17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lovely festive atmosphere around school this week. Children have been working hard to make sure their final bits of learning for the term have been completed ready for the new term to start in January. Today you will receive a parent information guide for your child's year group outlining the learning scheduled to take place in the Spring term.



PFA

Hopefully you have heard already, but we are delighted by the news that the PFA has raised £2,200 this term which will help towards developing the best possible outdoor learning space for the children. Thank you for all your donations in supporting the fundraising events put on this term.



Thank you for all your support in making this a successful first term of the school year and we wish you and your families a relaxing and fun Christmas. We look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

The Leadership Team

Important dates:

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December—Tuesday 4th January 2022

Non-pupil day: Tuesday 4th January 2022 (INSET day)

Children return: Wednesday 5th January 2022

February Half Term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022

Children return: 21st February 2022

Easter Holidays: Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April 2022

Children return: Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Half Term: Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June 2022

Children return: Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil days: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022

(INSET days)

Please be aware that if you take holiday during this time, you will be subject to a penalty fine. This is school policy for all holiday applications during term time.



Please be advised that due to COVID-19 there have been some changes to our school dates.

All given dates are subject to amendment.



Please label all of your child's school uniform. This will make reuniting your child with lost jumpers/cardigans much easier for staff. Thank you

Christmas Cheer

Each year group has recorded a Christmas song for you to enjoy. Please see our school Facebook page for each video!

Thank you to all the children and staff for their incredible effort in making these videos!

Merry Christmas Everyone!



Important Information regarding pupil absence

Any pupil that has 5 or more consecutive days illness will be required to provide the school with medical evidence. Medical evidence can be a GP appointment card, text, or prescription medication. Any illness for this length of time without medical evidence could be subjected to a penalty notice.



Thurrock Catering Services provide our school meals. Their contact email is caterings-

ervices@thurrock.gov.uk



Is your child diagnosed, or in the process of being diagnosed, with a neurodiverse condition? This useful document was created by parents across Essex with the intention to offer effective support and strategies for neurodiverse children.

Please see the link below:

http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2021/II/ECC-Supporting-YourNeurodiverse-Child-V5-Accessible-LowRes.pdf? fbclid=lwAR2XjldIDJugRVfzY9yFub8YyhPq8hY m6p50lezijncUWr2Avxl63aHx3u8



Through HT2, each class has continued to work on their individual wellbeing target. Next term, the classes will be set a new wellbeing target to work on as a class.

We continue to promote mental health and wellbeing as vitally across the school. 3RM have been completing lots of different mindful Christmas activities in class on the run up to the end of term, including a circle time discussing how Christmas is celebrated differently for different child. They discussed how it is not always a happy time for everyone and what they could do to help people at this time. They have also completed a kindness 12 days advent calendar.

The Mental Health Foundation have published some 5 Festive Kindness
Tips for the Christmas period ...
https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/
christmas/blog/festive-kindness-tips



East Tilbury Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We just wanted to say a huge thankyou to all of our parents who have supported the launch of our shop this term. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support our community have given this project and are very much looking forward to expanding this fantastic addition to our school in the New Year.

It is so important that all of the money we raise in the shop goes back into the children and supporting families in our community. The money we have raised the last few weeks has been used to purchase some fantastic additions to enhance the children's play and lunchtime. We have asked them what they would like, and they gave us the following wish list:

- Hula Hoops
- Dancing Ribbons
- Music
- Footballs
- Buckets & Spades for the Sandpit

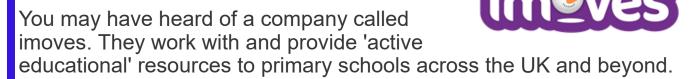
We have purchased all of the items for them and are hoping the children have lots of fun with them when we return in the New Year.

Thankyou again for all of your support and we wish you and your families a safe and healthy Christmas.

Mrs Allen & Candice Lawrence.



Dear Parent,



Each Christmas, they produce what they call an 'Active Advent' calendar which many teachers will use in school, during the last couple of weeks before the holidays.

This year, in response to the devastating impact of the pandemic, self isolation and lockdowns, they've gone even further.

They've created a completely free 'Active Advent' calendar, designed specifically for kids, their friends and their families to enjoy at home.

Just like the traditional advent calendar, an amazing new activity is revealed each and every morning throughout December - but with no chocolate in sight!

It's incredibly good fun, elf-y AND educational.

