



The Wickford C of E School

Newsletter

Little Teds
Pre-School

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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS
WEEK: 98%

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Penguin: 98.2%

Wren: 98.3%

Puffin: 97.7%

Robin: 100%

Flamingo: 100%

Parrot: 93.1%

14th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just three days to go before the very end of this first term!

PRIMARY STATUS Many thanks to the huge number of families who took the time to show support and returned favourable results. I have been quite overwhelmed at the touching letters and comments I have received about our school and the service you receive, thank you.

This is part of a lengthy process but we are working hard. This is a shared project to ensure we are pushing once again for a status we truly deserve to be able to offer you and your child/ren. I will keep you informed. When I have significant information to share, I will do so. Should such news come that so many want.... It will be written in the sky in fireworks!

CHRISTMAS CARDS Please ensure Christmas cards are correctly labelled with the recipient's full name and class on. This ensures the elves can deliver them correctly! The postbox will be positioned in the long green corridor, near the library door. The children can post them at playtime.

REMINDERS:

Wednesday: Christmas Jumper Day. Remember to bring £1 for Save the Children. We will let you know how much is raised.

Church at 11am, all welcome. If you would like to walk with your child's class, please let your child's teacher know.

The children will bring home many cards and treasures on Wednesday, it might be an idea to meet them with a special bag to carry things home in.



MILK MONEY If you have not paid for this half term you will have received a text. Please drop the money into the office before Wednesday. Next half term the milk will be £11.70. If your child no longer wants milk in school, please let the office know.

PARKING Please remember some of the roads near to the school are private and you are not able to park in them. This car was parked in the private road of Ivy Gate Close earlier this week. We do advise residents to report parking/driving issues to the Police so please be considerate.



RED OAK ROLLER The school uniform shop will be changing it's opening times. Please see the message below from them;

As from 2nd January 2019 our shop opening times will be changing. We will be open **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:00-17:00 and Saturdays 09:00-13:00** during school term time and Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00 and Saturday 09:00-13:00 during all school holidays. Could you please pass this information onto your parents. We will update our website accordingly.

READING CHALLENGE - AUTUMN TERM RESULTS

Well done to everybody who took part in the Reading challenge last term. Awards will be given out after Christmas, 104 children will be thrilled to receive their **Bronze**, Silver and **Gold** awards!

Here are the results:

57% Gold (69 children)

17% Silver (21 children)

12% Bronze (14 children)

14% White (17 children)

THANK YOU We would like to say thank you very much to Westview Nursery in Bicknacre who have donated some lovely plants to us.

TALK TIME Mrs Doe led this week's talk time on Clubs. The children had many reflections to make and they are as follows;

How many children in your class come to a club in school?

In Wren class they said 21 children, Penguins said 19 in year 1 Puffin have 20 and Robins have 15 in reception the children said 10 from Flamingo and 11 in Parrot class attended a club.

We spoke about the numbers and discussed what we could do to see if all children came to a club. Although we said that it might be that the children might want to just go home or they have to go home with an out of school club.

Why is it important to go to clubs?

Because sometimes our parents might need a little more time before we need picking up, to learn new things and skills. Going to a club can help you to make new friends and they are fun

Who leads clubs in school?

Teachers, Mrs Doe, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Sports people, the Little Musketeers

Which clubs do you love? The children were very excited and gave a long list of clubs—Netball, Film, Choir, Dance, Science, Mindfulness, Doodle, Sports, Play, Holy Space, Fun club and Gardening.

What clubs do people in your class go to outside of school? It is wonderful to see that children do lots of clubs outside of school, here is a list of some of the clubs the children talked about- Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows, Swimming, Football, Karate, .Gymnastics, Dancing, Tennis,

Are there any different clubs you would like us to think about having? The children had a very long list which we talked about and are going to give to the teachers for when they look at clubs for the new term.—Rugby or Cricket, Football, Trampoline, Dance, Nature/Animal club ,Gymnastics, X-box, Tennis, Acting, Happy Friends club, Writing , Newspaper club, Lego, Gardening and colouring club.

We appreciate that Christmas can be a difficult time of year and draw to your attention to the following:

Whatever you're going through, **The Samaritans** can offer emotional support. Their free and confidential helpline is always open on 116 123. (<http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us>)

Citizen's Advice can help with practical matters such as rights and the law, debt, housing, and benefits. There are local centres in most towns and cities. (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>)

The Money Advice Service give free and impartial advice on debt and benefits. (<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>)

The National Domestic Violence Helpline is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence. The helpline is free and open 24 hours a day on 0800 2000 247. (<http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/>)

Men experiencing domestic violence can contact **Men's Advice Line** on 0808 801 0327 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. (<http://mensadvice.org.uk/contact-us/>)

Whilst we sincerely hope that all our families have a happy and peaceful Christmas, we are aware that sometimes events take a downturn. You, or someone you know, may find these numbers helpful over the Christmas period:

Basildon housing advice: 01268 533333

Basildon housing emergencies (homeless only) 01268 533333

Essex social care: 0345 603 7634

Essex social care outside office hours: 0345 606 1212

Domestic abuse: 01702 318027

Rochford housing emergencies: 01702 318157

Unfortunately, for some families Christmas can be a difficult and lonely time. If you would like to speak to someone, Family Lives can help. You can talk to one of their Family Support Workers by calling the confidential Family Lives Helpline on 0808 800 2222.

