

★★ Dates for your Diary ★★

Spring Term 2018

School term: Wednesday 3rd January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018

Half term: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

School term: Monday 19th February 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018

Spring break: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018

Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the spring break

Summer Term 2018

School term: Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018

May Day: Monday 7th May 2018 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Half term: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

School term: Monday 4th June 2018 to Friday 20th July 2018

INSET: Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th July 2018 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Summer break: Thursday 26th July 2018 to Date to be confirmed



All school dates and events are on the school website: www.essex.newham.sch.uk



Scholastic — Essex Book Club

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Essex Primary School

Newsletter December 2017

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★★ Holiday Dates ★★

School Term will finish on

Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 1.30 PM

and will begin on **Wednesday 3rd January 2018**

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Important Information on school clubs

Wednesday 3rd January 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018

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 8th January 2018.

Lost Property

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



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



Reception—Nativity Play

On Wednesday 13th December children from Reception performed a Christmas Nativity Play led by Reception Staff. The children performed beautifully to their audience. 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 and needed very little prompting. The staff in Reception are so proud of all those who took part in the show and think the Reception pupils did a fantastic job at remembering all of their song lyrics, lines and actions!

Well done, Reception!

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.



Year 2 Trip to The Broadway Theatre

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December, Year 2 children went to watch 'Cinderella' at Broadway Theatre in Barking.

The show was full of magic, laughter, audience participation and spectacular surprises, including real ponies to escort Cinderella to the ball!



The aim of the visit was to inspire children to retell and write their own traditional stories and to give them the opportunity to experience a live theatre performance. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the show and will be left with wonderful memories for years to come.

Essex Enterprise Week

4th December to 12th December 2017

We have had a creative week of designing, making, baking, sculpting, painting, cutting and gluing, you name it—we did it! The children had a fantastic week of being young entrepreneurs.

Each year group chose a Christmas themed product to produce and sell using their Maths, English, Art, Design and Technology skills- which fitted perfectly with the creative curriculum in our school. The children were very successful in selling their products to their family and friends during the Winter Bazaar on Tuesday after school.

We would like to thank all the children for their hard work and parents/carers for supporting the event by purchasing the products and making this year's Enterprise a great success!



Christmas Carol Service

All children took part in our traditional Christmas Carol Service on 15th December.

Children dressed festively with their Christmas jumpers during the Service.

Year 4 — Library Visit

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed visiting Manor Park Library. We were able to explore a range of different texts and swapped tips on how to find the best and most exciting texts. Many Year 4 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and we were told by a member of library staff during our visit about an exciting opportunity to take part in a Winter Reading Challenge. Lots of children were excited by this and hopefully Essex Primary School children will be just as successful with the Winter Reading challenge as they were in the Summer.