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Dear Parents

Headteacher's Award

This week I had the pleasure of awarding the following children with my Headteacher's Award. They have modelled great learning behaviours, resilience and kindness to their peers. The proud parents of Y1 - 6 were invited in to see them receive this. The YR children received theirs in the classroom. Congratulations to you all.

6BH	Bethany Dixon	2SJ	Mason Middleton
6NR	Sophie Gorman	2BR	George Cash
5LC	Melissa Murphy	2CC	Kai Smith
5LH/HT	Robin Drew	1EW	Ethan Keylock
4AM	Esme Clayden	1RF/GM	Sky Seymour
4LW	Blossom Metson	RJD	Archie Romain
3SC	Andrew Phillips	RLEB	Lorelei Enderson
3RB	Scarlett Pinchbeck		
3BI	Leo Stamataris		

Sports Hall Athletics

This morning we took a team of Y4 children to a Sports Hall Athletics competition at Felsted Independent School. They all competed with enthusiasm and were delighted to come away having secured 2nd place. It was then the turn of Y6 children this afternoon who also showed their competitive spirit. There was some fantastic running in the "track" event races where, loudly cheered on by their fellow teammates, they came 3rd finishing only a few points off the eventual winners. Well done everyone.

Snacks

Could we please remind parents that children in YR-Y2 have fruit provided for them as a snack each day. Any child bringing in their own snack from home should not have chocolate bars, large packs of crisps or sweets. A snack could be a couple of crackers, plain biscuit, fruit or cereal bar however please note these must not contain any nuts or peanuts.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 8th December - the same day as our Christmas dinner. Children are therefore invited to attend school wearing a Christmas jumper/t-shirt in exchange for a donation. Please note that all other items of school uniform must be worn, eg



school trousers, skirts, shoes etc. Here is our [JustGiving page](#) or QR code if you would like to donate online. If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers please do drop them off at the school office.

PTA Christmas Bazaar

Friday 9th December is the PTA's Christmas Bazaar. On this day children may attend school in non-uniform in exchange for an unopened, in-date bottle of drink. This could be non-alcoholic/alcoholic of any size. Children should take their bottle to class with them. Information on how you can purchase your entry wristband ahead of the event is attached.

PTA Christmas Raffle

The raffle has some amazing prizes this year and tickets are now on sale. These are virtual tickets for £1 each and can be purchased via the link [here](#). Details of all the prizes can be found on the attached flyer.

Library Christmas sale

The Library is now selling their Christmas items. Children are allowed to purchase these at lunchtimes or for the younger children you may send in the money in a named envelope for them to choose during their class sessions. All money raised goes back into the library. The items and prices are as follows:

Mini xmas jigsaw	50p
Gingerbread Crayons	80p
Rainbow pencils	80p
Xmas pencil with rubber	80p
Xmas stationary set	£1.20
Brick stationary set	£1.20
Superhero stationery set	£1.20
Pack of 4 rubbers	£1.50
Elf Bears	£2.50

(limited to one bear per child)

Christmas events

Reception - Tuesday 6th December 2pm

Y1 and Y2 - Wednesday 7th December 9.15am and 2pm, Thursday 8th December 9.15am

Y3, Y4, Y5 - Friday 16th December 2pm, Monday 19th December 9.15am and 6pm

Ticket forms for the Y1/Y2 and Y3-Y5 productions will be coming out next week. Please note that these are allocated on a first come, first served basis as we have a limited number of seats available for each performance. These will be limited to two tickets per family in the first instance.

For all performances please note that we cannot allow buggies, food or drinks in the hall. Children aged 3 and over will require a seat. Those under 3 must be sat on an adult's lap. Tickets must be produced for entry. If you do not have your ticket with you, you will be asked to wait until everyone else is seated before you are admitted.

Live Nativity - Sunday 4 December

Children in Years 2 to 6 are invited to participate in the choir procession through the town to St Mary's Church. If you would like your child to take part please contact the school office. Rehearsals at the church (during the school day) commence next week.

Please note that the Live Nativity will be live streamed and there is no opportunity to remove or exclude your child from being filmed or photographed. An adult will also need to accompany the child at all times. If you would like to get further involved please contact Elsie at St Mary's Church via elsie@stmarysgreatdunmow.org.uk.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next two weeks:

Week commencing Monday 28 November	
WEDNESDAY 10.40	3RB Class Assembly - parents to arrive at front gate at 10.35
WEDNESDAY	PTA wreath making workshop
THURSDAY	Y1 trip to Chelmsford Museum
FRIDAY	Y4 Firework event
Week commencing Monday 5 December	
MONDAY 9.45	Carol Service at St Mary's Church (Y3-Y6) - parents welcome
TUESDAY 2.00	YR Christmas Show
WEDNESDAY 9.15 and 2.00	Y1/Y2 Nativity
THURSDAY	Christmas Jumper Day - jumpers to be worn with usual school uniform
THURSDAY	Christmas dinner day
THURSDAY	Y6 Young Shakespeare Company visit
FRIDAY	Non-uniform day in exchange for an in-date, unopened bottle
FRIDAY 3.30-5.30	PTA Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Hampers

Can you think of someone who deserves a little something extra this Christmas? St Mary's Church is giving away a limited number of Christmas hampers, filled with Christmas treats to people or families who especially deserve a little bit of extra Christmas cheer this year. You can nominate someone via the school office or by emailing hello@smgd.org.uk. Just leave your contact details and tell us the reason for your nomination (no need to leave any contact details for the person you're nominating). There are limited funds so recipients will be chosen at random.

Yours sincerely
Clare Charter