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Dear Parents

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy and Healthy 2019

It's been another fun and hectic build up to Christmas! Thanks to everyone who came to support the Christmas Fair - it raised nearly £2000! This is a fantastic achievement and wouldn't happen without the hard work and planning of Sarah Talmage and her support team (especially her family!). There are many parents who all turn out to help, not least Kirsten Monk who has done a fantastic job on the grotto for many, many years—thank you!

The Nativity was another highlight which was enjoyed by everyone who came to the performances, especially some of the residents from Home Meadow. Again, the audiences were exceptionally generous and the collections raised £331 which will go towards resources for the classes.

We also ate another great Christmas lunch thanks to our Super Kitchen Team: Karen, Nicole & Ellie and to the Governors who come and help serve - and especially Santa who dropped in for a special visit! Our End of Term Assembly "Caldecote Christmas Mash Up" ended the term on a high and thanks to the great team of staff who all joined in the challenges to the delight of the children.

Thank you all for your kind wishes and delicious treats that you send in for the staff. We all appreciate your kindness and thoughts at this busy time of year and the yummy biscuits etc help boost the spirits during these last few days of a very long and busy term.

I hope you all have a super Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Mrs. Karen Stanton, Headteacher

THANK YOU MR. SWINHOE for again being super kind and taking us to see Aladdin. It was great to see Tess, Maddie and Isabelle on stage and we all had an excellent time with lots of laughs. Mrs. Glasse & Mr. Thulborn were also stars of the show along with Sam Duncombe who got picked to go up on stage and gave an excellent performance. The children were fantastic and we smiled all the way home.

What's coming up

Thursday 3rd January - Spring term begins

Tuesday 8th January—New Parents show round

Friday 18th January—Governor Disco

Wednesday 30th January—Young Voices @ 02 London

Message for ex pupils in Year 7 - your maths & English books can be collected from the Office if you would like them back. We will hold them until 18.1.19.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Children should not play on any of the equipment before or after school. Please can we ask parents to enforce this with their children. Although you are 'in charge' at these times, the school may still liable if there should be an accident and this places an unfair onus on the school as we are not there to monitor as we do during break times. Please support us by reminding others who go on the equipment that it should only be used during the school day or whilst at Care Clubs.

Save the date - Governor Disco 18 January 2018



Dates for the Diary

2019	
Thursday 3rd January	Spring Term begins
Monday 14th January	Network cb23 Public Speaking Grand Final
Friday 18th January	School Disco 5.15 for KS1, 6.30 for KS2 ***** SAVE THE DATE *****
Wednesday 30th January	Young Voices @ O2 Arena
Wednesday 6th February	YR 3/4 visit to the Sedgwick Museum
Wednesday 13th February	UK Parliament workshops for Y 5 & 6
Tuesday 26th February	Y1 trip to Colchester Zoo
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day + Book Fair
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March	Parent Consultations 8.00—11.00 am
Thursday 21st March	Parent Consultations 5.00—8.00 pm

Village Hall gates open at 3pm in the afternoon. Please do not arrive early and queue along Furlong Way as this is causing an obstruction to residents.

New Teacher: in January we welcome Miss Denver Owens as the permanent teacher for Year 3 / Orange class. We are pleased to say that Mrs. Parker will continue to work at the school supporting mainly in Year 6 in their preparation for SATs.

Erjeta & Ilina both completed the level 8 proficiency award in Gymnastics, well done both of you!



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

FROM THE CARECLUBS TEAM

Future Newsletter dates: 18th January, 1st & 15th February 2019.

Celebration Assembly Rota

Parents and families are invited to join us for our weekly celebration assembly on **Fridays at 2.45 pm.** *If you bring younger siblings, pushchairs must be left outside the building.*

We have included the themes and philosophical questions which we will be thinking about during our other assemblies in that week..

	Parents in	Assembly Focus	Philosophical question/ 5 star value
Jan 5th	No parent's in	New Beginnings	<i>Should we make (and/or break) resolutions?</i>
11th	Red & Purple	Keeping safe	<i>Hardworking Do those who work hard do best?</i>
18th	Orange & Green	Winter	<i>Would you rather it was always hot or always cold?</i>
25th	Yellow & Red	Burns night (25.01.19)	<i>Respect Why do you respect your elders?</i>
Feb 1st	Blue & Orange	Holocaust memorial (27.01.19)	<i>Difference Is it ok to be different ?</i>
8th	Silver & Yellow	Chinese New Year (05.02.19)	<i>Resilience Should you ever give up?</i>
15th	Green & Purple	Love	<i>What makes a family?</i>

School Round-Up

Year 3 have enjoyed finishing their work on our topic, Metals. We have listened to some very considered home learning, shared our thoughts on materials and their properties and investigated the benefits of various types of metal. In recent weeks our Maths project on length has meant we have used metre sticks, rulers and tape measures to measure mm, cm and metres.

As we draw to the end of this very busy term, I reflect on my time with Orange Class. I feel fortunate to have been a small part of their educational journey and look forward to seeing them further flourish under the direction and care of Miss Owens. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the parents, of Orange Class pupils, who have been so welcoming and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Yellow Class are very excited for Christmas. Their performances of 'Baubles' were fantastic. They all worked very hard to learn all their lines and they all performed with great confidence. We hope you enjoyed watching!

In topic, they have learnt about Samba music and Samba drumming. Many children still remember how to say 'good morning' and 'good afternoon' in Portuguese.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas. See you in 2019!

Green Class have enjoyed comparing the Iron Man book and the Iron Giant film and discussing the similarities and differences. We have also been investigating the amount of iron in breakfast cereals. The bran flakes had the most iron but we found some in all of the cereals we tested. Green Class have had a great term and the Green Class Team would like to say thank you to parents for your support this term and the kind wishes, cards and gifts. We wish you a lovely Christmas and happy new year.

We have had a good end to term. We developed story telling techniques and used these in the telling of our own WW2 warning tales. We used these as the basis for our final piece of writing.

All the staff in Purple Class would like to thank everyone for their gifts and cards. It is very kind and thoughtful. We all want to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a very peaceful and happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing all the children back in 2019!

What a busy first term at school for Red Class! They have all settled really well and have made a great start with their learning. We were so proud of their Christmas play performances. They sang and danced with such enthusiasm – we hope you all enjoyed the play too. Thank you for your support throughout the term and for all the kind words, cards and gifts we have received. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas break with lots of treats! We look forward to welcoming the children back in January. To help us kick off our new topic 'Toys', it would be great if each child could bring in one of their favourite toys to talk about in front of the class on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January. We would be particularly interested in hearing their explanations about how their toys work, if they have moving or mechanical parts. Merry Christmas from all of the Red Class team! ;)

Blue Class have been thoroughly enjoying the festive season! We had a very busy time rehearsing our dances for the nativity which we hope you all enjoyed? We had a great time at our Christmas party and enjoyed doing the conga during Christmas lunch! Well done Blue Class for a fantastic term. Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to an exciting new year! Thank you all for the thoughtful gifts and Christmas cards. Merry Christmas!

Silver Class have finished the term off in style by throwing their very own VE Day Tea Dance and it was a fantastic success. With lots of dancing, tea and cake, we celebrated the end of the war in good fashion. Children were also able to taste their own war time cakes which they had baked and decorated during our DT lessons. In addition, we have been putting the finishing touches to our stories in English, whilst learning all about angles and how to use protractors in maths. To finish off the year, we've been getting into the festive spirit by making some pop-up Christmas cards during art and design. We have had a fantastic autumn term and hope that this continues into spring!



