







PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2017

Weekly Newsletter

8th December 2017

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please check the school diary on the App and website.

TUESDAY12th DECEMBER

Nursery Christmas Gathering 2.15pm Ukulele Showcase 3.00pm

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

Drama Showcase: Peter Pan 9.00am

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Lunch/ Maldon Court's Got Talent Christmas Jumper Day (with tracksuit bottoms)

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Carol Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am School Closes at 12.00pm

NO ASC or CLUBS

THURSDAY 4th JANUARY

Form 4 Public Speaking Workshop

FRIDAY 12th JANUARY

Form 4 Cake Sale

TUESDAY 30th & WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY

ESB Examinations

TUESDAY 27th FREBRUARY

Parents Evening 3.45—6.00pm

THURSDAY 1st MARCH

World Book Day Parents' Evening 5.00—8.00pm

MONDAY 19th MARCH

Science Day

FRIDAY 16th & SATURDAY 17th MARCH

Whole School Production at URC Church (Time TBC)



Dear Parents.

It has been a fun and exciting week for the children as our lead up to Christmas continues. On Wednesday, all children were treated to some wonderful Christmas treats that were organised by FOMCS. Our KSI children had a wonderful party at the URC where Mr Happy was entertaining and Santa visited! All children were lucky enough to see and speak to Santa individually. What a special treat! Our KS2 children all went to Chelmsford for a wonderful afternoon watching Snow White at the pantomime. The Pre Reception had a lovely party in their classroom with a surprise visit from Santa, they were absolutely thrilled! Santa even made a visit into the nursery! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of FOMCS and our parent volunteers for giving up their time to help supervise these wonderful events for the children. Without you, these events couldn't take place and we all really appreciate it.

Our other major event this week was our wonderful Pre Reception and Reception children performing their nativity to their families. This is always one of my favourite events of the year and this year was most certainly no exception. The children, some of whom are only 3, performed and sang beautifully to a packed school hall. Thank you to all the parents for their help and support with learning lines and providing costumes. I was so proud of each and every child, they were brilliant.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD - Congratulations to Brandon Clarke for excellent progress in all subjects and to Barney Kingston for being extremely sensible in our fire drill.

NURSERY - Despite the cold snap the children from the nursery went to Leeches Garden on Friday as part of their 'Percy the Park Keeper' topic. It was a lovely bright morning. The children enjoyed playing hide and seek, chasing bubbles as well as exploring in the bushes, seeing what they could find. Nursery have also enjoyed playing with a wonderful winter scene that has been set up. Fun messy play for all.





PRE-RECEPTION - Pre-Reception enjoyed a trip to the High Street to buy party food for their Christmas Party. The children had lots of fun and games followed by a lovely party Tea. We were so excited to have a visit from Father Christmas who took time to speak to each of

the children despite his very busy schedule!



FARLEIGH HOSPICE **KEYRINGS FLUMPET** FOR SALE- Some Form 6 have been selling Christmas Flumpet toys for Farleigh Hospice this week. They have done a fantastic job

in setting up in the morning and after school. All money raised goes to Farleigh Hospice and we still have some toys left. We will let you know the total raised in the New Year. Thank you to the children in Form 6 and to parents for supporting them.

FORM 4 - This week Form 4 have been experimenting with various Apps on the Apple Mac. They have written a newspaper article and have been shown how to use a green screen in the App - Photobooth, to superimpose their image into a newsroom background. They have loved adding sound clips from Garage and building up a news reel in the app iMovie.



HELP AT ST PETERS - Well done and thank you to our Head Boy and Head Girl for helping at St Peter's Hospital Café on Saturday. Grace and Callum helped Julie with the organisation of the party and were a great help.

They enjoyed helping to look after the younger children and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Callum and Grace and their families for giving up time on a Saturday to help and for representing Maldon Court so well. As a reminder the donation box is still in the hall for any Christmas donations. These will be distributed on Wednesday to St Peter's and Maldon Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.











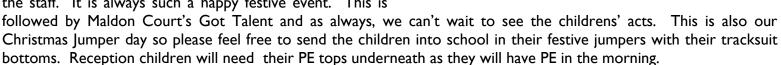






FOMCS CHRISTMAS PLATE COMPETITION - Mr & Mrs Guest found it very hard to judge the paper plate competition this year. The winners are as follows: EYFS winner was Lucas Day, Highly Commended went to Samuel Abrehart & Henry Mee, KSI was won by Anna Barnett and Highly Commended was awarded to Florence Curtis, KS2 winner was Elizabeth Bodal Hansen and Highly Commended awarded to Toby Wilson, Natasha Adkins. Well done to all who entered, the And Sophie Clark. standard was exceptional this year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER/MALDON COURT'S GOT TALENT - Thursday is our annual Christmas lunch. All the children will eat their lunch together in the hall with the staff. It is always such a happy festive event. This is



FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER: CAROL SERVICE - You are warmly invited to attend our annual Carol Service next Friday at All Saints' Church at 9.30am. At the end of the service, the children will be brought back to school and dismissed from there. The official end of the school day is 12.00pm and as a reminder there is no ASC provision. Please come and enjoy our festive service but please remember that refreshments are not permitted in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.



BRITISH LEGION - A big thank you to everyone who brought their poppies/bracelets etc from school. We found out this week that our school raised at total of £281.35. Well done MCPS!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs E Mason, Headteacher



FOMCS -

We are looking forward to our Christmas fayre this afternoon and would like to thank all parents for their donations, help and time to make it a success.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the party and pantomime on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time at both FOMCS events.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

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Mon	Pasta Bolognese with peas and salad	Vanilla sponge and custard	Fruit
Tues	Sausage, mash and beans	Doughnuts and chocolate sauce	Fruit
Wed	Sweet and sour chicken served with sweet corn and a wrap	Fresh fruit salad	Yoghurt/ Fruit
Thurs	Roast Turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, seasonal vegetables, gravy and cranberry sauce	Shortbread snowflake	Fruit
Fri	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12PM		

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Merry Christmas from the kitchen

