



The Wickford C of E School
Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS

WEEK: 97.6%

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Kiboko: 94.1%

Tumbili: 98.2%

Tembo: 100%

Mamba: 97.4%

Simba: 98.2%

Twiga: 97.8%

PADDINGTONS:

Kiboko:

Tumbili:

Tembo:

Mamba:

Simba:

Twiga:

GOLDEN TABLE:

Kiboko:

Tumbili:

Tembo:

Mamba:

Simba:

Twiga:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a wonderful day today has been, I don't think we have had one like it for some time. What a bunch walking to church with odd socks on and wearing Christmas jumpers!

MR CHAPMAN Well, today saw the end of a very long era. Mr Chapman has been a wonderful example to many staff and children and a pleasure to work with. He is an outstanding teacher who has impacted on the lives of many young children. We wish him much luck as the Head of School at Hilltop Infants and know that today; we successfully said good bye and good luck to him.

Along with Mrs Doe, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Ms Parker, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Woodger, Mrs Merrington, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Stuart, Mrs Solomon and Mrs Sanders I can honestly say working alongside him has been an experience. He is not just a colleague but our friend and I for one will miss him greatly (fortunately Hilltop is only a stone throw away). We are in the process of reviewing communication suppliers, I can only say that this is marvellous idea and local calls that are free would be a welcomed benefit. Thank you for your kind words and donations. He will wear his new watch and remember us all.

Janeway will be missed also; we have watched her grow from a tiny bundle of fluff to the placid natured, four legged friend she is today. We are already waiting for her next visit, I suspect she will always be one of 'our dogs'.

FUNDRAISING The Christmas concerts saw £162.05 raised for the Breck Foundation, well done and thank you for your continued support. We are now up to £392.26.

SPECIAL NEWS Well done to Ava M-G in Tembo class. Her entry in the John Lewis competition to design a monster was chosen to be displayed in the Chelmsford store until 31st December. We are so very proud of her.

Watch the Twitter feed for details as they follow. Here is a special photograph of her entry:



All designs were very special and will be displayed in the school. Well done to Ava H, Hollie B, Mitchell, Amelia W, Isabella, Hollie R and Oliver T.

You may recall that the Trust held a Parent's Forum in September to meet with parents/carers and give an opportunity to discuss both the operational and strategic direction of the schools. The Trust are planning to hold a further meeting on Tuesday 9th January at 6pm in Hearts House, 2 Mount Road, Wickford, SS11 8HE. All parents are welcome to attend, but places must be pre-booked by emailing admin@heartsacademy.uk. We hope that families at The Wickford Church of England School will be represented at the meeting.

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://mensadviceline.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

BOXES We are in need of 4 large boxes. If anyone is getting a new washing machine/tumble dryer/dishwasher for Christmas and it comes in a box, please could you save it for us.

THANK YOU A big thank you to Kaitlin's mum for making and donating the beautiful Christmas Trees the children have decorated.

MUD KITCHEN Little Ted's would like say a very big thank you to Elsie's Dad for making the fabulous Mud Kitchen for them.

COSTUMES Children will need a costume on 26th March 2018 - 'A friend of Jesus'. This might be Shepherd like, so maybe keep an eye out in the sales or one being 'gifted'.

TWITTER Do you follow us? @WickfordCofESch So far we are followed by 129 people.

MOMENT OF LOVELINESS

A very big thank you to Mrs Boswell, Ms Parker and Mrs Roberts for the Christmas dinner today! Always a wonderful event and today was as special as always. The team have worked very hard to make the event memorable.

Pen prizes and our first language prizes were given out in church today, well done to the children who were recognised for their effort this term, it is always as hard decision and it is a pleasure to have this difficulty.

FACES have once again provided our children with some really lovely experiences, the disco, raffle event and party this afternoon have all been well planned and led. Thank you to all for their hard work and constant support to the school.

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.

See you on Tuesday 2nd January 2018, have a wonderful holiday. May 2018 be filled with much happiness for us all.

Mrs Johnson