And most important of all - it's 100% FREE.

No catches, no hidden agenda, just a nice thing to do because it's the right thing to do.

They are relying on contacts and 'word of mouth' etc to spread the news, and that's why we are sharing this information with you. You can join in literally 10 seconds at www.activeadvent.fun

I'm sure it will be incredibly good fun - not just for the kids but for your entire family.

Thanks



East Tilbury Primary School Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. &



The shop will be open every Tuesday & Friday morning between 8.30 & 9.15am.

We have the following items in stock at affordable prices:

School logo jumpers & cardigans £2.50 each

Plain navy jumpers & cardigans £1.00 each

Grey School Trousers £1.50 each

Grey skirts & pinafore dresses £1.50 each

Summer Dresses £1.50

Polo T-Shirts £1.00 each

Boys & Girls smart shirts £1.00 each

Warm winter coats £3.50-£5.00 each

St Clere's Blazers £5.00 each

Shoes & Plimsolls from £1.00

PE Shorts and T-shirts £1.00 each

PF Tracksuits £1.50-£3.00

For those parents that cannot get into the shop but are in need of uniform you can also drop us a message on office.etp@osborne.coop and we can source the uniform you require and get it delivered locally to you or arrange collection at the school office.

All the money raised from the uniform shop is put back into supporting families in our local community or into buying resources for the children to use within our Well-being hubs or on the playground.

Please keep us in mind if you have any good quality uniform that your child no longer needs that you would be happy to donate. We would be so grateful for any donations so that we can keep offering this service to our school community.

All donations can be dropped into the school reception or handed to a member of staff at the gate.

Classoom catch up

Reception

We have come to the end of a very busy first term in Reception! This week we have looked at the story of 'Norman the Slug who saved Christmas.' by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra. We have been using our phonics skills to sound out Christmassy CVC words. We have been trying very hard with our reading this term and are now starting to be able to read CVC on our own. We are all very proud of ourselves. We have been very busy getting creative, we have decorated baubles, made reindeers and made candy canes by threading beads onto pipe cleaners. In maths we have been practising our counting skills and recognising numbers to 20.

We have been very busy in the last two weeks practising and performing our Christmas Nativity and Carol for you all to enjoy. Everyone has been working very hard to make it amazing and all the children deserve a big congratulations!







Year 1

This week year 1 have been getting into the Christmas spirit! They have had so much fun making Christmas cards for their friends and families, creating salt dough Christmas tree decorations, and singing our Christmas carol that we have been working so hard to perfect!













As it is very close to Christmas, we made Christmas cards! We used a range of different resources to create a snowman on the front and then used our neat writing to write in the middle of the card.

Year 3

This week year 3 have been busy making the final touches to their Christmas carol performance.

This will soon be uploaded and we really hope that you enjoy it. In maths, we have been investigating the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, consolidating our understanding of halves and doubles throughout the week. In English, we have been finishing our own narratives, based on our own version of 'The Stone Age Boy' written by Satoshi Kitamura. Our afternoons have been filled with arts and crafts this week as we have been busy creating Christmas ornaments and cards ready to bring home.

From the whole of the year 3 team, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Year 4

Things have taken a festive turn in Year 4 this week. Alongside the joy of Christmas Cards, recording a Christmas song and celebrating the term, pupils have concluded the term in style.

In English, the children have been reflecting on the various adventures of Christmas elves. Each morning, pupils have discovered multiple elves between their classrooms abseiling, making snow angels and other shenanigans. Utilising recent story writing experiences, the elves helped to inspire independent story writing, including use of fronted adverbials, adjectives, alliteration, rhetorical questions, exclamations, and ellipses.

In Maths, pupils continue to learn their x6, x8 and x12 times tables. Further into the week, pupils used their four operation skills from this term in a myriad of Christmas themed Maths activities. Additionally, pupils have had the opportunity to use Hit the Button, Mathletics and TTRockstars.

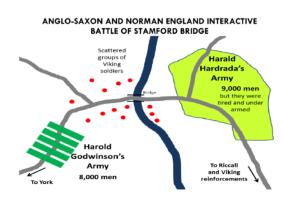
We are also pleased to say that all pupils have been read with, in time to update BugClub allocations for the holidays.



Year 5 - The Final Countdown - Battle of Stamford Bridge

We have made it to our final week of the term! What a build-up it has been but it is very, very nearly Christmas. Let's hope all the teachers and pupils are on the Santa's nice list.

