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## Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 10th December 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Christmas Jumper Day



Today, Essex Primary School was filled with Christmas spirit. Pupils were all very enthusiastic about wearing their Christmas jumpers. It was also a special day for the children because they were able to enjoy a Christmas lunch with their teachers and friends. Throughout the day, pupils and staff members worked together to make sure that everyone had a great time. A special thank you to parents and families for your donations today. All money raised will be sent to "Save the Children". If you would still like to make a donation, the buckets will be available on Wednesday 15th December 2021, during our Winter Bazaar.



### Winter Bazaar Wednesday 15th December 2021

All parents are invited to our Winter Bazaar which will be held in our outdoor Multi User Games Area (MUGA) on Wednesday 15th December 2021. Our pupils have made some amazing Christmas decorations and ornaments which will be on sale. Each item will cost only £1. You will also have the opportunity for your children to have their photos taken with Santa for a small donation for "Save the Children". Please bring along your own cameras.

You must follow the times given in the table across to gain entrance to the bazaar.



Essex Primary School MUGA - KS2 gates,  
Sheridan Road

Time	Year Group
1:30 pm	Nursery
1:55 pm	Reception
2:20 pm	Year 1
2:40 pm	Year 2
3:00 pm	Year 3
3:15 pm	Year 4
3:30 pm	Year 5
3:45pm	Year 6

## Whole School Christmas Carol Concert Monday 20th December 2021

Please join us for our Christmas Carol Concert on 20th December 2021 via zoom.

Time	Classes	Zoom Details
9:30am - 10:30am	NTam, NNam RT and RD 1K and 1A 2K and 2M 3A and 3M 4I and 4P 5M and 5P 6I and 6H	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4980561229?pwd=WU9tcUpOZ1kzcUFZeUZTRnp3RkhrQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4980561229?pwd=WU9tcUpOZ1kzcUFZeUZTRnp3RkhrQT09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 498 056 1229</b> <b>Passcode: Christmas</b>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	NTpm and NNpm RM and RF 1J and 1B 2A and 2N 3H and 3J 4A and 4H 5H and 5R 6R and 6Q	Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4980561229?pwd=WU9tcUpOZ1kzcUFZeUZTRnp3RkhrQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4980561229?pwd=WU9tcUpOZ1kzcUFZeUZTRnp3RkhrQT09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 498 056 1229</b> <b>Passcode: Christmas</b>

## Reception Nativity Performance Tuesday 21st December 2021

Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to our Nativity Performance on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 9:30am. In order to keep everyone safe and to maintain social distance, only one parent per child will be issued with a ticket to the face to face performance. For those parents who cannot attend the performance, please join us via zoom. Here are the details:

### **Topic: Reception Nativity**

Time: Dec 21, 2021 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4980561229?pwd=d2ptdmF3VkcVclBlejloOk1WYTJMUT09>

Meeting ID: 498 056 1229

Passcode: Nativity

## Year 2



This week, Year 2 pupils visited a local Gurdwara as they have been learning about celebrations in RE. The pupils received a fantastic opportunity to watch a Guru recite and also see where many people gather to eat a delicious feast together. Children learnt about the 5Ks, how prayer takes place and the importance of their beliefs. Pupils confidently asked a range of fascinating questions and were intrigued by all the new things that they had learnt. As this was a local Gurdwara, some of our pupils have been there before for worship, which was exciting to hear! It was an amazing experience for the pupils as it taught them about the diverse community in which we live.

## Pupil Voice

Dylan 2N: "Today we learnt about Sikhism. We went to the Gurdwara and learnt that 'Sikhi' means to learn. I had a great time visiting the Gurdwara with my class."

Zakirah 2N: "Today was lots of fun. I learnt that the biggest Gurdwara is called The Golden Temple and lots of people come to visit."

Alvi 2N: "The visit to the Gurdwara was interesting because we learnt that many religions believe the same thing but who we worship is different."

Aliyah 2A: "We learnt about the 5Ks in Sikhism and were shown the prayer book that the Guru reads to everyone. It was amazing!"