A NOTE FROM MRS ROGAN Please see the attached letter about the very exciting curriculum developments that schools in the HEARTS Trust have been working on over the past year. Curriculum leaders and school staff have been working hard and continue to improve the curriculum that we offer our pupils. We are grateful for the many expert teachers in our schools and the Trust school improvement team who have enthusiastically spent time and energy on developing an offer to pupils that embeds the values that we all hold dear and supports the mastery of key knowledge and skills across a wide curriculum.

MOMENT OF LOVELINESS

The Christmas concert is simply amazing and Miss Scammell has led the organisation of this. It has been a pleasure to share late night emails of ideas and our next plans for the small details that make the event so special. This is a busy time of year and I am grateful to have had someone to take the lead and support so much, thank you Miss Scammell.

Teaching so many songs, with so many words is not easy when the term is drawing to a close. Mrs Hall, Mrs Thornton and Art club were busy with the special back drop - a wonderful addition to the hall at this time of year.

The choir once again performed in style for St Lukes this week. They went to The Eastgate centre and truly 'rocked', well done Miss Hourihan who organised this event and never have I seen such an organized approach to ensuring we all knew what we were doing with the music and lyrics. It was a pleasure to hear that our children, even at some young ages, are brave enough to stand and sing their hearts out, well done!

Thank you to Jacob, Erin and Hallie who so kindly designed Christmas tree 'toppers'. We managed to pop them as high as we could!

HIRE THE HALL

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Have a lovely weekend, see you Monday! Please remember clubs have finished. Collection is 2:50pm.

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Dear Parents/Carers

HEARTS Promises

We are excited to let you know about the curriculum developments that our schools have been working on together over the past year and the continued improvements that are planned for this year. School leaders, the school improvement team and expert staff from across the Trust have come together regularly to establish a shared curriculum which aims to remove the barriers to learning for all pupils. It is based on the HEARTS values and continues to be improved when it is reviewed annually. You can access The Wickford Church of England School curriculum overview and the Curriculum statement here <http://www.hearts-wickfordcofe.uk/assets/curriculum-statement-sep-18.pdf>



All of you are aware of the importance the HEARTS Trust places on academic progress and attainment. However, a full primary education is made up of a variety of life enhancing experiences. Our aim is to make the first seven years of your child's education inspiring and memorable, equipping them for their future.

Many of our children, as they leave, give us high praise already but we strive to do more:
"Memories will never be forgotten and I will probably dream about it when I'm older." MC Leaver 2018.

"What a great 7 years I've had - packed with laughter, adventure and wonderful events." AM Leaver 2018



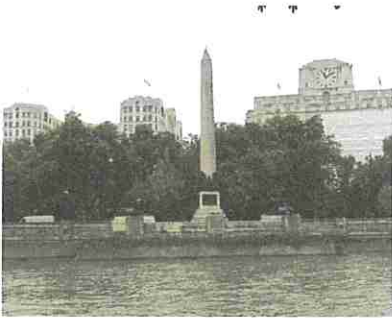
With this in mind, we are excited to launch the HEARTS' Promise. After consultation with all schools, we have developed a programme of activities in which every pupil will have the chance to participate. Often these experiences will be linked to the curriculum topic or the time of year, but on occasions, they are simply life experiences which can be rich and fulfilling. Within each key stage the programme includes simple, free activities such as kite flying, pancake tossing, den building and vegetable growing.



Children at the heart



This will be further supplemented with visitors and trips to theatres, theme parks and places of cultural interest. To reflect the significance of this undertaking, the Trust has allocated a substantial budget to complete the programme, which will be further supplemented with fund raising and voluntary parental contributions where appropriate.



A photographic record will be kept and presented to each child when they leave their school and the HEARTS' family of schools.

We are encouraged that our HEARTS' Promise initiative is already being considered by the Secretary for Education for dissemination nationally. We are proud to be at the forefront of developing children's education.

We look forward to working with you all to make the curriculum experience at our schools the best it can be for every pupil.

Debbie Rogan

HEARTS CEO

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(consultant teachers Briscoe Primary school).

