



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your family had a happy and enjoyable summer break, and enjoyed the sunny weather. It was a pleasure to see the children coming back to school looking well rested and smart in their school uniforms.

Teachers and office staff started back at school the day before the children and, after a morning of training, visited St. Peter's Chapel in Bradwell for a service to reflect and give thanks, led by Rev. Peter (from Southminster) and Rev. Steven (from Bradwell and Tillingham). It was a really lovely opportunity to take some time to appreciate our countryside and heritage, and to welcome new staff to the local area.

Our Ofsted report was released to the school this week, and you will have received a copy by now. As Mr. Simmonds said in his letter to you the report celebrates the improvements made so far but is also clear about what remains to be done. The team in school have returned refreshed and ready for the next part of our journey to be a good school. I would like to thank you, the parents and carers of our children, for all your help and work over the last year, and to assure you that, as a priority, we are looking forward to working with you to ensure that we communicate much more effectively with you, and give you more opportunities to be involved in your child's experience of school. One way in which you may wish to do this is to join our Parent Consultation Group, which is a representative group of parents from across the school and meets with us to discuss a range of aspects of school life. Please look out for the letter inviting your application!

We want to give you the opportunity to visit school and to find out more about what is happening during your child's time here. Attached is a programme of a range of events, which will be added to over the coming weeks. Please check on the website for updates.

Parents of Reception and preschool children will shortly receive an invitation to come along to a series of workshops led by Adult Community Learning which explore helping your child in the first year of school. The sessions will be held in school and a crèche will be provided.

We are excited to announce that we will shortly take delivery of a brand new minibus at the end of September! This will provide transport to and from school for children living some distance from school, as well as enabling us to more easily take our children out on visits around our locality and further, without incurring such high costs as previously. We hope that it will also enable more use of our swimming pool by other groups. Should you have ideas about how the minibus can benefit the wider community, please let me know.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

AUTUMN 1 SEPTEMBER 2018:

- 18TH 9am-11am Parent Drop In Session
- 20TH 3pm Afternoon Tea & Coffee Meeting
- 24th Swimming Lessons commence for year 4 & 5
- 25TH Individual School Photograph
- 27TH 2.30pm Parent Consultation

OCTOBER 2018: (1ST OCTOBER INSET DAY)

- 8th Big Me Week
- 10TH Bring in Food Parcels for the Harvest Festival (Donations will go to the Southminster Food Parlour)
- 15TH Chelmsford Cathedral – Key Stage 1
- 15TH 18TH Operation Christmas Child – Bring Boxes to School
- 16TH Chelmsford Cathedral – Key Stage 2
- 18TH Current and Former Year 6 Pupil's Evening Supper

AUTUMN 2 OCTOBER 2018:

- 31ST Halloween Themed Lunch

NOVEMBER 2018:

- 1ST Reception Parents Invited For Lunch
- 5TH Firework Themed Lunch
- 8TH Year 1 Parents Invited For Lunch
- 12-18th Parliament Week
- 13TH Vine Cathedral Day
- 15TH Year 2 Parents Invited For Lunch
- 15TH 3pm Afternoon Tea & Coffee
- 16TH Flu Vaccinations
- 16TH 5pm-6.30pm Movie Night in aid of Children In Need
- 16TH Archdeacon Elizabeth Visiting
- 22ND 3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening
- 22ND Year 3 Parents Invited For Lunch
- 22ND Year 6 Life Saving Skills
- 23RD 3.45 -6.15pm Parents Evening
- 23RD Year 5 Life Saving Skills
- 29TH Year 4 Parents Invited For Lunch

DECEMBER 2018:

- 6TH Year 5 Parents Invited For Lunch
- 12th&13th 2pm Christmas Nativity at St Leonards
- 12TH Year 6 Parents Invited For Lunch
- 14TH Christmas Tree Festival At St Leonards
- 14TH Wear Your Christmas Jumper To School Day
- 14TH Christmas Grotto
- 17TH The Nutcracker
- 19TH Last Day Of Term
- 19TH 2pm Christmas Service At St Leonards
- 22ND 6pm Carole Service At St Leonards
- 23RD 4pm Christingle At St Leonards

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SPRING 1

FEBRUARY 2019:

5TH Years 1 & 2 Bring Your Parents To School

5TH Themed Chinese New Year Lunch

6TH Bring Your Parents To School – Kev Stage 2

SPRING 2

MARCH 2019:

5TH Themed Pancake Day Lunch

7TH World Book Day

29TH Mother's/Carers Afternoon Tea. 3.30pm onwards

APRIL 2019:

5TH THEMED EASTER LUNCH

5TH Easter Service (Parents are welcome)

SUMMER 2

MAY 2019:

13TH – 17TH Year 6 Sats Week

JUNE 2019:

5TH CLASS, GROUP AND LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS

14TH Fathers/Carers Afternoon Tea, 3.30 onwards

28TH Sports Day

JULY 2019:

4TH Pilgrimage

16TH & 17TH Year 6 Production

19TH Year 6 Prom

23RD Leavers Service

24TH 12noon Onwards End of Year School Picnic

8th October 2018

Big Me Week is an opportunity for children to learn about each other's dreams and children's lives around the world. On Big Me Day, 8th October, they dress up as what they want to be when they grow up and raise money for Action Aid.

12th – 18th November 2018

UK Parliament Week sees people of all ages across the UK, , take part in events and activities that engage them with the UK Parliament, explore what it means to them, and empowers them to get involved. We will be exploring democracy and holding our own election!



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Year 1 Week 2

We've had a great week in Year 1 this week! We've started to get settled into our new routine and are all



trying our hardest in our new lessons. We have really loved learning about bears and mammals this week, even getting a chance to see some live bears all the way in Alaska!

We've had lots of fun reconnecting with our friends and are looking forward to the rest of the term!



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What a fantastic start to the year! Class 6 have started their first topic with a bang! They have made spitfires and learnt about their history, as well as building air raid shelters and having a black out. It has been a wonderful beginning to our year and we look forward to many more fun activities.





Year 4 starting the new academic year learning about Tutankhamun.

Since starting back in September, Year 2 have had a busy time. We have taken quizzes, learnt about safety on the internet and written our Class rules.

This half term our topic is *Where in the World...?* so we have been looking at Atlases, researching information about the United Kingdom and written a non-chronological report. We have also done some terrific Art. We used different media to draw lines of different thickness and orientation on our paper and learnt about how to make a colour wheel from the three prime colours.

In music we are starting to learn how to play the recorder. We are real stars for all the hard work we are putting in



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Year 3 have been finding out more about the Iron Man. This week we have written letters from Hogarth and then created a letter response from the farmers. We have been learning to set our letters out correctly. In the photo we were arranging a letter into the different parts.

