

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

This week Year 6 have been demonstrating great resilience as they have worked through the new style SATS papers in their Mock SATS week. The style of the papers has been different to those undertaken by Year 6 in previous years and the children have risen to the challenge and applied themselves diligently. We have been very proud of their attitude this week. Year 1 have done a Mock Phonics Screening check and we are pleased to see the progress that this group of children have made already this year.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been RESILIENCE THROUGH HARD WORK.. Our pupils of the week for resilience through hard work are Hannah in Oaks class, Rosie in Hawthorn class, Harry in Rowan class, George in Chestnut class and Megan in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be GETTING INVOLVED.

News from the PTA

The Quiz night raised £498 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to everyone for your support and to the PTA members who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that the Quiz went smoothly and was such a success.

School Council

The School Council have been thinking about fund raising and the sorts of things they would like to raise money for. They have decided that they would like to buy large outdoor games for the playground for breaks and lunchtimes and more footballs and basket balls. Their fundraising will be starting with the table top sale on Saturday 12th December. Please speak to the office to book a table.

Wanted

Wanted: Persuasive parents and other talented family members. Would you be willing to join with one or two others to seek sponsorship from various organisations to raise the funds to implement an exciting and progressive science and computing curriculum? We have the basics but would love to take the children's learning to a new level through the use of even more engaging resources. Please see Mrs Elias or Mrs Atherton for further information about how you could support us in this.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure so far is 94.4%. This figure is low enough that it puts the school at risk of being rated requiring improvement in terms of attendance. After Christmas the pyramid of schools have agreed that it will be reducing the threshold at which parents receive a fixed penalty notice for unauthorised attendance or unauthorised lates to 6 sessions from the current position of nine sessions. If your child arrives late, after the close of the register at 8.55am the late arrival will be unauthorised. 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 Silver Birch with 99% again. Attendance improved in Chestnut class this week.

Reminders

Children will be going outside at break and lunchtime and will need a coat as the weather is not always mild. A warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for PE lessons are also useful at this time of year. Thank you for helping us with this.

Parents shouldn't be turning in or parking across the entrance to the staff car park at the beginning or end of the school day. The car park is very busy and access must always be maintained. We would ask parents delivering their children to school not to walk across the car park but to access the playground via the gate from the path at the front of the school. This is to ensure everybody's safety. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Christmas Arrangements

The Christmas post box is now up and running and our Year 6 'Santa's Little Helpers' are sorting and delivering cards at lunchtimes. To help them to get every card to its intended recipient please make sure that children have written the surname and class of the person they are sending their card to as well as their name. Many thanks.

As a school we will be walking to church on Thursday 17th December to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. Each class will be contributing to the service and we will also sing carols. The Choir will be singing outside the Solar Supermarket on Monday 14th December at 4pm and there will be carols around the Christmas tree at Mill Hill, followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the Parrot and Punchbowl on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm.

In the Community

Raef Owen has received a certificate and badge for swimming 400m in the Rainbow swimming scheme. Well done Raef, that is a lot of lengths.

Learning Cafés

There will be a Phonics café and Grammar café after Christmas and we hope you will be able to join us on our learning journey and quest for excellence. The Phonics Café will be for children in Oaks and Hawthorn classes and will take place on Monday January 11th from 9.00am until 10.00am. The Grammar café will take place on Wednesday January 20th from 9am until 10am for Oaks Year 1 children and Hawthorn class and on Thursday 21st January between 9am and 10.30am for Rowan, Chestnut and Silver Birch classes. Sign-up sheets will be in the playground during the first week back after Christmas to give people plenty of chance to consult their diaries.

Diary Dates

- 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
- 12.12.15 Table Top Sale
- 11.12.15 Years 3,4,5 to Ipswich Museum Egyptian Collection
- 11.12.15 Years 1 and 2 Flu immunisation
- 14.12.15 Choir Singing outside Solar Supermarket in Leiston @ 4pm
- 15.12.15 Little Blue Star Nativity Play Reception and KS1 Children 2pm and 6pm
- 16.12.15 Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.15 Singing around the Christmas Tree at Mill Hill, Aldringham 6pm
- 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)
- 04.01.16 PD Day
- 05.01.16 Children come back