

Message from Ms Allen

We come to the end of the term with 200 followers on our Twitter feed. We have posts from Christmas celebrations, including the KS2 visit to St Paul's church where we thought about Christmas traditions from around the world, and the KS1 and EYFS nativities. We have posted about many of the events which have made up a very busy term. Please also use the website to see our news and updates of things happening in school.



We hope you have a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 6th January**.

Date for your diary

We are pleased to invite you to an information meeting on the very important subject of E-Safety. This meeting will be held here at the school on **Tuesday 14th January at 3.30pm**. The meeting will be hosted by The Two Johns, and will last about an hour, slightly longer if there are a lot of questions. The Two Johns are qualified Police Trainers, providing training in hundreds of schools across the country and they have also trained every Youth Officer in Essex Police. We are very lucky to have secured their time and expertise. We strongly recommend that you attend this meeting irrespective of the age of your child. It is essential that you recognise and know about the dangers of being online and how to keep your child safe. The Two Johns will also be in school during the day talking to children in KS2 and helping them learn how to be safe online. Please make sure you speak to your child about this.

We think this is such an important topic that we are offering to supervise your child whilst you attend. **Children from our school from Reception to Year 6** will be able to sit in the old hall and watch a movie whilst you sit in the new hall and listen to all the information The Two Johns will be sharing with you. A letter regarding this arrangement will be sent home after Christmas. **If you would like to take up this offer, please make sure you return the slip attached to that letter.**



Kingswood meeting for all Year 5 Parents

On Wednesday 8th January at 2.45pm we will be hosting a meeting to discuss the forth coming residential visit for our current Year 5 children. We would love to see you there as it is a good time to find out all the information you need and to ask any questions. If you cannot attend but need to speak to someone please don't hesitate to ask at the office and if lots of parents need an evening meeting, we can arrange this.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The Downs Local Governing Body (LGB) are seeking parents to become part of its board. We are looking for committed individuals that are keen to help develop and monitor school development. No experience is required as training will be given. All we require is a commitment to attend at least two evening meetings per term and the ability and willingness to visit the school in operation to ensure that school are implementing the policies and procedures that it has in place. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please either email our Chair of Governors, Paul Adams at p.adams@pclc.co.uk or speak to a member of staff at reception.

Spring Term After School Clubs

A letter will be emailed to parents on Monday 6th January regarding clubs for the Spring Term. School clubs will need to be booked and paid for on SIMs-Pay. Places will be limited and will be first come first served, so please look out for this letter and book straight away to avoid disappointment. Most clubs will be £20.00 for the 10 weeks that they will run and this will need to be paid by booking on SIMs-Pay. Premier Education will be running archery club on a Friday which will need to be booked via their website at www.premier-education.com

Lost property – Please make sure you name all of your child's items

We haven't put the lost property outside today as it would get very wet, but we do have an awful lot of it. Please do check lost property if your child has lost an item. We will put it all out after Christmas when hopefully, it will have stopped raining.

Messy Lunches

Messy Lunches is an event being held on Thursday 2nd January between 10.00am and 12.00noon at St Paul's Hall, College Square, Harlow Town Centre. Please do go along with your children for some free food and fun. Please note, entrance to the hall is via the double blue doors, on the terrace at the back.

Christmas Discos

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone, staff and parents, who helped with the Christmas Discos. The children had an amazing time boogying the evening away and enjoying festive fun and activities.

We are aware that there were issues with SIMs-Pay and would also like to thank you all for your patience.

Our House winners for the Autumn Term are



Unicorns !!!



Team Spirit – Children are able to earn Team Points for their house by working together and showing a good team spirit. Children who have been awarded for Team Spirit are as follows.

Dragon House

Jessica in Hazel Class
Hasan in Birch Class
Ingrid in Elm Class
Emily in Chestnut Class
Harris in Sycamore Class
Pearl in Mulberry Class

Griffin House

Saram in Oak Class
Karl in Willow Class
Nazir in Larch Class
Zac in Mulberry Class
Zaid in Oak Class
Safwan in Larch Class
Nusrath in Aspen Class
Gabriela in Elm Class
Emilia in Holly Class

Lion House

Eva in Cedar Class
Noemie in Maple Class
Lizzy in Hazel Class
Lucy in Holly Class
Rehan in Birch Class
Connor in Willow Class
Jacob in Cedar Class
Ben in Chestnut Class

Unicorn House

Lily in Aspen Class
Alaya in Sycamore Class
Melody in Rowan Class
Maisey in Rowan Class
Harrison in Maple Class

Stars of the week – to children who have really shone in class and impressed a member of staff.

Callum and Azan in Oak Class
Valerie and George in Birch Class
Masal and Ray in Chestnut Class
Francesca and Zoe in Cedar Class
Heidi and Laibah in Maple Class
Max and Eli in Larch Class
Joseph and Albie in Holly Class

Harrison and Fatima in Hazel Class
Mason and George in Willow Class
Lilly and Fraser in Rowan Class
Georgina and Darcie in Aspen Class
Shongayi and Edward in Sycamore Class
Liam and Odelia in Elm Class
Sandy-May and Martha in Mulberry Class



Diary Dates for the Spring and Summer Terms 2020

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| Monday 6th January 2020 | Spring Term begins - Children return to school |
| Thursday 9 th January | 9.30am + 2.30am Prospective Parent Tours |
| Tuesday 14 th January | The 2 Johns E Safety Training for Staff, Children and Parents |
| Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th January | Culture Week |
| Friday 31 st January | Non Pupil Day (school closed to children) |
| Friday 12 th February | Dragon and Griffin House Assemblies |
| Thursday 13 th February | Unicorn and Lion House Assemblies |
| Friday 14th February | 3.15pm School Breaks for Half Term |
| Monday 17th – Friday 21st February | Half Term (school closed to children) |
| Monday 24th February | Children return to school |

*Merry Christmas
and we look forward to seeing
you in the new year.*

