

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

This week we have been focusing on 'hard' work and the amount of effort we put into everything. We are learning about how our efforts affect how our brains work. We have also been thinking about October being Black History Month and why and how this came about. We have been discovering how much we already know about famous black men and women and have been considering how life isn't always fair.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES. Children have been working together to understand how people in other cultures are treated in different ways from ourselves and considering their own views on this. Our pupils of the week for understanding our differences are: Amelie and Nicole in Oaks class, Hollie in Hawthorn class, Florence in Rowan class, Finley in Chestnut class and Megan in Silver Birch class. Next week's value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be ACCEPTANCE.

## The School Council

The School council have been focusing on what they think children should be, do and have as a result. They will be continuing to focus on their experience as a pupil at this school as we work closely to build resilience as the project gets underway. The school council will continue to be the voice of their classes. They have been asked to help with parental surveys on parents evening next week. If parents are willing to let them stay in school to help please let the office know. Thank you.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100% - WELL DONE, an excellent achievement. Our whole school attendance figure so far is 97.14%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can. Can I remind parents that the registers close at 8.55am and any child arriving after this time will receive an unauthorised late mark. It is important that your child arrives at school each day in time for the start to avoid missing important information. Thank you for your support in this.

## In the Community

I have been fortunate this week in being invited to watch our children rehearsing for the Suffolk Festival and was amazed at the high standard of their performances. It really will be quite a show! Huxley, Elijah, Bethany, Aulaini, Amelia and Matilda have been working really hard and the amount of effort put in has been more than evident. Once again our children are making me very proud to be their headteacher.

## PTA

The PTA continue to sell tuck on a Friday on the front playground. Money raised will go towards the cost of purchasing cameras, tablets and at the request of the teaching staff, visualisers. These are devices that enable children's work or teaching resources such as numicon to be projected onto the whiteboard in the classroom so all children can refer to them. They are invaluable in developing children's self-assessment of their work and have many uses. The long term fundraising plan aim is to raise funds to enable the development of the outside learning area. To purchase seating for around the trees, a story chair and other learning stimuli for the woodland area and the school grounds to the rear of the building.

## WANTED: SCHOOL UNIFORM

Following feedback from our parents the PTA will be holding a second hand uniform shop in the school shelter on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Gates will be open from 2.45pm.

If you have any unwanted school uniform: sweatshirts, blouses, trousers, tops and skirts - donations would be very welcome. Please leave any donations in the school office.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Quiz Night - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, at Knodishall Village Hall. 7.30pm start. £5 per person, tables of six.
- Christmas 'Decorate a bauble' competition. Baubles will be sold in the playground from 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the entries will be judged by the school council. £1 per bauble.
- Non uniform day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Children to bring in an item for the Christmas hampers and tombola.
- Christmas Fayre 9<sup>th</sup> December 2-5pm. All welcome.
- Christmas Disco Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - more details to follow.

## Parents Evening

Clipboards are in the school office to enable you to sign up for parents' evening appointments if you have not already done so. Ten minute appointments will give us the chance to tell you more about your child's learning and progress and give you the opportunity to look at books and ask any questions you might have. A parental survey will be carried out on parents' evening giving you the opportunity to share with us your views about the school and how things are progressing. We hope you will feel able to respond to this.

### Dates for your Diary

12.10.15 Year 6 Enrichment "Escape from the Moon" Thomas Mills High School  
13.10.15 Years 3,4,5 Suffolk Festival Performances  
14.10.15 Humanities Enrichment Event - Horrible History Mystery Years 3 and 4  
14.10.15 and 15.10.15 Year 5 Bikeability  
16.10.15 Harvest Festival - Aldringham Church  
20.10.15 Parents' Evening ; 22.10.15 Parents' Evening  
21.10.15 Open Morning Alde Valley High School  
23.10.15 PD Day  
Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15

Have a super weekend.  
Mrs Amanda Fewkes