

# Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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Chadwell St Mary  
Primary School

\*Self-responsibility

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Dear parents and carers,

We are now in full Christmas mode!

Already we have managed to squish in a visit from Santa, Christmas jumper day, a whole school pantomime, Christmas dinner day, two performances of the KS1 nativity and a Christmas mega assembly.....phew!

We still have our KS2 carol performance on 19<sup>th</sup> December and classroom-based Christmas activities next week.

CSM do Christmas BIG!

In other news, teachers are beavering away to secure class trips for the rest of the academic year. Keep checking our newsletter calendar in the New Year as we aim to have them added before the end of January. The book fair has been a huge success, and I would like to thank all those who were able to support it, we certainly had some generous visitors!

As this is our last newsletter before 2024, I would like to thank our whole CSM family for making our school a place of outstanding provision and fun. I continue to believe it is a privilege to be your head of school.

Wishing you all health and happiness for 2024.

Miss M

### Head boy and girl message

Hello,

Last Friday, Santa decided to pay us a visit, we had our pictures taken with him. Santa was so kind he gave us all some Christmas themed chocolate. The Reception children had individual photos taken with Santa. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday shared their nativity with the whole school. The play was about baby Jesus and it was called 'Miracle in Town'. Each year these year groups work really hard on their nativity and when the show came, the audience paid their respects.

On Monday we got to watch a panto, the theme was based on the snow queen. All the classes got to watch a panto and the children even joined in.

Riley & Adela

### Colour Santa Competition

Seven winners were chosen by two members of the freemasons this week.

One child from each class each received a winners prize and a ticket to the freemasons Christmas party which will be held on Saturday.



### Raffle

We have extended the raffle draw to enable more parents and family members to purchase tickets. The draw will now take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not already got your tickets, please call in to the office to get yours for £1 per strip.

### KS2 Carol Concert – 19<sup>th</sup> December

If you don't already have your tickets for our carol concerts on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, please pop in to the office before they are all gone. (only a few left) Each child is entitled to 2 tickets - ONLY 2 adults or 1 adult and 1 child are allowed to attend the carol concert. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR TICKET SAFE - YOU WILL NEED TO BRING IT WITH YOU ON THE DAY. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY WITHOUT YOUR TICKET.**

**Buggies or pushchairs MUST be left outside.**

### Times for performances

Years 3 and 4 is at 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Years 5 and 6 is at 2.10pm – 2.40pm

### Autumn Term Attendance Draw

Congratulations to the winner of our attendance award for this term, who was a Daniel from Year 3, who will get to choose either a scooter or a bike as a prize. Well done Daniel.

Children were also awarded with their bronze 100% attendance badges for attending school every day this term.

### PE Kits – Cold Weather

It is absolutely necessary to ensure that your child's PE kit contains joggers or leggings and a sweatshirt. Please also send in gloves to wear.

We really do not mind about the colour at all.

We do PE all year round outside if it is dry and not icy.

Children are able to wear coats too if needed.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Their PE kits should remain in school until the end of a term and then go home to be washed - not each week.



**PSHE** – The children this term have worked hard to talk about celebrating differences. In year 1, the class created their own gingerbread man and wrote key words to describe what makes them the same and different to their peers. Next term in PSHE the children will be focusing on their dreams and goals. Our school core value next term is 'Perseverance'. All pupils will learn what it means to persevere and there will be lessons and assemblies based around this core value.

**Phonics** – The children are working hard to ensure they know their sounds and can blend them in words. This week, we have been completing phonic assessments for all children on the programme – we can see great progress! Over the Christmas break, the children have been sent home some links to watch.

**Music** – Music always takes centre stage during the Christmas period. From the morning tunes, offering a funky start to the day, through to the nativity songs and Christmas carols, CSM is awash with the sound of the festive period.

We may even have some festive music videos sung by some well-known faces.....keep an eye on our Facebook page!

**Reading** - Next week the children will be finishing their second Talk For Reading book of the term and writing book reviews in class. Lots of the children have discovered new authors from their lessons and I know year 4 love Michael Morpurgo stories now. When I look at their reading books on their desks, lots of them have chosen his stories to read at home too. Your child should be able to talk to you about the books they have been reading and why they like or dislike certain parts. Talking about books and stories is a really important part of showing their understanding of what they have read.

**Talk 4 writing** - In Year 1, they have been studying the poem 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning this poem and identifying its features. They can now recognise rhyming words and patterns. This week they have been writing their own poem. We cannot wait to hear their poetry performance next week- well done, Year 1.

**RE** In RE, Year 4 have been learning about the Christmas story and Bethlehem. Pupils now understand what a pilgrimage is and why some religious people choose to go on this journey. Year 4 also learnt who Mary and Joseph were as well as the key features of the Nativity.

