

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

This week we have been very busy investigating how Parliament works and debating the very topical issue, "Should children be allowed holidays during term time?" Children considered both points of view and heard from members of parliament representing each class before voting. The 'House' was kept in order by our Speaker, Edward, who did an excellent job in reminding our young politicians how they should conduct themselves. The 'ayes' won the vote, but it was a closely run thing, with only ten votes between the yes and no camps. Sadly, we have no power to change the law, but some children felt strongly enough on this issue to consider making representation to their MP or starting an online petition.

## World Food Day

Today was World Food Day. We changed the lunch menu to vegetable and bean burritos and chips or herby chicken and red onion panini and chips, in addition to our own packed lunches. Children considered the different foods people eat around the world and the fact that we are very lucky in the amount and variety of foods we are able to choose from.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been DEMOCRACY. Even our youngest of pupils made their voices count in 'The Big Vote' yesterday and the children worked so hard during the process that it made our job very difficult when considering who to choose as our stars. Our pupils of the week for being democratic are Nicole and Hannah in Oaks class, Bobby in Hawthorn class, Joseph in Rowan class, Freddie in Chestnut class and Edward in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be CHALLENGING OURSELVES as we work as hard as we can to be the best that we can be.

## Clubs

Due to the rapidly diminishing light in the evenings and the poor weather, most of our clubs are now being run at lunchtimes for the remainder of the term. Table tennis club continues after school on a Tuesday with Mr Butcher and it was great to see fourteen children joining in this week. Following today's 'Big Vote' we have decided to offer a debating club at lunchtimes, giving children the opportunity to consider a range of issues and evaluate both sides of the arguments before deciding on their own opinions.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure so far is 97.1%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The classes with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 99.2%. Attendance improved in three classes.

## Children in Need -Be a Hero

This year the theme for Children in Need was 'Be a Hero.' All of our heroes looked Superb and really rose to the occasion and we raised £106.40 as a school.

## Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSOs have been working with PC Maples and Mrs Macallister today planning the assembly they are going to deliver during Road Safety Week next week. Watch out for details of the

events planned by them in next week's newsletter.

### Reminders

We are only able to authorise medical appointments such as emergency dentist or hospital appointments etc if we have prior knowledge of these and have received a copy of the appointment letter or card. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### In the Community

Lexi Grimwood has received certificates and badges for swimming 50m, 100m and 200m in the Rainbow swimming scheme. Well done Lexi, swimming is such an important skill for life, especially when we all live so close to the sea.

### Community Christmas Fayre

The Cancer Research Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday 28.11.15 at Knodishall Village Hall, between 11am and 3pm.

### Maths Cafes

The Maths Café for Oaks and Hawthorn classes will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 9 and 10am. Please do join us in the hall for a cup of coffee and a chance for us to help demystify some of the maths your children are doing in school, before joining your child in class to share with them a series of fun maths challenges. If you would like to join us and missed the signing up board in the playground this morning, please contact the school office so we can ensure there is a space made for you. Everybody is welcome.

The Maths Café for Rowan, Chestnut and Sliver Birch classes will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November and a sheet to sign up for this will be on the playground on Tuesday morning. There will be an opportunity to discover more about the types of calculations your child will be becoming familiar with and gain an understanding of the increased level of challenge they are facing in the new curriculum. Please do join us if you can. There will be more opportunities to join your child in their learning in school next term.

### Bedtime Stories

Come and join us on Thursday evening for hot chocolate and bedtime stories. Teachers will be reading stories in their classrooms between 5pm and 5.30pm. Come in your pyjamas, with your teddy and join in the fun. Sign up on the playground from Monday.

## Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning 23.11.15 Road Safety Week
- 23.11.15 Key Stage One Problem Solving Maths Café
- 26.11.15 5pm Bedtime Stories
- 27.11.15 Key Stage Two Calculation Maths Café
- 02.12.15 Violin Recital to parents of Violinists 3.15pm
- 04.12.15 Non Uniform Day - Bring an item for the Christmas Hampers
- 07.12.15 School Council to judge the Christmas Baubles Competition
- 09.12.15 Christmas Fayre 2-5pm Classes running stalls
- 10.12.15 Choir Singing at local Nursing Homes
- 14.12.15 Choir Singing outside Solar Supermarket in Leiston @ 4pm
- 11.12.15 Years 3,4,5 to Ipswich Museum Egyptian Collection
- 11.12.15 Years 1 and 2 Flu immunisation
- 15.12.15 Little Blue Star Nativity Play Reception and KS1 Children 2pm and 6pm
- 16.12.15 Christmas Dinner
- 17.12.15 The Meaning of Christmas - Christmas Service
- 17.12.15 Christmas Disco Reception and KS1 4-5.30pm and KS2 6-7.30pm
- 18.12.15 End of Term (Last day)

