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Dear Parents,

On Monday we lit the first candle on our beautiful Advent Wreath. The children are very aware that Advent is a time of 'Getting Ready' for the great Feast of Christmas - The Birth of Jesus. I have asked the children to look at their Advent calendar each day. It would be lovely if they could tell me what it says.

Nativity rehearsals will start next week. Do check your child has brought in everything they need for it. It would be very helpful for narrators to practise their words at home and also practise using a clear voice. All the information about dates and times of each Nativity are in the Newsletter.

Many thanks to the P.A. for the lovely Christmas Shopping event today. As always it was well organised and everyone really helped the children to make thoughtful choices of presents. The children had a lovely time.

Next Friday will be an exciting day too with the Christmas Fun Day.

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2017

**************** STARS OF THE WEEK**

Gabriel Malecki Class 1 🕏

Class 2 🌣 **Maisie Steel**

Abigail Freeman Class 3 KITCHEN CORNER Monday 5th December

Menu Week 3

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 Aadvika Aradhaya & **Ethan Hart**

Class 2 Mary Jones Mílanya Salina

Class 3 Reya Blackwell **Summer Serpa**

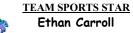
Christmas Fun Day Next Friday 9th December

Children's Christmas Funday!! Lots of fun games and prizes to win plus a visit to a famous man in red! All for £5.00 per child! Please start sending in your money. It certainly will be a Fun Day! WHAT A BARGAIN!

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P.A. Hamper and Christmas Raffle:

Tickets are now on sale for the raffle at the cost of £1 each or 6 for £5.00. Please put the money in an envelope and write your child's name and class number on it and send it into school. Gifts are still required.



Christmas Information

Yesterday, you should have received a

Christmas. Please keep this document

green information sheet regarding

safe for reference. Thank you

Ethan Carroll Class 8

CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Please remember to notify the school office by Friday 9th December if your child is having their own packed lunch on Christmas Dinner Day. Thank you

ALL YEAR GROUPS - NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

Please remember to bring in any clothes needed by Thursday 8th December as all the class and individual photos will be taken in costume starting on

Friday 9th December. If your child is a narrator, please practise and help them to learn their words.

<u>Attendance League</u> Table

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

<u>%</u>		
98.43		
98.08		
97.95		
97.73		
96.77		
96.69		
96.45		
96.23		
95.73		

LAST DAY OF TERM WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Please remember to log onto PMX Parentmail to complete I the responses for your child's sandwich choice for lunchtime on Wednesday 21st as we need to order the food as soon as possible.

We also need your end of day collection arrangements as school finishes at 2.00pm on that day.

P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK				
Jeevan Ruprai	Class 4			
Evie Terry	Class 5			
Autumn Crawford	Class 6			
Maksymillian Ura	Class 7			
Hollie Ward Bance	Class 8			
Eleanor Rowe	Class 9			

Please keep sending your filled up Advent Candle > Box money into school. All money raised will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Well Done to St. Clare's House for being this week's winner.

<u> House</u>	<u>This Weeks</u> <u>Points</u>	<u>Accumulative</u> <u>Points</u>			
St. Bernadette	36	565			
<u>St. Clare</u>	*** <i>51</i> ***	571			
St. Francis	42	492			
St. Martin	37	479			

Late Arrivals

There were **37** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open 8.45a.m and anyone that arrives after 9.00a.m. is officially late.

St. Helen's Church, Ongar is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar in Budworth Hall, Ongar (Next to Sainsbury's) this Saturday 3rd December from 10am - 2pm. Bottle stall, homemade cakes, Christmas flowers, toys, books, soup, hot food and more. Please come along.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE

YEAR 2

- ENGLISH The children have been practising their comprehension skills by reading a text and answering questions about it.
- MATHS The children have continued their work on multiplication
- COME AND SEE The children have started their work on the Christmas story by retelling the Annunciation story.

 This is when the Angel Gabriel visited Mary. Can your child retell the story at home?
- NATIVITY Please check the yellow diaries for your child's letter explaining their part in the Nativity and whether you need to provide a costume for them.

YEAR 1

ENGLISH - We have been thinking about plurals of words. If a word ends in ch, x, ss or sh you add es to make it plural otherwise you just add s. We have thought carefully about using there is ... (singular) or there are ... (plural) e.g. There is a dog.

There are two dogs.

- MATHS This week we have been looking at patterns in numbers and using a 100 square to follow them, complete them and understand them.
 - We know that when you get to the end of a row on a 100 square you need to continue at the beginning of the next line, just like when we read a book.
 - We know that to add 1 you jump forward one along a row and to take 1 away you jump backwards along the row.
 - We know also know that if you add 10 you jump down and jump up to take 10 away. Why not find a 100 square on the internet and enjoy finding your own patterns.

FOUNDATION STAGE

PHONICS: This week we have been looking at writing simple CVC words. Please practise writing a few of these at home. The children have enjoyed writing words and seeing if we can read them.

Please practise doing the zips up on the coats the children wear for school.

WINTER CRAFTS - Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children creating their master pieces. They have enjoyed every moment and we are very proud of what they achieved. A big thank you too to Miss Ayling for all her hard work.



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SOME OF THE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR THE FUN DAY NEXT FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER ALL FOR £5.00

Spinning Snowflakes - Spin the snowflake wheel and match the number or colour they land on to the prizes in those categories!

Snowman Skittles - How many snowmen can you knock down in our snowball run?? Two? Four? Or full house of six?? Choose a prize from the table depending on the number you topple!

Rudolph's Secret Stash! - Rudolph is feeling generous so choose a donated toy, book or puzzle from his secret stash!

Children Return to School

'Drop Off, Drop In'

Elves Key Chest! - Choose the correct key to open the lock on the chest & pick a teddy to cuddle!

Tinsel Treasure! - Take a turn in our Lucky Dip!

Fri

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6 Jan

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Open at 8.45a.m

9.00am

Hello Santa! - The journey ends at our Special Guest's Grotto! Each child will have the opportunity to meet Santa and receive a lovely gift from the man himself!



			DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DI	ARY 2016 - 2017			
13 Dec	Tue	During School Day	Pantomime	Foundation Stage	At Brentwood Theatre		
14 Dec	Wed	During School Day	Christmas Dinner	All Years	For Children Only		
15 Dec	Thurs	During School Day	Pantomime	Year 1	At Brentwood Theatre		
16 Dec	Fri	During School Day	Pantomime	Year 2	At Brentwood Theatre		
16 Dec	Fri	2p.m	Christmas Nativity - Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage	Parents of Foundation Stage welcome		
19 Dec	Mon	2p.m	Christmas Nativity - Year 1	Year 1	Parents of Year 1 welcome		
20 Dec	Tue	2p.m	Christmas Nativity - Year 2	Year 2	Parents of Year 2 welcome		
21 Dec	Wed	1.15p.m	Whole School Blessing SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2 p.m.	All Years	All Welcome. No coaches taking children home from the INFANT school on this day. All children MUST be collected by 2pm.		
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Thurs 22 nd Dec to Thurs 5 th Jan (inclusive)							
5 Jan	Thurs	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children		

All Years

All Years

ALL YEARS

All Parents/Grandparents Welcome