

# NEWSLETTER

## 30th November 2018



Firstly, a huge thank you to the PTA who organised and ran an amazing Christmas bazaar last Friday. It was great to see so many parents and children there and the atmosphere was very festive! Thank you, also, to all who attended in support of our school - a staggering £325 was raised in total!

I have been asked by some parents to clarify the rules regarding hair bows. It does not state specifically in the uniform guidance on our website what colour and size they should be, but please can I ask that bows are the same colour as school uniform and that they are of a reasonable size – not sitting high above the head. The girls have been told that they should not play with their hair bows or other accessories in class, as they need to focus on their learning.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Kinetic Science who demonstrated to the children how soundwaves travel and how we hear. The children enjoyed their experience and I hope they learned lots! Each class will complete an evaluation form next week to help us to decide whether we should arrange further similar events.

Finally, another big thank you to you all for your patience in negotiating the restricted access to school this week, due to the work being carried out on our drainage system. You will be pleased to hear that the work has been completed for the time being, so restrictions have now been removed and you can enter the school grounds via all the exits, as normal. Please be aware that if we have

heavy rain and any of the entrances become water-logged, we will keep the gate closed and ask you to enter via another gate.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Terri Fitter  
Head of School

### STARS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION:

CLASS 1:

CLASS 2:

CLASS 3:

CLASS 4:

CLASS 5: Sonia Balan

CLASS 6:



### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception = 89.92%

Year 1 = 90.18%

Year 2 = 90.49%

Year 3 = 92.92%

Year 4 = 93.17%

Year 5 = 95.15%

Year 6 = 92.41%

Our church school  
value for this half term  
is RESPECT.

## DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

5<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Parent Lunch

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Nativity at St Leonards Church, 2pm – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Parent/Carers Welcome  
14<sup>th</sup> Aladdin Pantomime

## NEWS FROM CLASSES

**Reception Class** has had a busy week this week. We have been learning about the importance of good nutrition and the foods that contribute to growth and good health and about where these foods come from. Children have been seeing this demonstrated in a silly way in the story *Oliver's Vegetables*.

**Class 1** has had a busy week this week. We've been working hard to improve our reading and have had lots of practice. We've also done lots of singing to prepare for our upcoming Nativity performance!

**Class 2** has been working very hard again this week. We have been learning all about Samuel Pepys and his diary writing. We also made our own pictures of the burning houses during the Fire of London. In the afternoons, we have been busy rehearsing our lines and songs for the Nativity. What a busy week!

**Class 3** had a great trip to Stansted Airport. A pilot (the Captain) and his co-pilot came to visit us. The pilot told us lots of information and we asked **lots** of questions. We were able to do some fun activities including dressing up. We were able to go up to an outside viewing gallery, where we saw planes arriving and departing. Most pilots when they saw us waving in our hi-vis tops, waved back.



**Class 4** has been practicing our Nutcracker dance performance for the Royal Opera House every day. The children have worked extremely hard to include the fine details in order to tell the story through their performances and they are so proud of themselves and their production. Very soon we will invite the parents for a show! 😊😊



**Class 5** did a science experiment to see which cup kept water the hottest for the longest. Over a 15-minute period, we took temperature readings every 3 minutes in cups made of different materials. They were ceramic, paper, polystyrene and a properly made Thermos cup. We were surprised that the paper cup did nearly as well at keeping the water warm as the Thermos cup. No wonder they have a warning: *'Contents hot!'*

**Class 6** have been writing biographies this week. The improvement in their writing has been impeccable! Lily wrote a fantastic 'Introduction' and 'Family and Early Life' section in her biography focusing on Louis Leclerc.