



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following all the festivities over recent weeks the children have settled back well and enjoyed their first full week at school.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform. As it is cold children need to wear their school hat and I recommend they wear school gloves and a school scarf too. Coats must be either plain black or plain navy or the school reversible jacket with school logo, available from the school office
 Hair should be neatly combed and if below shoulder length must be tied back. Hair ribbons and bows should be either royal blue or yellow and should be small and simple. 'Extreme' haircuts are not allowed including shaved and partially shaved styles - No 1 and 2 are deemed as being 'extreme'

As always I thank you for your support and I wish you a restful weekend

S. Rainford.

TOY SALE FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

If you have any toys that you no longer want, please donate them to the School Council and bring them in from Monday 14th January until Thursday 17th January. Please ensure that toys are in good condition.

Thank you very much. From the School Council.

Prayer Corner

Each week a class will have a turn to write their own class prayer. This prayer will then be read by the children during their daily prayers and, in addition, will be in our newsletter and on our website.

If at any time your child would like to write their own prayer, then please take a leaf from the base of our prayer tree for them to write on. Their prayer will then be added to our prayer tree.

This week's prayer has been written by Class 1

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the fun Christmas holidays.

Please help us to always play nicely with our friends.

Amen

Well Done to **St. Martin's House** for being the first winner this term.

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
St. Bernadette	100	100
St. Clare	103	103
St. Francis	117	117
St. Martin	125	125

Attendance League Table Spring Term

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of the Spring term.

Class	%
8	100
6 & 7	99.33
4,5 & 9	98.00
1	97.31
2	97.30
3	96.90

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 12th February & Thursday 14th February - 4pm to 6.30pm.

The booking system will open on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30am. Please complete your booking as soon as possible to obtain your preferred day and time. The closing date is Monday 11th February. Thank you

KITCHEN CORNER

Monday 14th January - Menu Week 2

Class Assemblies

Car Park opens at normal time 2.45pm.
 School door opens at 2.50pm.
 Usual home time arrangements.

September 2019 Admissions

If your child is due to start the Infant school in September 2019, your application to Essex County Council (either by post or online) This **MUST** be done **by Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Please also send in your Supplementary Information Form to the school office by that date too.

Year 2 After School Clubs

The selection process closed at 4.00pm yesterday (Thursday 10th). Further details of the clubs will be advised to those children who have been successful in their choice early next week.
 After School Clubs start the week beginning Monday 21st January.

Year 2 to Year 3 Admissions - Sept 2019

As you are aware, all Year 2 children who wish to transfer to the Junior School in September must apply to their local authority. The closing date is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

In addition, you must also complete a JUNIOR school Supplementary Information Form which must be returned to the Junior School.

N.B. If you do not apply to your local authority by 15th January 2019 then the Junior school cannot process the application.

Late Arrivals

There were **20** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. every morning.

YEAR 2

ENGLISH - We have learnt about contractions and how we use an apostrophe in place of the missing letter or letters.
 should not shouldn't
 did not didn't
 It is It's
 We have also looked at some irregular contractions such as:
 will notwon't
 shall notshan't

PLEASE NOTE - Our spellings from this week onwards will be common exception words (words which don't follow a particular spelling pattern or rule) that the children are sometimes spelling incorrectly in their writing. When you are practising them at home it would be a good idea to practise writing them within a sentence as well as on their own.

MATHS - We have continued to answer multiplication problems and have understood that you can swap a multiplication number sentence around.

e.g. $5 \times 8 =$ is the same as $8 \times 5 =$



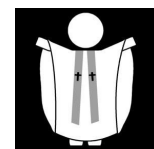
COME AND SEE - We have started our new topic Special Books.
 We thought about our own favourite books and why they were special to us.

YEAR 1

ENGLISH and HISTORY - We have started our exciting new topic on London. Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of their child visiting London. The topic will run until Half Term and we will be happy to share photos until then.

MATHS - The children have been subtracting by counting back.
 Shape of the week - sphere

SCIENCE - We have been looking at how to group animals into the category of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, fish or birds.



COME AND SEE - Our new topic is Special People. This week we focused on the special people that make up our Church community.

FOUNDATION STAGE

Happy New Year!!

We have started our new topic of 'Frozen'. We have looked at animals that live in cold countries and started to think of words that describe them. We have learnt about polar bears, penguins, arctic foxes and arctic hares. We have also found out about walrus and seals.



This week in phonics we have remembered the digraphs, "sh", "ch", "th" and "ng". We have really tried hard to remember how to blend sounds together. Please practise this at home.

In Maths we have been counting to 30 and ordering numbers. We have also practised how to write the numbers to 20 too.

Our Come and See topic is Celebrating. We have talked about different celebrations that we have and how we prepare for a celebration. We also had a class celebration this week. It would be lovely to see photos of celebrations that you have had as a family to add to our displays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

Date & Time		Event		Details	
16 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 4 Assembly	Class 4	Parents /Carers of Class 4
23 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 5 Assembly	Class 5	Parents /Carers of Class 5
30 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 6 Assembly	Class 6	Parents /Carers of Class 6
1 Feb	Fri	8.45am – 9.30pm	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents /Carers All Years
6 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7	Parents /Carers of Class 7
7 Feb	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
8 Feb	Fri	During School Day	St. Bernadette House Celebration	St. Bernadette House	For children in St. Bernadette House. Children can wear 'Blue' ribbon.
12 Feb	Tue	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations- you attend one evening 12 th or 14 th Feb.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
14 Feb	Thurs	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations- you attend one evening 12 th or 14 th Feb	All Years	NO CHILDREN

SPRING HALF TERM - Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb (inclusive)