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Friday 2nd December

Assembly

This week we have been marking the start of Advent. The message has been that even when we are busy preparing, let us take time to remember the real message of Christmas, a time when God sent His Son into the world for us.

Maths master classes

There have been a number of recent maths master classes for invited children from the Billericay schools. Well done to the children who have taken part so far this term these are the children who have been this term.

Congratulations to:-

Caitlin Morrish, Abigail Townsend, Frankie Shepherd, Toby Gladwin, Jessica Gladwin, Amelia Armiger, Alena Panaghiston, Kieran Ward Green.

School Gates

The gate is a very busy place in the morning and evening. Please do try to allow children in as quickly as possible so they are not left on the pathway.

Ford Trust Application

We are currently working on applying a grant towards replacing our school laptops. As part of the application we are asked to include a list any Ford employees, retirees, or dependents and their associated FIN (Ford Identification Number) on the application form. If you would be willing to give us this information please give your details to the school office as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for completing them. We are currently analysing their results and associated comments, along with results of pupil and staff questionnaires to develop the school further.

Health and Safety

Please do park in appropriate places and not across driveways when bringing and collecting your child from school. This is very important for the consideration of our neighbours and the safety of the children crossing the road.

PTA News

AUCTION Prize for Christmas Bazaar

Pirtek Racing Experience

We have been kindly donated 2 x complimentary, full hospitality tickets for the British Touring Car Championship at an event of your choice! There are 10 races throughout the year and you can choose which race to attend. What a great Christmas present for all those motoring fans, the value would usually be £150-200.

If any parent or friend is interested in bidding, please put into an envelope your name, contact telephone number and bid and mark it for Frances Foley. The highest bid will be announced at the end of the Bazaar being held on the 8th December. The PTA will be collecting donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Please see the attached newsletter for dates.

REMINDER Tickets

We have been offered two tickets for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Film Music gala in the Royal Albert Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 5th May. The ticket price is £48. If any parent is interested in bidding for these tickets, please let the school office know your name and bid. It could make a lovely present. The money raised will go to the PTA as they fundraise for pupil laptops.

Clubs

Clubs have now finished for this term. You will shortly be receiving a new club letter with the clubs that are being offered in Spring Term

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success. We would love to celebrate their achievements with them. We share out of school successes in our whole school assembly on Monday. Congratulations this week goes to:

- Becky Sutton for achieving a distinction in her 'Green' Ballet exam.
- Emily Falco for coming first in a street dancing competition, 1st in disco and second in slow dancing.
- George Liddard for gaining five stamps in karate for dedication and hard work
- Bailey Gibson for moving to a new boxing group where he is the youngest.

Green book entries

Staff send children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- Faye Pitt, Emma Gladwin and James Neville for excellent homework this week.
- Charli Carpenter for really trying hard with her handwriting which is now very neat.
- Amy Jones for good story writing
- Olivia Ronald for meeting Mrs Craig's target of keeping her writing on the lines.

Star of the Week

Headteachers' Award Rachael Hunter JA For showing kindness to class members and celebrating their success.	Class JA Matthew Robinson	Class KN Luke Cole	Class LB Daniel Hinds	Class MM Sophie Ingram
Class G/E Cara Chapman	Class ES Amy Liddard	Class CW Charlie Cole	Class VB Leon Imber	Class RP Amelia Wakely

Christmas Reminders for next week

- Mon 5th December - Foundation Stage / KS1 nativity to the school. 9.30am
- Tues 6th / Wed 7th - Foundation Stage / KS1 nativity to parents 2.15pm
- Wed 7th - Last swimming session
- Thurs 8th - Whole school to pantomime am. Christmas bazaar pm. Please send your child with some money to spend in a named purse or wallet.

Letters emailed this week:

Carol Singing at The Belfry for Year 6

Christmas Services for the Churches of St. Margaret, St. Peter and St.Mary.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Craig / Sue Wilson

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson

Headteachers

