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Dear Parents

Learner of the Week

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

6BH	Emily Vint	3SC	Charlie Sims
6LR	Mac Herd	2TH	Francesca Stockwell
5NR	Clark Cole	2SJ	David Paduraru
5SM	Ava Prendergast	1BI	Bobby Bux
4LH/NT	Liam Twiname	1RF/GM	Florence Sweeting
4LW	Theo Taylor	1YP	Alan Krysiak
3RB	Teddy Gaunt		

Town Council award

We were delighted this week to receive a letter from Cllr Coleman, Mayor of Great Dunmow, informing us that our school has been nominated by the community for an award for “going above and beyond by looking after the children of key workers and providing tasks for home schooling during lockdown”.

Christmas is coming!



Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December

The whole school will be participating in Christmas Jumper Day and raising money for Save the Children as well as Muscular Dystrophy UK, a charity which has supported one particular DSM family so well this year. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their polo shirt and jumper/cardigan for this day. Normal school uniform rules apply for their bottom half and shoes. Donations can be made online by clicking on the following links. In the case of Muscular Dystrophy please do take a moment to read how this charity has helped the Gibbs family this year:

[Save the Children](#)

[Muscular Dystrophy UK](#)

Alternatively, you may wish to send your child in with their donation in a sealed envelope.

Christmas lunch – Thursday 10th December

All Reception and Year 1 children will be having their Christmas lunch on 10th December. Children in Year 2 (and our FSM children in years 3-6) are encouraged to join their friends and have a Christmas lunch too. These lunches should have been ordered online already but if you have not yet managed to

do this please do so by no later than Monday. There is no Christmas lunch for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (with the exception of FSM children) so please do not book your child a lunch for this day.

Reverse Advent Calendar

This Christmas we would like to support Braintree Food Bank's Reverse Advent Calendar. This is where items are given each day of advent rather than received. We all know that some families have been hard hit by the pandemic and also that food banks are struggling not only under the weight of demand but also because there are less donations. We think this is the best possible way we can support our local community. It is also a way of talking to our young people about the importance of love, caring and giving at Christmas time. Each day the food bank is requesting particular items and boxes will be in the classrooms to collect these, however please do not feel obliged to bring in an item every day. Whatever you can give would be greatly appreciated. A copy of the calendar is at the foot of the newsletter.



Christmas cards

Each year group has a postbox in their area for the children to drop their cards in. We would be grateful if you would bundle all cards for a particular class together with an elastic band and mark on the top card the class name as this will help us to minimise contact. Cards for other groups/teachers may be left individually.

Tea Towels

Last call for tea towel orders for KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and KS2 (Years 3-6)! **Deadline is Monday 30th November.** They cost £5 each and you can order these via your child's online account at www.scopay.com or via the Scopay app. The proofs were attached to last week's newsletter.

Christmas raffle

Don't forget to buy your virtual Christmas raffle tickets. There are wonderful hampers to give away. You, your friends and family can buy as many tickets as you like for £1 each online. The draw will take place on Thursday 10th December. Tickets are available at <https://donatemyschool.com/DSM-PTA2384>.

Library Fundraising

From Tuesday until Thursday 10th December the library will be supplying KS2 classes with a Christmas "Goody Box" with items for sale. This will be run by selected children in the classes. Every item will be 50p and there are Roald Dahl and Christmas pencils with eraser tops, erasers and some lucky dip envelopes (these will contain at least 15 bookmarks, to include 2 scratch and sniff, plus a free eraser). Please send in the exact money in a named envelope or purse to be given to their teacher.

Library books

We still have over a £1300 worth of books not returned to the library. If you still have some at home we would love them back. Please have a look this weekend and send them in to your child's class.

Thank you



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We would like to say a huge thank you to Richard Ellis, Managing Director of Barnston Luxury Travel company who contacted us to ask how they could support us during this difficult time. They have provided a very generous donation of £500 which will be spent on securing additional chrome books within the school to support our curriculum and home-school learning.

Donations

If you would like to make either a one-off or regular donation to the PTA this is now possible via DonateMySchool. The link is <https://donatemy school.com/DSM-PTA2384>.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 30 th November	
WEDNESDAY	Welcome back Y5
THURSDAY	Y4 Firework evening – parents to collect at 5pm from <u>front</u> gate

Yours sincerely
Clare Griffiths



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

If you would prefer to contribute via a monetary donation please see our website for more details or get in touch with us on our details below. By donating items on our reverse advent calendar you will be directly supporting us in providing some of our most needed items.

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1 Cereal Bars	2 Chocolate Bars	3 Jam	4 Sponge Puddings	5 Mash Potato (drum or packet variant)	6 Tinned Potatoes
7 Juice (1 litre variant please)	8 Rice Pudding	9 Washing up liquid	10 Cereal Bars	11 Chocolate Bars	12 Jam
13 Sponge Puddings	14 Mash Potato (drum of packet variant)	15 Washing Detergent (in a gel variant please)	16 Tinned Potatoes	17 Juice (1 litre variant please)	18 Rice Pudding
19 Washing up liquid	20 Cereal Bars	21 Chocolate Bars	22 Jam	23 Sponge Puddings	24 Washing Detergent (in a gel variant please)

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