

## Oliver Copes with the Pressure

During October half time, I completed my 4 open water dives and I'm now a PADI open water diver. At a young age, I had an interest in underwater life and scuba diving, so when I was 8 I went for my first scuba dive at a pool and thought the whole experience was amazing. This then encouraged me to want to do more. For my 10th birthday in May, I wanted to do my PADI theory exam. So after booking a 5 week course, I passed. Now I can scuba dive anywhere in the world and I'm really excited. Hopefully I will be able to visit different countries in the future. My next aim is to qualify as an adventure diver.

By Oliver Year 6



## Ancient Egyptians

This week, Year 2 travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt. With the aid of our educational visitor, they enjoyed finding out more about their history topic and acting out stories about the Gods as well as the rituals and routines of life at the time. The children (and their teachers) all looked the part in their amazing Egyptian attire. A special thank you to parents for providing such fabulous costumes for the children!

## Well Done Year 6!

Year 6 provided the rest of the school with a mountain of delicious, home-made cakes this week.

They organised their Cake Sale to start their fund-raising for the Y6 Charities. The selected charities this year are 'Wavelength' (a charity that provides radios/TV s etc for senior citizens and The Multiple Sclerosis Society. £281.65 was raised!



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# Elm Green Newsletter



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## School Post Boxes

From **Monday 4th December** Christmas cards for staff and children can be posted in the three Christmas post boxes. There will be one in the hall lobby, one in the Y5/6 building and one outside the school office. Please ensure that cards are addressed with full names and classes and that they are in sealed envelopes. The last time for posting is the morning of **Monday December 11th** for delivery by our Christmas Elves the next day.

## Kindergarten Nativity - Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December 2.15pm

A professional company will be recording this fabulous event and DVDs will be available to purchase. Parking is available on the lower playground **but please do not arrive before 2.00pm** since the older children will be moving around the site before then. We hope that you will join us for refreshments afterwards and please ensure that the school office knows if you wish to take older siblings home with you at the end of the performance.

## Christmas Discos - Friday 8th December

The Y3 and Y4 Disco will start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm. We would like to offer the children the opportunity to change/prepare for the disco in school if required. Please send any disco clothing into school with a named bag to hold their uniform to bring home. Children will be provided with party food/drinks during the disco. **Please collect Year 3 and 4 children from the school gate at 5.30pm approx. Please ensure that Y5 and Y6 do not arrive at the Pavilion before 5.45pm.** Y5/6 children will be met at the Pavilion and escorted to school. Please collect from the school gate at 7.45pm when the children will be dismissed class by class. Please ensure that any torches used by the children are clearly named!!

## PE and swimming kit

KG - Y4 should take all PE/swimming kit home on Thursday 7th Dec. Y5/6 should take their Sports Bags home on the afternoon of Friday 8th Dec. Sports/PE bags and swimming kit will not be needed again until next term.

## Winter Woodland Walk - Y1 - Monday 11th December

Please make sure that children are suitably dressed with duffle coats, gloves, beanie hats (optional) and wellington boots (essential) for this exciting annual event (weather permitting).

## The Busiest Day - Tuesday 12th December

Traditionally this is a packed day and one of the busiest of the year. The children will enjoy a super Christmas buffet lunch in the hall followed by party games and an entertainer for the Pre-Prep. Please be aware that Y2 **may** be a little late leaving school that afternoon. This is also the day that Christmas Elves deliver Christmas Cards in school.

## Wednesday 13th December - The Carol Service in Chelmsford Cathedral

Entry is by ticket only. All children will be transported to the Cathedral by coach after an early lunch. Children will not need hats or bags that day but should bring their mid-morning snack in disposable packaging that will fit into their pockets. Children should wear smart winter uniform with girls in red tights and sweaters, and boys in long trousers and grey sweaters. We prefer the children to wear blazers rather than duffles **but if the weather is inclement we will advise or text parents about this before the day.**

## Emergency Closure Procedures

Please check the school website for our emergency closure procedures. Should severe weather conditions occur, the school communicates with parents via text messages so please ensure that the office have up-to-date contact information. 'Snow Work' for each class is also available on the website. Hopefully it will not be needed!

## Well done to everyone involved in the 2E's class assembly about Joseph



## Brentwood School Science Exhibition—Mr Parry

While everyone else was enjoying the Frost Fair, Henry, Tobias, Skye and Connie from Year 5 donned their school uniforms, braved the frost and arrived bright and early at the Brentwood School Science Exhibition. The theme for the exhibition was 'Science Magic – Magic Science'. All the children gave interesting well-prepared presentations to the judges, (Head of First Year Science—Mrs Pamela Ebdon, and Science teacher—Dr Iona Ross) and all the children received certificates. However, Henry and Tobias were the highlight of the exhibition. The judges related them to the next 'Ant and Dec' or maybe 'Morecombe and Wise'. Everyone passing by spoke to them and, if they didn't, the boys dragged them in, presented them with a disposable glove and (strongly) encouraged them to take part in their demonstration! The boys were awarded a top prize with their exhibit. The event was a huge success and our children were a credit to the school. Well done to all of them.



## Westfield Gift Card Competition 2017—Mrs Watson

Well done to all the children who entered the competition to design a Gift Card cover for the Westfield Shopping Centre in Stratford. Although Elm Green did not win any prizes this year, the entries looked wonderful, very full of festive spirit and colour. There were some excellent designs and all the children should be very proud of the effort they put in to each card. There will be other competitions and exhibitions coming up... so just watch this space!

## Gosfield School 'Cut Hedge' Cross Country Race



There were thrills, spills and even a few tears as the Y5/6 Elm Green Cross Country warriors battled on in the freezing cold to win individual medals, team medals for both boys and girls and then totally winning for a second year, the overall 'Cut Hedge Trophy.' They competed against New Hall, St Margarets, Gosfield and Alleyn Court to name some of the other schools but the Elm Green spirit prevailed—an amazing morning! Well done to the children and thank you to the many supporting parents and staff!

## School Diary

Mon	4th Dec	Christmas Post Boxes out Last Speech & Drama Session this term KG Nativity Dress Rehearsal to the school 3.45 Book Fair—Library
Tues	5th Dec	Last Speech & Drama Session this term KG Nativity Performance to parents/families 3.45 last day of Book Fair—Library
Wed	6th Dec	KG Nativity Performance to parents/families Chess Club in Library
Thurs	7th Dec	Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings! All Y3/4 and Pre-Prep PE kit home
Fri	8th Dec	Y5/6 Last swim this term Y5/6 PE kit home 4.00–5.30pm Y3/4 Disco 6.00–7.45 Y5/6 Disco
Mon	11th Dec	Last day for posting Christmas Cards Y1 Winter Woodland Walk (pm) Prep Quizzes (pm) Carol Service Rehearsal in Cathedral
Tues	12th Dec	Christmas Elves deliver Christmas Cards Christmas Buffet Lunch in the Main Hall Entertainer for Pre-Prep (pm)
Wed	13th Dec	Final Assembly of the term 1.45 Carol Service—Chelmsford Cathedral End of term
Wed	3rd Jan	First Day of Term
Fri	5th Jan	Y5/6 Swimming /Metal Fencing begins

## Clubs and Activities— Reminder

Please remember that staff clubs will not run next week. Clubs run by external providers, except Little Musketeers, will continue. The final session of Chess Club will take place in the Library as usual and all members are welcome.

Breakfast, Prep/Creche and After-School Clubs will all run as normal until Tues 12th December. **Please note that there is no after school care on Wed 13th Dec.**

With the exception of Metal Fencing on Fri 5th Jan, all after school clubs will start on the week beginning Mon 8th Jan.

Breakfast, Prep/Creche and After-School Clubs will all run as normal from the start of term in January.

## Kindergarten Tea-Towels

These are available from the school office at £5.50 each. Initial orders are limited to 3 per family but please indicate, on your order form, whether you would like more if extras become available. We also have a limited number of editions from previous years. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase past editions.