## Year 4



Year 4 pupils visited the London Sri Mahalakshmi Temple earlier this week to enrich their learning of the RE curriculum. Pupils walked there sensibly and enjoyed learning about the rituals, beliefs and customs of Hinduism. They were very respectful and understanding of the different practices present in other religions. They observed the temple rituals, asked excellent questions and also listened attentively. They were amazed to see the statue of Hanuman, which is the largest in Europe. A pupil commented that he found the music very soothing and calm.



Everyone enjoyed the visit very much and loved learning about new things, especially in their local area.

## **Sports Clubs**

There will be no Sports Clubs (before and after school) on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December. If your child is already attending a club you **MUST** reapply as new clubs have been arranged for January 2022. All clubs will commence on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## **Reminders:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
15th December 2021	Winter Bazaar
17th December 2021	Class Parties
20th December 2021	Carol Concerts via zoom
21st December 2021	Reception Nativity - ticketed entry only
21st December 2021	School closes at 1:30pm

## **Star of the week (KS1)**



KS1 are extremely proud of the children's achievements.

Ammar (1A)	Desiree (1B)	Manha (1J)	Musa (1K)
Tyrell Hall (2K)	Samara (2N)	Abigail (2A)	Asad Pathan (2M)

## **Celebrating Success (KS2)**



Mehreen (3A)	Amara (3M)	Sanjana (3H)	Abu-Bakr(3J)
Kamil (4H)	All of Class 4P	Aleena (4A)	Shreya (4I)
Maryam (5M)	Sampreeta (5R)	Ahmad (5H)	Safia (5P)
Hannah (6H)	Arian (6Q)	Tehreem (6I)	All of Class 6B

Well done to the children who have been awarded green leaves this week.

## **Walk to School**

<b>Classes with highest percentage walking:</b>		<b>Classes that have been the most active:</b>	
1st	4I (95%)	1st	3H, 3M, 4A, 4P, 5H & 6B (100%)
2nd	3M (94%)	2nd	2K (98%)
3rd	5M (93%)	3rd	1K (97%)





**Attendance Matters!**  
**Every Student, Every School, Every day**

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
NNam	88.4	1A	85.5	3A	90.7	5M	95.0
NNpm	73.6	1J	83.4	3H	96.4	5P	88.2
NTam	85.0	1K	73.2	3M	94.3	5R	87.4
NTpm	75.8	1B	87.6	3J	94.3	5H	97.6
RM	84.9	2K	84.3	4A	92.1	6I	97.9
RD	89.3	2A	85.7	4I	96.3	6Q	97.0
RF	82.0	2N	92.6	4P	91.1	6H	88.9
RT	86.3	2M	85.0	4H	89.6	6B	97.8
Whole School			89.2%				

**Covid Update:**

**Please do not send your child into school if they have the following symptoms:**



- High temperature - A high temperature is usually considered to be 38C or above.
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Diarrhoea

**Children do not need to self isolate if a family member tests positive for Covid-19. However, they are encouraged to have lateral flow tests taken daily. If your child shows any of the above symptoms, please take your child for a PCR covid test and inform the school immediately.**

**If anyone tests positive for the omicron variant, all close contacts must self isolate for 10 days.**

## School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1: Athletics Year 5: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 2: Athletics Year 5: Football</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 6: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1: Gymnastics Year 6: Football Year 6: Debate Mate</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 2: Gymnastics Year 3: Handball</p> <p><b>All after school clubs are cancelled due to the Winter Bazaar.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1: Handball Year 4: Handball</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 1: Gym Club Year 4: Football KS2: Guitar Club</p>	<p><b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 6: Early Riser's Maths Club Year 2: Athletics</p> <p><b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> Year 2: Handball Year 3: Netball Year 5: Eco Warriors</p>

*Mrs Cecilia Mojzes*  
Executive Head Teacher

*Mr Rick Probett*  
Chair of Governors

*Mrs Amber Ilyas*  
Associate Head Teacher

## 5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING

