

Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 8th December 2017



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Dear Parent/Carers,

This week it has been an absolute pleasure to watch the wonderful Christmas productions. Congratulations to all our performers for their outstanding singing and performing. The pupils should be extremely proud of themselves especially as they remembered so many words! A special thank you to our PPT members who have supported the collection of tickets as well as selling many raffle tickets. The draw will take place next Tuesday and winning tickets will be displayed in the front office window.

This week Miss Law was very pleased to have received our Silver Primary Science Quality Mark, which now sits proudly in our main corridor.

Next week we have much to look forward as we continue our festive celebrations, with our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 13th December, supporting Save the Children. Children are reminded to bring along their 50p donation.

This coincides with our whole school Christmas Dinner day. I look forward to seeing the many interesting jumper designs for 2017. Children are reminded to bring along their 50p donation.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Latham
Headteacher

SNOW/ICY WEATHER:

In the event of a school closure, parents/carers will be notified using the following methods of communication, by 8am where possible:

The School website - www.dilkesacademy.org.uk

The Schools twitter account - @DilkesAcademy

Via BBC Radio Essex FM - The broadcast frequencies for BBC Essex are: FM: 95.3 or 103.5 or AM 729 or 765 or MW 1530. The website address is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk/england/essex>

A sign on the School gates, where possible.

Please remember to check regularly for updates in the event of bad weather.

TERM DATES TO REMEMBER:

Don't forget the last day of term for pupils is Tuesday 19th December 2017. The first day back for pupils after the Christmas break is Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

E-SAFETY TIP:

Never give any information about yourself online. This includes your name, address, street name, post code or school name.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL DINNER MENU - TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 2018:

On Tuesday 2nd January 2018 only there will be a change to the red option on the dinner menu. The red lunch option will be Organic Pork Sausages with Gravy **and not** Chicken and Bacon Hotpot as previously advertised. Please note that the Blue and Green options are not subject to change and remain as advertised.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS:

From 1 November 2017, if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for their reception school place for September 2018.

You should complete your application in good time to have the best chance of getting a place at a school you would like your child to attend. By applying online you will get an email acknowledgement of your application and be able to check which school place has been offered from 1 March 2018.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions/applying-for-primary-school-place>

WELL DONE:

Emily Masters, 6G, has achieved 8th Kyu (yellow belt) in Karate. Well done Emily!
Bren Reilly, 3A, has achieved her Bronze Merit Award. Well done Bren!

A BIG THANK YOU!:

The Academy wish to thank Ms. B Blaney for her very kind donation of resources for use in the Sensory Room.



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS:

Please note that all clubs will finish today, Friday 8th December 2017.

The spring programme of clubs will be shared in the new year.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS:

We will announce this terms winners before the end of term so get online and improve you time!



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

The final Christmas Concert Performances will be held on Monday 11th December 2017. Please remember to bring your tickets along with you.

Monday 11 th December 2017	10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.00pm	Reception (Family) Year 1&2 (Family) Year 3&4 (Family) Year 5&6 (Family)
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