



Elm Green Newsletter



Monday 2nd December 2024

Special Christmas Edition 1

Christmas is on its Way! A special thank you to all our families who supported the EGPA's Christmas Frost Fayre last Saturday, to members of the school choir who entertained us with their traditional carols assisted by Mrs Cussell and Mrs Bradley, and a huge thank you to members of the EGPA committee who organised and worked so hard to make the day a success! Even the weather was very kind to us!

Christmas Post Boxes Monday 2nd December—Tuesday 10th December There will be 3 Christmas post boxes where children may post their Christmas cards for children and staff to ensure delivery by Father Christmas and our Christmas Elves on Wednesday 11 December. Please ensure that cards are addressed with full names, classes and in sealed envelopes and posted in the boxes that will be positioned:-

- in the lobby of the main school hall
- the entrance to the New Block
- outside the school office

Thursday 5th December—Kindergarten Nativity We hope to start this special Christmas event promptly at 2.00pm. Access to parking on the lower playground is possible from 1.45pm. Please do not arrive earlier as there will be movement of children in the playground. We anticipate that the performance will last approximately 30 minutes and we hope that you will join us for light refreshments afterwards. Cars will need to leave the site by 3.00pm to avoid an end of day rush in the lane. Children may leave with parents/carers and siblings if required.

Friday 6th December -Pre-Prep Entertainer and Prep Discos The Pre-Prep children will enjoy sessions with an entertainer through the afternoon. Please be aware that Y2 First Line children may be a little late leaving school on that day. **The Y3 and Y4 Disco will start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm.** We would like to offer Y3 and Y4 children the opportunity to change/prepare for the disco in school if required. Please send disco clothing into school in a named bag to hold uniform to bring home if you wish to take up this offer. 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. They will be dismissed class by class.**

Year 5 and 6 Disco 6.00pm—7.45pm Please ensure that Y5/6 children do not arrive at the Pavilion before 5.45pm. Children will be met at the Pavilion and staff will escort them to school by torchlight. Please collect Year 5 and 6 children from the school gate at 7.45pm when children will be dismissed class by class. Please make sure that any torches used by children are named and that they have some warm outdoor clothing for the walk to/from school. **Please be aware that limited creche/after school care is available until 5.30pm only on that evening.**

Monday 9th December - Cake Sale and Christmas Jumper Day For a donation of £1 everyone may wear a Christmas jumper for the day and Year 6 will be organising a cake sale at playtime. All children may purchase a cake for 50p each and all proceeds will go to the Year 6 Charities; these are CLAPA (Cleft Lip and Palate Association), Little Havens Hospice and Neurodivergent Safe Space. The traditional roast Christmas Dinner will also be served at lunchtime.

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December Father Christmas and his Elves will be visiting all the classrooms to deliver Christmas cards and gifts. Mr McMahon will be testing the children's general knowledge when he hosts the traditional Christmas Quiz firstly for Y3 and Y4 followed by Y5 and Y6. The Pre-Prep children will need their wellies and waterproofs for the Winter Wonderland Walk and the school Christmas buffet will be enjoyed by all. Further details of all these events will follow.

Chelmsford Schools' Cross Country Run

As promised, please see pictured right the runners of the Chelmsford Schools annual cross country run. The Y6 Girls were silver medal winners (top) with Y5 Girls silver medal winners below. Y6 Boys narrowly missed a medal position with Y5 Boys gaining bronze. Well done and congratulations to them all; they all ran superbly. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported the teams at the event.

SCHOOL DIARY

- Mon 2 Dec Christmas Post Boxes out
Final Yoga session this term
- Tues 3 Dec KG Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Final Tennis this term
- Thurs 5 Dec KG Nativity Performance
- Fri 6 Dec pm Pre-Prep Entertainer
4.00—5.30 Disco Y3 & Y4
6.00—7.45 Disco Y5 & Y6
Last Y5/6 and Last Y4 Swim
NO LITTLE MUSKETEERS
NO MULTI-SKILLS
- Mon 9 Dec Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation
Y6 Charity Cake Sale—50p per cake



The Carol Service - Thursday 12th December 1.30pm

Entry to this event is by ticket only. Children will be transported to the Cathedral by coach after an early lunch. Children will not need hats, bags or water bottles 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 hope to wear blazers on the day (rather than duffles) but if the weather is inclement we will advise or text parents on Wednesday afternoon of any alternative arrangements.

At the end of the service please wait outside the cathedral for the children to be dismissed. **PREP** children will be dismissed from the **MAIN DOOR** of the Cathedral and **PRE-PREP** children from the **BACK DOOR**. **PARENTS SHOULD STAND CLEAR OF THE DOORS SO CLASS TEACHERS CAN ESCORT CLASSES OUT OF THE BUILDING. TEACHERS WILL LINE THE CHILDREN UP IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.** Please remember that this is the last school day/event and there is no After School Care on this day and no transport back to school for the children. There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service with all proceeds going to the Y6 Charities. Children attending the rehearsal at the Cathedral earlier in the morning will be transported by coach and they will need to bring their own packed lunch and drinks in a disposable bag. They will also need to remember their musical instruments!

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