Our final history lesson involved the whole year group recreating the battle of Stamford Bridge – the famous battle that soon saw the end of Viking rule in Britain. Our playground was marked out similarly to the map in the picture below. We even had a bridge for the berserker (AKA Mr Beven) to stand on and the children to cross.





Finally, after a long, drawn-out battle, the Saxons came out victorious and many Viking bodies were strewn across the battlefield. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and a few teachers were slain in the process.







Last of all, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in January!



Take Care!

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we participated in a coding workshop, run by Mr Chagger (a computing teacher from St Cleres School), with other primary schools from across the trust. We first did a coding quiz, explored coding software like Scratch and then completed an Hour of Code activity, where we wrote code to ensure the

Grinch could collect all of the presents in time from



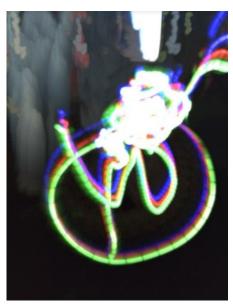


In science we used our designs from last week to create our own Christmas light art. The children were very creative and used a variety of techniques, such as using multiple lights at once and lighting up glittery objects, to create their artwork.















Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Jenson	For confidently writing his name independently
RMB	Malakai	For working hard with his reading and phonics at school and at home
RFC	Olivia	For her great effort in writing simple words.
REC	Ayub M	For his hard work in phonics
1CH	Beau-Lillie	For her outstanding effort during the Christmas carol.
1GC	Aariya-Rae	For consistently demonstrating the schools' cooperative values.
1FK	Adam	For being helpful around the classroom.
1BA	Hannah	For continually showing positive attitude towards her work.
2VC	Raissa	For creating an imaginative hand puppet.
2RS	Ollie	For always having a positive attitude to his learning.
2NL	Charlie C	For his effort and enthusiasm when creating his hand puppet.
3RM	Perri	For beginning to contribute more often in lessons
3SH	Lily-Anne	For her enthusiastic contribution to our Christmas Carol performance.
3NM	Lisa A	For showing compassion and self-responsibility
4JP	Ted	For making outstanding progress with his reading this term
4MR	Maelie F	Writing an imaginative story about the class elf and reading it to the class
4SA	Whole class	For showing solidarity and supporting one another during our Talent show!
5CP	All of 5CP	For an amazing Autumn Term
5BG	All of 5BG	For having an amazing Autumn term.
5NB	All of 5NB	For having an amazing Autumn term.
5TH	All of 5 TH	For having an amazing Autumn term.
6LC	Tajus G	for always working hard and having a great attitude to learning
6VP	David K	For an exceptional persuasive letter
6JM	Lucy K	For an outstanding formal letter.



East Tilbury Schools PFA

This term you have helped raise

£2,200

HOW WE DID IT

£500 = Wine & Cheese evening

£500 = Christmas Cards sales

£200 = Christmas Fayre stall

£900 = Christmas Raffle tickets

£100 = Adventure Island tickets

FUNDRAISING WILL GO TOWARDS

The new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) equipment at East Tilbury Primary School.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT





Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16.190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.







We're here to support you throughout the holidays and beyond!

Looking for Free Activities?

Head to www.activeessex.org to find...







Search for online sessions and face to face activities near you, using the new Activity Finder!

Essex Essential Living Fund

financial-help/essential-living-fund

Support Services

National Violence 24-hour helpline:

Young People Drug & Alcohol Service:

Emergency financial support: www.

Family Support in Essex - here to help you and your family!

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

To access a range of health and wellbeing information to support you and your family, head to www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk, visit your nearest family hub or delivery site, or come to a drop in session (view the timetable online).

Community360 and partner organisations - www.community360.org.uk

The Essex Family Support Service offers early help for families with children and young people aged 8-19, to help you build a happier life together. They will listen to you and take the time to work with you to find solutions.



SCAN ME

Family Hubs Network are here ensure families with children and young people aged 0-19 can access integrated early help to overcome difficulties and build stronger relationships. Visit www.familyhubsnetwork.com/hubs to find a hub near you!

Foodbanks can be found across Essex. As demand has increased, Essex County Council is supporting foodbanks and community organisations, and seeing new food voluntary groups develop. For info about your local foodbank email essex.partners@essex.gov.uk.

