

Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022

We have had a fairly quiet couple of weeks in school since the last newsletter but things are becoming increasingly busy as we approach the end of term. Hopefully, you will have all received your letter listing all of the upcoming Christmas events and this will help you to keep on track with what is happening each week. Please remember to book spaces for our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performances and for the various TVF events that are coming up in the next few weeks.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Children in Need fundraising activities last week. The School Council are still busy counting the money raised. So far we have £105.74 for Children in Need.



Key Stage 1 Visit to Hollytrees Museum

On Wednesday, Year 1 and Year 2 travelled back in time when they went to Hollytrees Museum in Colchester and became Victorian children as part of their work in history. They consolidated their learning about what life was like for Victorians by dressing up, looking at model rooms from the Victorian era, playing with various Victorian toys and games and even making their very own cup and ball toy. The children learnt how strict school was then, with the use of cane for just calling out!



Sowing the Seeds for Success – With God All Things Are Possible

Geography Competition

Mrs Styant recently organised a geography competition to coincide with the start of the World Cup 2022 in Qatar. Pupils were tasked with creating a colourful poster about one of the qualifying 32 countries, utilising their geography skills. The winner was Max Harrison in Year 4, who produced a super poster all about Senegal, packed with geography facts. He had also drawn the outline of Senegal and had shaded his map and added feature-labels of land types like deserts and forests. Well done Max, who is pictured here being awarded his World Cup football prize by Mrs Styant, our Geography Subject Leader.



Anti Bullying Week

Last week, we celebrated Anti Bullying week in school. All classes did some work on anti bullying and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors led a special assembly about bullying.



Advent Pupil Led Worship

Next week, on Wednesday, we will be holding our half termly pupil led worship at St. Michael's Church. We look forward to seeing parents/carers there. Please see below for a reminder of the timings.

Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Sycamore and Pine Classes) – 9.30 am
 Lower Key Stage 2 (Chestnut and Willow Classes) – 11.00 am
 Upper Key Stage 2 (Hazel and Oak Classes) – 1.45 pm

Speaking Competition

Today, the Grand Final of our Speaking Competition was held. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and all of the children did incredibly well. Congratulations to our winner George (Reception) who spoke about sharks, to Neve (Year 4) who came second and Charlie (Reception) and Lucy (Year 6) who came joint third. Congratulations to all of our finalists for making it through the heats to reach the final, presenting so confidently in front of a large audience.



TVF Christmas Events Christmas

Please see the reminder 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 (details to follow)

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

We have received some lovely entries for our Advent Calendar competition this year which has closed today. Next week, we will be putting the winning pictures up as an advent calendar in the hall and will start opening each 'door' from next Thursday.

Two Village Christmas Bake-Off

If you would like to enter this year's Christmas Cake competition, please remember to bring in entries on Monday 12th December. Please could we remind everyone that if you would like your cake to be sold at the end of the competition, please remember to submit a list of all ingredients with your cake. If you will be collecting your cake at the end of the day, there is no need to do this.

Reading Race

Last week, we sent home book lists for our Reading Race. We look forward to seeing how well the children have been getting on with this. If you have not received a list or need a new one, more are available in the school foyer.

Drinks in School

Please could we remind everyone that we are a Healthy School and as such, children should only be bringing in water in their bottles that they drink from during the school day, rather than squash or juice. Children who bring in a packed lunch are allowed to bring in a different drink, such as juice or milkshake, to have with their lunch and children who have school dinners always have access to water in the hall.

Class Attendance Tracking

Attendance has still been very low over the last two weeks as there has been a lot of illness in school. Well done to Sycamore Class who had the highest attendance this week and earlier in the term.



	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%	94.9%
WC 14/11/22	90.2%	93%	88.5%	92.6%	87.8%	97.4%
WC 21/11/22	90.2%	93.8%	92.6%	90.7%	84%	82.4%

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%	77%	66%	33%
WC 14/11/22	44%	62%	66%	49%	63%	76%
WC 21/11/22	50%	70%	59%	53%	76%	86%

Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Date	Event
Wednesday 30 th November 2022	Advent Pupil Led Collective Worship at St. Michael's EY/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	First day of the Spring Term 2023