

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

This week our thoughts have begun to turn towards more seasonal things, with rehearsals for 'Little Blue Star' well underway and our extremely popular Christmas Fayre on Wednesday. We had an extra special visitor when Father Christmas popped in to visit the children in his grotto and finally got an explanation as to the behaviour of his reindeer when they invaded Hawthorn classroom overnight one night last week. An ENORMOUS thank you to the PTA and especially to Kate Goddard, for all their hard work in ensuring we kept a little bit of the magic alive at Coldfair Green this Christmas. The Choir have also been busy this week, singing in four Old People's Homes on Thursday. We have already received letters of thanks and appreciation and the staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves too.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been GETTING INVOLVED. Our pupils of the week for getting involved are Noah in Oaks class, Taylor in Hawthorn class, Daniel in Rowan class, Louis in Chestnut class and Mari in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be BEING PROUD OF OURSELVES.

## In the Community

Tommy, in Chestnut class, has been raising money for Centrepont. Tommy decorated a bauble and has been collecting money outside of school over the last few days. 15000 young people will be homeless on Christmas Day and Tommy wanted to try to raise £15. This £15 will provide one young homeless person with a Christmas meal and a safe warm bed for the night. If you would like to take part in Tommy's lucky dip, or make a donation to the cause, please see mum on the playground with Tommy or make a donation via the school office. Thank you and well done Tommy.

The Cancer Research Christmas Fayre at Knodishall Village Hall raised £3,302.50. A huge well done to everyone involved. I am sure your efforts will be greatly appreciated by Cancer Research UK.

## Samaritan's Purse

This year 184 shoeboxes were collected locally and over 35 were donated as a result of your generosity. The first 8000 have already left en route to Swaziland for Christmas.

## News from the PTA

The decorated baubles were of an extremely high standard and four winners were chosen, one from each house. The winners for each house were Red - Aulaini, Green - Bobby, Blue - Hannah and Yellow house Chloe. Children received tickets to see a film at Aldeburgh Cinema as their prizes. Well done to everyone who entered.

The Christmas Fayre raised £930.30, with Chestnut class winning the prize for mini enterprise for raising the most profit as a class from the items that they made to sell. Their prize will be a free noon school uniform day on Wednesday.

## School Council

Don't forget the table top sale on Saturday. Doors open at 8am for stall holders to set up and then at 9am for buyers. Come and find some stocking fillers and other bargains. Refreshments

available.

### Digital Leaders

Our new digital leaders have been picked from the ten very high quality applications that were received. They are Bethany, Georgia, Mari, Amelia, Thomas and Matilda. They are already proudly wearing their lanyards and are waiting for their t-shirts to arrive. The children will be planning a learning café and series of assemblies and workshops during the Spring Term so watch this space for more news.

### Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure so far is 94.3%. 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 has 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 class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100%.

### Reminders

We have a lot of lost property in the bin outside the front window of the office. Please do check it if your child is missing any item of clothing, lunch box or trainers.

### Christmas Arrangements

A big THANK YOU to Redhouse Barn, who kindly donated our Christmas Tree for the front playground. We are very grateful.

The Key Stage One play 'Little Blue Star' takes place on Monday at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are limited due to fire regulations and the need to ensure everyone's safety as a priority. All tickets have now been allocated. Raffle tickets will be available on the day. Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As a school we will be celebrating the real meaning of Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, with Reverend Mark Lowther joining us to share his thoughts. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

### Diary Dates

12.12.15 Table Top Sale

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

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