The spectacular performance of the Nativity from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must have been extra special for our Year 4 pupils this year.

**History** - Over the next week, the children will be completing an extended writing task in History. This will focus on the topic they are learning about. The children will use facts they have learnt, apply their knowledge to complete activities and get the opportunity to showcase their understanding.

**Maths** - This week as we are coming towards the end of Autumn 2, I thought I would share a maths joke with you all.

What did the calculator say to the pupil?

You can always count on me!

If your child wants to bring a maths joke into school, please send it to Mrs Dennis, who would love to read them. Two star tokens for everybody who takes part!

**Computing** – In computing year 4 have been working very hard learning about coding. They have written commands in order to make things happen on their screens. They have also been learning about spam emails and malware as part of their internet safety lessons. Keep up the great work year 4!

**Science** - Did you know....the Earth is actually closest to the sun in December! The Earth's orbit typically brings it the closest to the sun during the coldest

period of the year. Our cold weather comes from the decreased sunlight.

**Art & D & T** - In January, pupils begin their new art units, which is always an exciting time.

Some of the units include Earth Art, Famous Buildings and Frida Kahlo. Frida Kahlo is among the most famous Mexican artists of the 1900s. She suffered from the disease polio at 6 years old and walked with a limp the rest of her life. At 18 she was nearly killed in a bus crash. Her injuries were so severe that she spent many weeks in the hospital, where she first started painting.

## Important Dates for your diary...

New dates in **BOLD**

Deleted dates in **RED**



### DECEMBER 23

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Masterclass	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Library Visit	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hearing & vision checks Rec/Yr 6	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Santa	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school – KS1 Nativity	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Panto	AM
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bookfair	3.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	bookfair	3.15pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner in School Day	12.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity	10am
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity	2pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert Yrs 3 & 4	1.30- 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert Yrs 5 & 6	2.10- 2.40pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term	

### 22nd December – 5<sup>th</sup> January CHRISTMAS HOLS

### JANUARY 24

8 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Tour Sept 23 intake	9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9.00am

### 19<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February HALF TERM

### FEBRUARY 24

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
16 <sup>th</sup>	NON-PUPIL DAY	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return To School	

### MARCH 23

7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	
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8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Sharing Assembly	9.00am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.30pm

### 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAY

### APRIL 24

15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return to School	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle	

### 6<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY

### MAY 24

13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	
16 <sup>th</sup>		

### JUNE 24

5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential	
7 <sup>th</sup>		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	
1 <sup>st</sup> July		

### 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May HALF TERM

### JULY 24

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Bikeability	9am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for parents to see work	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	TBC
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 lunch	12pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents	AM
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reports go home	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term	

*All dates and times are subject to change.*

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# FLU VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

**Time is running out to vaccinate your child with this season's flu nasal spray\*.**

**The flu vaccine reduces the risk of serious illness and will top up their protection even if they've been vaccinated before.**

**Drop into one of our Essex catch-up clinics for primary and secondary aged children:**

**16 December, 10am – 2pm**  
Thurrock Hospital (Thameside House), Thurrock.

**21 December, 10am – 2pm**  
The Hermit Youth Centre, Shenfield Rd, Brentwood CM15 8AG.  
(Please note no parking available on site Please park at Brentwood Sainsbury's and walk to the Youth Centre).

**No booking required.  
Just walk in.**

\*flu injection is offered as an alternative to the nasal spray

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## Empowering Parents Empowering Communities



**Become an EPEC Group Leader**  
Join us for a 10 week training programme  
Starting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30am-2.30pm  
(Term time only)

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a successful, popular, unique parenting approach. EPEC is for local parents, led by local parents and those with parenting experience. As an EPEC parent group leader you will:

- \* Receive amazing free training and support from local EPEC team.
- \* Learn to lead practical, caring groups for local parents and those with parenting experience.
- \* Share tried and tested methods that give children the best start in life.
- \* Join a group of like-minded parents to make a difference to your local community.
- \* Develop your skills and confidence.
- \* Gain experience that will help you to fulfil your ambitions.
- \* Please contact Angie Holland at Chadwell Family Hub on 01375 840433 for further information



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ARE YOU A PARENT LIVING IN THURROCK?

ARE YOU THINKING OF GOING BACK TO WORK?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE?

HAVE YOU GOT TIME TO SPARE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

We would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 10-12pm at

Chadwell Family Hub, Claudian Way, RM16 4QE

To share information on Being A Parent Group (BAP) running at Family Hubs across Thurrock and how to become a parent group leader (PGL) and support the delivery of these groups in your community.

**Can you please contact Chadwell Family Hub on 01375 840433 to book a place**