

★★ Dates for your Diary ★★

Spring Term 2017

School term: Wednesday 4 January 2017 to Friday 10 February 2017

Half term: Monday 13 February 2017 to Friday 17 February 2017

School term: Monday 20 February 2017 to Friday 31 March 2017

Spring break: Monday 3 April 2017 to Monday 17 April 2017

Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

Summer Term 2017

School term: Tuesday 18 April 2017 to Friday 26 May 2017

May Day: Monday 1 May 2017 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Half term: Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017

School term: Monday 5 June 2017 to Friday 21 July 2017

INSET: 24, 25 & 26 July 2017 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Summer break: Friday 21 July 2017



Important Information on school clubs

Wednesday 4th January 2016 to Friday 6th January 2017

The **ONLY** club that will be running during the first week back after Christmas break is Before School club. All other morning clubs and after school clubs will be cancelled during the first week back and will start again on Monday 9th January 2017.

Reception—Nativity Play

Earlier this week children from Reception performed a Christmas Nativity Play led by Reception Staff. They performed confidently for their parents and staff. Whilst practising for the 'Nativity' the children have developed their speaking and listening skills, pronunciation and confidence in delivery. During the performance the children were able to say their lines boldly and clearly. The audience listened attentively and some members of the audience demonstrated their enjoyment by joining in singing and dancing to the music. It was a fantastic show.

Well done, Reception!

Everyone valued, everyone challenged,
everyone achieving



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School Term will finish on

Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 1.30 PM

and will begin on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**

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Farewell to Mrs Nelson



Mrs Jennifer Nelson retires at the end of this term. Mrs Nelson has worked in Newham for many years and has been a member of the Essex Primary staff since 2001. She has taught across the school and is currently the Early Years Foundation Stage Assistant Head Teacher. Mrs Nelson has been a dedicated and committed member of the Senior Leadership Team and has worked tirelessly to support, mentor and coach staff in the school. We have valued her expertise and we will be sad to see her leave.

As a school, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Nelson for all her hard work over the years as well as to wish her all the very best in her retirement.



Best wishes for a very *Happy Christmas*
and a peaceful New Year from everyone at
Essex Primary School

Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood

Year 1 visited the Museum of Childhood. This linked to our history topic where we learned about old and modern toys from around the world as well as our science topic 'Materials'. The children were able to build on their knowledge of toys and were able to investigate how toys were made and used.



During the visit the children were given an opportunity to explore a variety of toys from the past. The children attended a workshop in which they were shown a timeline and given the task of placing the toys in the correct decade.



The children had a wonderful time and as a response have written a recount of their experience.



Essex Enterprise Week

The children and staff were busy at work over the last week to finalise their products that were sold at the Winter Bazaar.

It was great to see the completed pieces of work produced by children and how they used their maths, art and design and technology skills to plan, design and make their products.



A big thank you to everyone that attended and bought products from the Winter Bazaar on Tuesday 13th December. All money raised will be given to the charity 'Shelter'.



Lost Property

On Tuesday 20th December, all lost property will be in KS 1 playground from 1:30pm—1:45pm. Anything not claimed will be given to charity.

Year 2 Trip to The Broadway Theatre

Year 2 went to the Broadway Theatre in Barking to watch the contemporary adaptation of the time honoured pantomime show, *Aladdin*. The performance was highly entertaining for the children—filled with laughter, singing, dancing and clapping. They fully participated in the fun by protecting Wishy's Panda by shouting 'Get your handa off Wishy's Panda!'; booing Abanazar at every appearance; got squirted with water; screamed as loudly as they could when they saw the dragon; warned princess Jasmine of Abanazar's evil intentions; helped Aladdin defeat Abanazar with help from his ring by yelling 'Aladdin, use the ring!'; and, towards the end of the show, performed the 'Ping Pong Song' with Wishy and Honey-T.

The children were completely captivated by the dynamic setting of the spectacle; the costumes, the lights, the music—they were absorbed by it all. They haven't stopped talking about how memorable it was amongst them since. No doubt they will certainly be very excited at the prospect of going to pantomime again in the future to witness the performance of another classic show that they know and love!



Essex Primary School Choir

Our choir took part in a carol singing session to raise money for St Joseph Hospice. The children were able to embrace their British values by showing mutual respect for others as well as joining in with British traditions.

This opportunity enabled the children to perform and develop their confidence. They could work as a group together, regardless of their ages. They were able to evaluate their performance and think of ways to make it better. All in all, the children sang beautifully and were true ambassadors of Essex Primary School.

