most improved pupil. We are incredibly proud of them all. All five children were excellent ambassadors for the school during the event and I was proud to accompany them.



Sleeping Beauty Theatre Visit

Today we were visited by M and M Theatrical Productions who put on a fabulous performance of Sleeping Beauty for the whole school. Thank you to the TVF who offered to pay for this event.



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Children in Need

Miss Thompson and the School Council have been busy preparing how we will be raising money for Children in Need next Friday and are now ready to share their plans with everyone. On Friday (18th November), children will be invited to wear something yellow and to not wear uniform for a donation of £1. There will also be Pudsey Bear biscuits for sale at breaktime and a large Pudsey head shape will be organised in the school grounds for children to fill with coins. Biscuits will cost 30p each and children should also remember to bring in some coins next Friday if they would like to add to the Pudsey head. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need.

Uniform

Please could we remind everyone that the correct school uniform should be worn by all pupils, unless there is an agreed reason for them not to wear this. Our Uniform Policy can be found on our website. <https://twovillage.essex.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-Policy-March-2022.pdf>
In particular, we have noticed lots of children wearing shoes that are not included within our policy and lots of children not wearing the correct PE kit. For PE, children should be wearing black shorts and a white T Shirt with trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor PE. Please could we also remind everyone that children are not able to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings so these must be removed on PE days.

Year 4 Parent/Carer Shared Learning Session

In Year 4, the children have been learning the vocabulary for school bag items and how to describe the contents of their school bag in full sentences, including plural nouns using numbers or 'some.' They have also been describing the colour of objects. On Monday parents/carers of pupils in Year 4 were invited in to play a range of games with their children which provided the opportunity to practise and secure the children's understanding of the learnt vocabulary. They played pairs and a board game to practise the vocabulary for school bag items, bingo to revise colours and translated sentences and identified whether statements were true or false.

Miss Thompson



Christmas Events

Today, you should have received a letter which provides all of the dates/times for our Christmas events. We know what a busy time of year this is and hope that having all of the information in one document will help everyone to remember what is happening during the final weeks of term. The dates are also all listed in the dates table at the end of the newsletter.

Speaking Competition

This week the class heats of the Speaking Competition have taken place. Parents/carers of finalists will be notified next week.

Reception Parent/Carer Shared Learning Session

At the end of last half term, parents/carers of pupils in Reception were invited into school to participate in a reading session with their children. The children (and parents/carers) had a wonderful time.



TVF Christmas Events Christmas

Please see the list below detailing the events that the TVF will be running before the end of term.

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Disco

Thursday 8th December – Breakfast with Santa

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Movie Night

A Christmas raffle is also being organised and the TVF would be very grateful to any families who could bring in a donation of a gift for the raffle hampers on day of the the Christmas Disco (**2nd December**).

If you are able to donate, please could we ask that the following items are sent in for each class:

Pine Class – Arts and Crafts

Sycamore Class – Toiletries

Chestnut Class – Festive chocolate

Willow Class – Festive biscuits

Hazel Class – Christmas Decorations

Oak Class – Festive Cake/s

If you would like to donate a small bottle of alcohol or any other festive drink, rather than the type of gift listed for your child's class, you are welcome to do so but please could this be delivered directly to the office by an adult. If you have a child in more than one class and are donating as a family, rather than per child, please feel free to choose the class gift that you would prefer to donate.

Full details will be sent out about each TVF event next week.

Advent Calendar Competition

Today, all of the children have been sent home with a paper template that can be used to enter our annual Advent Calendar competition. If your child would like to enter, make sure that they have their template – spare templates will be available in the school entrance for anyone that needs one. Designs for the competition should be related to the Christmas story and the children can use any medium that they would like to use. The closing date will be Friday 25th November. We look forward to seeing everyone's wonderful pictures.



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Two Village Christmas Bake-Off

We will be running our Christmas Cake competition again this year. To enter this competition, children are invited to design and make a Christmas cake. There are no limits/rules so you can be as creative as you like. Cakes can be of any shape/size and decorated in any way. Cakes will be sold or auctioned after the competition. Finished competition entries should be brought into school on Monday 12th December. At the end of the day, cakes can be collected by the children who made them. Any cakes that are not reclaimed will be sold at the end of the day. With this in mind, if you intend on donating your cake, please could we ask for all ingredients to be listed and submitted with the cake.

Children Bringing in Things From Home

In recent weeks, we have seen an increasing number of teddies and trading cards being brought into school. Unfortunately, these can be a distraction in lessons and can sometimes result in arguments between children. We would therefore ask that these items are not brought into school, unless this has been agreed with Mrs Massey or a child's class teacher, as a strategy to help them overcome specific difficulties that have been identified.

Mrs Jones

Hopefully, you will have all received the letter from Mrs Jones (who will be leading Two Village after Christmas) at the start of this week. Some of you may have seen her in school today but if you missed her and would like to say hello, she will be in school again during the afternoon of 24th November.

Car Park

Please could we again remind everyone that the staff car park should not be used by parents (either in their car or on foot) during the school day. We are aware that there are still people walking across the car park and parking there at very busy periods of the day. As explained in previous letters and newsletters, this is not safe and we want to ensure that we are not putting any members of the school community at risk of being injured by a moving car.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped us to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. Through the sale of various items that were available to purchase, we managed to raise £255.

Class Attendance Tracking

As mentioned before half term, our attendance percentage for the Autumn Term is much lower than we would like it to be. We understand that there has been a lot of illness in recent weeks but would like to remind everyone how important it is for the children to be in school if they are well enough. Before half term, we sent home our attendance leaflet and some NHS information about illness and when children should be kept at home. We currently have a much larger than normal number of children who have been persistently absent this term, which means that they have attendance which is lower than 90%. We also have some children whose attendance is lower than this. We will be making contact with parents/carers of children whose attendance is a concern, next week, to see how we can support them in improving this. At the end of term, as usual, we will also be writing to all parents/carers whose children have attendance below 96%.

	Pine	Sycamore	Chestnut	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 31/10/22	88.9%	99.6%	93.9%	96.3%	92.4%	96.2%
WC 7/11/22	83.3%	98.8%	99.1%	97.4%	90.6%	94.91%



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Reading Challenge

	Pine	Sycamore	Chestnut	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 31/10/22	45%	51%	72%	43%	58%	52%
WC 7/11/22	54%	56%	69%	To follow	66%	33%

Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Date	Event
Friday 11 th November – Thursday 17 th November	Travelling Book Fair 3pm-4pm
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need – Non Uniform/wear something yellow
Friday 25 th November 2022	Speaking Competition Final
Wednesday 30 th November 2022	Advent Pupil Led Collective Worship at St. Michael's KS1 – 9.30 am LKS2 – 11.00 am UKS2 – 1.45 pm
Friday 2 nd December 2022	TVF Christmas Disco Bring in a donation for the Christmas hampers
Week commencing 5 th December 2022	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances Tuesday 6 th December Wednesday 7 th December Thursday 8 th December All performances will start at 2.00 pm
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day – Donations for Save the Children
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Breakfast with Santa – more details to follow
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts – 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm
Thursday 15 th December 2022	TVF Christmas Movie Night – details to follow
Friday 16 th December 2022	Last day of the Autumn Term for pupils
Thursday 5 th January 2023	First day of the Spring Term 2023

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