

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received Learner of the Week awards on Monday:

6BH	Olivia Creed	3RB	Lily Rose Robinson
6TH	Thomas Yiu	3SC	Ray Holmes
5NR	Jude Whitehead	2BR	Oliver Canham
5SM	Daniel Lejwoda	2SJ	Marcel Tyrell
4LR	Shae Graves	1BI	Euan Wilson
4LW	Ava Barton-Jinno	1RF/GM	Raima Begum

Carol Service

On Monday morning children in Years 2 to 6 will be travelling to St Mary's Church for the carol service. Parents are welcome to join us at the church. Our steel pan band will start the proceedings from 9.45am. Thank you to Dons of Dunmow for supplying the coaches to/from the Church for free.



Christmas jumpers

Please note that next Thursday we will be celebrating Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Children are able to come into school wearing their Christmas jumpers in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 to this worthy cause. Normal school uniform is to be worn underneath/on the bottom half.

Lunch menu changes

Due to the Christmas lunch please see below the altered menu for the week. If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner for your child please ensure you provide him/her with a packed lunch on that day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Pasta Bar	All day breakfast	Homemade sausage/ veggie rolls, potato wedges, green beans	Christmas Lunch	Crispy bubble coated cod/cheese puff
Yoghurt with fruit	Frozen yoghurt	Peach slices and cream		Waffle and sauce

Christmas performances

Ticket order forms for the Y1/2 and Y3-5 performances have been sent to parents for completion and return by next Wednesday please.

For all morning performances you will be able to take your seats in the hall from 8.55am once school has begun. For the afternoon performances you will be able to come in from 2.00pm. Please do not arrive any earlier than this especially for the afternoon as the hall will be being cleaned after dinner. The doors for

the evening performances will be open from 6.30pm. Due to fire regulations we have to keep aisles free so buggies and pushchairs will not be able to be taken into the main hall but will have to be left in the dinner hall. Please also note that we do not allow food and drink in the hall so please do not bring such items with you. We would also ask that all parents and young children do not stand in the hall to watch the performances but take your allocated seats during the show.

Entrance is by your tickets/programmes. If you leave these at home we may ask you to wait until everyone else is seated so we can check we have enough seats. Thanks for your understanding with all of these arrangements.

Overdue, lost and damaged library books

As we approach the end of term the Library is attempting to recover all overdue library books. If you receive an email advising you that your child's book is overdue, please help them locate it and return it to the Library no later than Friday 13th December. If you think the book is lost or damaged to the point it cannot be used then there are two options:

- We ask that you pay a £5 replacement fee. As we are now a cashless school this payment must be made using the schools Scopay system. Just log onto your child's online account (www.scopay.com) and select the 'lost/damaged book' option in the product section. *Please note that you only need to make a payment if you have received an e-mail from school notifying you that your child's book is overdue and you are unable to return the book.*
- You may purchase a good quality replacement copy of the lost book and return this to the Library.

Unfortunately, while your child's library book remains overdue their borrowing will be restricted. Once the book is returned, replaced or the fee has been paid, this restriction will be lifted. Thank you for your support in this matter and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the library.

Dunmow light switch on



Last Saturday our choir, led by Mr Heath, took to the main stage to sing for the crowds. They all sang with great enthusiasm and sounded wonderful. Thank you for representing the school so well.

Christmas cards

The postboxes are available by the school office for children to place their Christmas cards in. There is a box each for KS1 and KS2. Please could children not hand out cards in the playground or classrooms. It is essential that each envelope contains the first *and* last name of the child as well as their class name.

Clubs

Next week is the last week for clubs other than homework club which has already finished. Only MRFA dodgeball and multi-skills clubs take place the last week of term.

Pupil Information forms – Y1-6

If you have not yet returned this form could you please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Don't forget!



We are collecting tokens from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday for some books for our school. Please place tokens in the box at the school office.

Also if you are buying from The Book People don't forget to nominate us when you checkout as part of the Big



Events

Please find below the event calendar for the rest of the term:

Week commencing Monday 9 th December	
MONDAY 9.45	Y2-6 Carol Service at St Mary's
WEDNESDAY 9.20	YR Christmas Show
WEDNESDAY 2.30	YR Christmas Show
THURSDAY	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for a donation
THURSDAY	Christmas lunch
Week commencing Monday 16 th December	
MONDAY 9.20	Y1/2 Nativity
MONDAY 2.30	Y1/2 Nativity
TUESDAY 7.00	Y3-5 Christmas Show
WEDNESDAY 9.20	Y3-5 Christmas Show
WEDNESDAY 7.00	Y3-5 Christmas Show
THURSDAY	Last day of term

Other events

As we advertise a number of events on a weekly basis we have decided to put these all in one place to make it easier for our parents to read and access the information. These are on our community noticeboard page on the parents tab of our website. Please see the noticeboard for details of sports, health, activity camps and so on: <http://dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/parents/community-noticeboard/>
Please note this page is updated every Friday.

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths