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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you for the kind comments regarding Mrs Frampton's funeral; the church service and subsequent events were a befitting celebration of her life. The floral tributes from the school, parents and pupils were absolutely beautiful.

Our online newsletter, The Chadwell Chat, is gaining momentum, with 200+ views so far for our second edition. As we become more familiar with the editing tools, it should look visually even more impressive. As ever, the pupils are the real stars as they deliver our news with unbelievable confidence and clarity. Please do watch and comment where possible - we are always grateful.

Finally, swimming for years 3, 4 and 5 has proven to be a huge success. This crucial skill is quite literally lifesaving and we have been impressed with just how quickly water confidence has improved in our non-swimmers and how many pupils are now swimming! It really has been a huge team effort and I am super grateful for the support and flexibility shown by parents, colleagues and pupils.

New to CSM is our online newsletter

Follow the link below to view issue 2 of our online newsletter made by our pupils. This can also be found on our website under the news tab – latest news.

<https://clipchamp.com/watch/boZ7fl6goBq>



Children In Need – Pudsey Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Children in Need Day. We raised a fantastic **£193.58**



Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 13th December



Christmas is coming

Christmas festivities will begin before we know it.

If you have anything you would like to donate to our school raffle, please bring these items in to the

office as soon as possible. We have a number of lovely prizes but it is always nice to have more in order to give everyone the chance to win. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets go on Sale

Raffle tickets will be available for parents to buy from the office from Monday 4th December.

Tickets are £1.00 for 5 and the draw will take place on Wednesday 13th December in the afternoon. We have some amazing prizes yet again.

Colour Santa Competition

We have been very lucky again this year to be offered seven free places at the Essex Freemason's Christmas party on 16th December. Each class will have a different picture to colour in or they may want to use their artistic skills in other ways. The judging will be during the first week of December.



Please make sure your child's entry is returned by Monday 4th December.

Head boy and girl message

Hello,
Year 6 have officially started their Bikeability. They have had the opportunity to learn about road safety on their bikes. Half of the participants went on a 2 hour bike ride learning about the dangers of the road and how to stay safe.

Swimming has started for Years 3, 4 and 5. They spent 30 minutes swimming in small groups and once they finish they continue with their learning.

Recently, the School Council got their badges during Miss Moorcraft's assembly. The School Council is involved in a new garden project that will happen soon.

This week we had parents' evening and parents had an opportunity to talk to the teachers to see how their child is doing in class.

Riley & Adela

more than 10 requests, we will put the names in a draw for selection.

Christmas Sale

Exciting news! Our Christmas sale starts on Thursday 30th November. We ask that ALL children put the money in an envelope with their name, class and what they would like to buy written on the front of the envelope. These will be sold on a first come first served basis and when they are gone their gone.



KS1 Nativity Tickets

If you would like to attend the KS1 nativity performance on Thursday 14th December, there are two performances to choose from. You can watch the 1st performance at 10.00am or there is the later performance at 2.00pm. Due to the numbers we are allowed in the hall, parents are restricted to two tickets per child. Tickets are free and will be available to collect from the office from Monday 4th December.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR TICKET SAFE AS YOU WILL NEED THESE TO GAIN ENTRY TO YOUR CHOSEN PERFORMANCE.

Living Joy Hampers

We have been very fortunate to have been selected by the Living Joy Foundation to receive 10 Christmas

Hampers for us to donate to ten of our families.

If you feel your family would benefit from one of these hampers, please let the office know as soon as possible or email admin@csm.swecet.org If we get

Parents and pupils arriving early

We have noticed some families arriving extra early each morning and waiting around the main gate area. Whilst we are happy for families to arrive in good time for the start of the day, our gates will not open until 8:25am.

We kindly ask that families arriving for breakfast club, use the buzzer on the main gate and ensure the gate is closed on exit. Thank you.

Bookfair – from Next Friday

Book Fair - Friday 8th Dec, Mon 11th and Tues 12th Dec

We will be holding a book fair from 3:20-3:40pm on the above dates. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts! An extra bonus is that the school earns commission from the books sold which will be used to replenish our library. We look forward to seeing you there!



Curriculum Corner

PSHE – Last week in PSHE, the children had lessons based around Anti-bullying week. The theme this year was ‘Make a noise about bullying’. The children responded well to this and had class discussions in their PSHE lessons. Across the school we had a poster competition, where the children had to create a poster for Anti-bullying week, linked to the new theme. Well done to all the children who took part.

Phonics - The children have been learning their sounds. We are learning to develop our story telling voices to improve our fluency.

Music – In 2011, researchers found that music releases dopamine, the feel-good chemical in your brain. It also found that dopamine was up to 9% higher when people listened to music that they enjoyed. It may be obvious, but it is strong evidence for the link between music and mental wellbeing.

I love seeing pupils (and grown-ups!) singing along to our morning music, and as this Friday is the 1st December.....it's time to dust off the Crimbo playlist!

Reading - Being able to read fluently is essential for understanding what we have read. If your child is finding it tricky to read fluently, let them read part of their book to themselves first, before they read it aloud to you. You could also try reading together. As the adult, you read aloud and your child can join in when they can. This will also help improve the enjoyment of sharing a book and feeling like a reader!

Talk 4 writing - In writing, Year 4 have been studying Pigeon Impossible and learning how to write persuasively about being a secret agent. Pupils have managed to identify the features of persuasive writing and carefully choose words to encourage their readers that becoming a secret agent is an exciting job where you are considered a hero everyday.

RE – In RE, Years 1 and 2 have been learning about the birth of Jesus Christ. Everyone is very excited to see them tell the story during their nativity performance.

Our Year 5 pupils have been learning about Muslim beliefs. Pupils are able to explain who Mihammad is and why he is an important prophet in the Islamic faith.

History - year 1 are learning all about the features of homes in the past and present. They have been labelling houses and comparing the similarities and differences between houses over time.

Maths - The children in year 2 have been looking at adding and subtracting two digit numbers. They learnt that you could use the inverse operation when checking answers.

We decided that addition and subtraction are friends because they help each other to check the answer is correct.

Well done year 2! **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 - Here's a winter science experiment that seems more like a magic trick. Place a bottle of water in a bowl of ice (or snow) and rock salt. When you take it out, the water is still liquid—until you slam it against the counter and it freezes instantly!

Art & D & T - Art and DT

Our culture corridor has a new piece of art work, The Great Wave Off Kanagawa.



It is a woodblock print by Japanese ukiyo-e artist Hokusai, created in late 1831 during the Edo period of Japanese history.

The pupils have been rather impressed so far!

Important Dates for your diary...

New dates in BOLD

~~Deleted dates in RED~~



NOVEMBER 23

6 th	Children return to school	
7 th	Flu Immunisations	AM
8 th	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.30pm
13 th	Odd Sock Day	
14 th	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
16 th	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
17 th	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9am
21 st	Yr's 5 & 6 Walk Online Roadshow	
23 rd	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
21 st	SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2PM	

27th – 1st Dec	Swimming Lessons for Years 3, 4 & 5	TBC
22nd	Walk on Line Roadshow – Year 5	PM
22nd	Reception Tour Sept 24 intake	1.30pm
24th	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9am
28th	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
27th – 30th	Year 6 Bikeability	

DECEMBER 23

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

22nd December – 5th January CHRISTMAS HOLS

JANUARY 24

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

19th February – 23rd February HALF TERM

FEBRUARY 24

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

MARCH 23

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

29th March – 12th April EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL 24

15 th	Pupils Return to School
24 th	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle

6th May BANK HOLIDAY

MAY 24

13 th – 16 th	Year 6 SATs Week
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27th May – 31st May HALF TERM

JUNE 24

5 th – 7 th	Year 6 Residential
26 th – 1 st July	Book Fair

JULY 24

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

All dates and times are subject to change.