

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely half term break. The children have settled well into their new topics this week. Year 1 have embraced their Heroes and Heroines theme day, Year 2 have made marmalade sandwiches like Paddington and Year 5 were taken back to the Victorian era on Tuesday and experienced what it was like for a child to attend school during that period.

### **Cross country individual result**

A special mention to Jacob H in Y6 as he was missed off the last newsletter, apologies. He ran an amazing race and came an impressive 1st in the DEEP cross country race before half term. Well done Jacob.

### **Black History Month**

The children invite you to their Black History Month exhibition after school next Tuesday, 8 November. Their work will be displayed in the sports hall. Access to the exhibition will be via the back playground into the hall from 3.15pm until around 4pm.

### **Parent Assemblies**

Please note that there will be no class assembly for 4AM and 5LC this half term as previously advertised. Instead 5LC parents will be invited to attend an exhibition of work and 4AM parents will be invited to attend their firework event.



### **Children in Need - Friday 18th November**

This year's Children in Need Day is Friday 18th November. Children are welcome to come into school wearing something yellow, spotty or if they don't have either of those something brightly coloured in exchange for a donation to this worthwhile cause. Donations can be made to Children in Need by bringing in money in a named envelope marked as a Children in Need donation. These should be handed in to the class teacher or in at the school office.

In addition we will be selling Pudsey/Blush merchandise from the office from next Monday. A range of pin badges are £1 each with the ears costing £2.50 each. We are also holding a raffle to win a giant Pudsey Bear. Tickets cost £1 each. If you would like to purchase a ticket please either come to the school office or send your child in with the money in a named envelope clearly marked for the Pudsey Raffle. There is one prize for KS1 and one prize for KS2.

## Remembrance Day

Next Friday is Remembrance Day. The office is selling poppies in exchange for a donation and we will be remembering the fallen heroes in our assemblies and carrying out a moment of silence.



## Design a poster competition

Congratulations to Grace in 5LH/HT for designing the winning poster for the town Christmas light switch on event. Grace will be switching the lights on as part of her prize. Well done to everyone else who entered - they were so impressed with your designs that they will all be made into smaller posters and placed around the town so do keep an eye out for them.

## Woodwind lessons

This week the children in KS2 had an assembly with Mr Catchpole, our woodwind teacher. If he inspired your child to want to learn an instrument his details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter. Lessons take place during the school day and cost £110 per term for 10 lessons of 20 minutes and £140 per term for lessons of 30 minutes each.

## Harvest Festival - thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Festival foodbank collection. Together with St Mary's Church we donated 363 kg to Uttlesford Foodbank which was enough to provide 225 meals.

## PTA

If you haven't yet signed up for next week's quiz night it isn't too late to do so. The link is as follows:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dsmpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=54262#.Y2Lo6nbP2M9>

Also, don't forget to bring in your unwanted soft toys for the teddy tombola and jam jars of sweets for the sweetie tombola into the school office.

## Author visit - Valerie Bloom

We are delighted that Valerie Bloom has arranged her visit to school for Thursday 17 November. She will be working with all the children in school during the day. We will be holding a book sale after school in the hall which will include some of her books which she will be available to sign. Other books will be on sale too.

## Parking

Once again we have been in receipt of complaints from the residents and members of the public regarding not only parking but also turning in driveways without due care and attention and stopping on the yellow lines to let children out of the car. Please be considerate of our children walking to/from school, their parents and our neighbours.

## Live Nativity - Sunday 4 December

We are proud to be a part of the Live Nativity again this year. 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. However please note that this 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](mailto:elsie@stmarysgreatdunmow.org.uk).

## Events

Please find below the event calendar for the first week back:

<b>Week commencing Monday 7 November</b>	
TUESDAY 3.15	Black History exhibition
WEDNESDAY 2.55	1EW Class Assembly - parents to arrive at front gate for 2.50
FRIDAY 7.00	PTA Quiz Night

## Dates for your diary

17th November - Valerie Bloom visit and book sale

30th November - PTA wreath making workshop

4th December - live nativity

6th December - Reception Christmas Assembly

7th/8th December - Y1/Y2 Nativity

8th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

9th December - PTA Christmas bazaar

16th/19th December - Y3-Y5 Christmas play

20th December - last day of term

Yours sincerely

Clare Charter



**Mr R Catchpole BA Hons**



## **Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone & Recorder Tuition**

Would your child like to learn a woodwind instrument?

Experienced professional music tutor offers individual tuition at Dunmow St. Mary's School.

Lessons from £11 per week. (Instruments can be hired on a termly basis.)

Please email for more details: [rcatchpole@postmaster.co.uk](mailto:rcatchpole@postmaster.co.uk)