

Elm Green Newsletter



3rd January 2018

Spring Term Issue 1

Welcome Back -Happy New Year!

Thank you from all the staff for the many beautiful Christmas cards, gifts and kind words from children, parents and friends of the school. These were all greatly appreciated and enjoyed! We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very healthy, happy and successful new year!

Sadly, severe weather forced closure shortly before the end of term with the cancellation of various events but we were delighted that our Carol Service, in Chelmsford Cathedral, was able to go ahead. The children made us all very proud. Thank you also for your generosity on the day; £864 was raised at the service and this will be shared between the Year 6 Charities. Rather belatedly, we will be sending the Selection Boxes provided by the Parents Association, home in the children's bags as soon as possible.

Advance Notice—KG Curriculum Meeting— Monday 15th January 8.45am

This is an opportunity to hear more about the KG Curriculum and activities planned for the next two terms and also gives parents the chance to ask any related questions. We would be grateful for the prompt return of the reply slip on the letter that will be coming home today.

Advance Notice—Year 5 Drop-in Meeting— Friday 19th January 8.45am

This is the first in a series of meetings where the process of secondary transfer will be described in general terms. Further meetings will be held on:

- Friday 9th March Applications to the CSSE (Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex)
- Friday 4th May Applications to CCHS (Chelmsford County High School for Girls)
- Friday 25th May Applications to Independent Senior Schools
- Friday 22nd June Holiday Homework—Advice and Expectations

We would be grateful for a prompt return of the reply slip on the letter that will be coming home tomorrow. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Kindergarten Nativity Programme Design

Pictured below are Ellie (KGC) and Olivia (KGM) whose beautiful pictures were selected for publication in this year's KG Nativity programme. Congratulations and well done to both of them!



School Uniform and Equipment

Please take the opportunity of a new school term to check that all items of uniform are in good repair. It is also essential that all items are named. PE kit and art overalls should be named on the outside.

Related Congratulations

Well done to Nixie (Y6), and Hugo (Y5), (pictured right) who both won the main prizes in the Parish Council's recent Art Competition which was related to the Local Neighbourhood Plan.

Their work, which was previously displayed in the Memorial Hall was very highly commended. Well done to the many children who also all worked very hard on their entries which are all currently on display in the entrance lobby to the New Block.



ABRSM—Music Exams—Recent Successes

Congratulations and well done to:-

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| Pippa Forrest | Grade 1 Descant Recorder | Passed with Merit |
| Rosie Smart | Grade 1 Piano | Passed with Merit |
| Rose Kerren | Grade 2 Piano | Passed with Merit |
| Sebastian Wilson | Grade 3 Bassoon | Passed with Merit |

School Diary

Music lessons and clubs (except metal fencing) start next week

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| Wed | 3rd Jan | Term begins |
| Thur | 4th Jan | Swimming begins Y1, Y3 and Y4 |
| Fri | 5th Jan | Metal Fencing begins |
| | | Swimming begins Y5 and Y6. Please remember that children who are not swimming should still attend poolside |
| Mon | 8th Jan | Second hand uniform shop is open |
| Fri | 12th Jan | 2.30pm U11 Netball v Brentwood (A) |
| Mon | 15th Jan | 8.45am KG Curriculum Meeting |
| Tues | 16th Jan | Y4 Public Speaking Workshop |
| Fri | 19th Jan | 8.45am Y5 Drop-in Secondary Transfer |
| | | 2.00pm Felsted Masterclass (Rugby/Netball) |
| | | 3.30pm Y5 and 6 Film Night |

NO GYM SQUAD

Senior School Open Days etc

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| Thur | 11th Jan | 9.45am |
| Thur | 15th Mar | 9.45am |
| Sat | 17th Mar | 9.45am |

Contact Sarah Davies 01580 240592 to arrange your visit.

Colchester High School

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| Tues | 16th Jan | 9.30am-12.00 |
| Thur | 18th Jan | 9.30am-12.00 |
| Sat | 3rd Mar | 10.00am-1.00 |
| Tues | 20th Mar | 9.30am-12.00 |
| Thur | 22nd Mar | 9.30am-12.00 |

Contact Kate Cryne 01206 217116 to arrange your visit.

Sandon School— Y5 Taster Day

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| Fri | 8th June | 9.30am-1.20 |
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Contact Catherine Hart 01245 473611 to arrange your taster day.

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