Adult Community Learning offer a wide range of free interactive courses, covering everything from first aid, budgeting and parenting, to wellbeing, mindfulness and crafts. Most sessions take place online, with some face to face crafts, storytime and parenting sessions available. Visit www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning to get started!

Essex Library Services - Why buy when you can borrow?

This service offers a range of items to borrow for free! From bread makers and sports equipment, to telescopes and drum kits. Library members (18+) can reserve items using the library catalogue and collect from one of five libraries or your nearest mobile library.

Housing support:

Someone to talk to: www.samaritans.org 24-hour support line: 116 123

Mind: www.mind.org.uk / 0300 123 3393 **Adult social care:** 0345 <u>603 7630</u>

Healthy Start Voucher

You may qualify for the Healthy Start scheme if you're at least 10 weeks





























Want To Learn How To Swim?

Thurrock Swimming Club

Thurrock Swimming Club is one of the leading clubs in Essex and the East Region. We produce many County, Regional & National Swimmers every year. As well as having a successful coaching programme, TSC has one of the best Learn to Swim and Academy schemes around. We follow Swim England's LTS scheme and also offer Swim Fit & Rookie Lifeguard sessions.

If you would like to join please use the link to our website http://www.thurrockswimmingclub.org/aboutus/lts/ and complete the Joining Form at the bottom of the page.



COMMIT TOBEFIT! GOMMIT

Clubs

It is wonderful to see so many children participating in after-school sports clubs. Many clubs will give the children the opportunity to play in local school leagues. We have A and B teams entered in both Football and Netball leagues for the Autumn and Spring terms.

PE Kit

Half term is coming, and many children will have had growth spurts this half term. Can parents/carers please take this opportunity to check that PE kit still fits and replace it if necessary. Children will need to bring their PE kit back in the first day back after half term.

PE days

Monday— 2VC, 2RS, 4MR and 4SA Tuesday—1FK, 1BA, 4JP, 5NB and 5CP Wednesday—RT, RG, 1GC, 1CH, 5Bg and 5TH Thursday— year 3 and 2NL Friday— RC and RB and year 6

OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning Launch 2021



As I'm sure you may have heard from your children, we have introduced many new activities and resources for the children to use during their break and lunchtimes. This has seen numerous examples of wonderful creative play, imagination, cooperation, and problem solving. The children are very much enjoying the mud kitchens, but we need more pots and pans. Can I ask that anyone who has some old saucepans please send them our way, along with any small world toys such as dolls, dinosaurs, or action figures.

Many Thanks

The OPAL Play Team



Schools Direct Salaried

- One year school based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS)
- Paid as an Unqualified Teacher
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present to observe at least weekly your lessons
- School pay your fees
- 50% of teaching timetable for the first term
- One 'TES day' weekly for the on line content
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

Schools Direct Fee funded (unsalaried) for Primary and Secondary

- One year school-based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present in every lesson
- Pay TES fees of £8,625 incl VAT leading to QTS only $\overline{\textbf{OR}}$ £9,250 incl VAT leading to QTS and a PGCE.
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

I∏ bursaries;

- Depending on the subject you wish to teach and whether you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible to receive a tax-free ITT training bursary from the DfE.
- For more information on funding please visit the following website
- https://getintoteaching.education.govuk/funding-your-training

You will need;

- A standard equivalent to a grade 4 in the GCSE examinations in English and mathematics (and Science if you are training to teach at primary level).
- A first degree* of a UK higher education institution or equivalent qualification



Full programme overview can be found here https://www.tes.com/institute/school-direct-itt-







Keep in touch!

We are missing being in contact but do not forget we are still here to help where we can.



Our school office is open to receive calls between 8:30am and 3pm.

Tel: 01375 846181

Email:office.etp@osborne.coop



Princess Margaret Road
East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8SB



We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Log on and have a look!



Twitter: @EastTPrimary

At East Tilbury Primary School our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Mrs Bates & Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Head of School's absence:

- Mr Gowland
- ♦ Dr. Emmanuel
- Mr Bennett
- Mrs Jarvis
- ♦ Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Stevens is the EYFS Designated Lead.

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc





LOCATIONS

Here are the opening times and locations for our foodbank centres. Everyone who comes to the foodbank for

Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Weds 09:30-12:00: Thurrock Christian Fellowship, 2-4 Chase Rd, Corringham, S17 7QH

Weds 13:30-15:00: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 OQA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD

Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00:All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, Grays, RM 17 5YF