



# Newsletter

## This Week

This week I held our 2nd assembly on Environmental Issues. The children learnt 10 ways they can help to reduce their carbon footprint and make a difference. They also learnt about the impact our environment is having on wildlife and about the extinction of some species.

Thank you to everybody who took part in our Leave Your Car at Home Week.



## Next Week

Next week is a busy week for the children. The Christmas Productions for Reception take place on Monday and Tuesday (don't forget to buy your tickets) and on Tuesday Year 2 are also visiting the Princes Theatre to watch this year's pantomime, Cinderella. On Wednesday the children will have their Christmas lunch and on Thursday they will watch a performance of the pantomime Goldilocks. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday, the day of our Christmas Bazaar. As it is National Christmas Jumper Day we would suggest a £1 donation. All monies raised will go to Save the Children.

## Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar takes place next Thursday 8th December from 3.15pm. Please note there will be no after school clubs on this day. If you would like to buy raffle tickets, they are now on sale from the school office. A big thank you from all the PTA for all your amazing donations for this event.

## Alton Park Parent Tour—Tuesday 6th December

If you would like to learn more about Alton Park prior to making an application, Alton Park are offering a tour of the school, with the opportunity to meet the Senior Management Team at **9am on Tuesday, 6th December 2022**. The meeting is expected to last approximately 1 hour.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
December	
5th & 6th	Reception Christmas Production
6th	Year 2—Cinderella Pantomime—Princes Theatre
7th	Christmas Lunch
8th	Goldilocks School Christmas Pantomime & Xmas Jumper Day/School Bazaar
19th	Nursery Christmas Production
20th	Last Day of School
Menu	W/C December 5th Week 1

## Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	88%	89.9%
Year 1	92.8%	91.1%
Year 2	89%	92.2%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

## Reception Year & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2023

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

## Donations of Unwanted Clothing/Underwear

The wet and cold weather is resulting in our children requiring changes of items such as socks and tights more regularly than usual. Any donations would be warmly welcomed. Thank you.

## Change of Underwear/Socks/Tights

Incase your child gets wet or has an accident, it would be useful if you could pack a change of underwear and socks/tights in your child's school bag. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

Next Wednesday 7th December is Christmas Dinner day. Please refer to the letter sent out yesterday regarding the children receiving snap bands and return the slip by 6th December if you have not already done so. Thank you. Failure to return the form will result in your child not receiving one. Next Thursday 8th December the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers in return for a donation of £1.



## Christmas Performances—Reminder of dates

**Reception**—5th December Ducklings & Cygnets / 6th December Goslings & Owlets, **Year 1**—12th & 13th December, **Year 2**—14th & 15th December. Children are welcome to wear **party clothes** on the day(s) of their performance(s). At the end of performances we will be hold a collection to raise money for the Salvation Army to purchase toys for vulnerable children.



## Thank you from the PTA

The PTA have been in school this week and would like to thank the Kitchen staff & MDA's for all their excellent lunches and hard work they undertake.

**Last Day of School—Tuesday 20th December. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th January —Non Pupil Days.**

**Back to school - Monday 9th January.**

## Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not put anything containing nuts, including chocolate spread in your child's lunchbox. For those with this allergy, exposure to nuts can be extremely dangerous. Thank you for your support.



## Packed Lunch boxes

Please provide your child's lunch in a lunch bag/box. Plastic bags are not acceptable as they present a health & safety risk.

## Staff Car Park

Please do not park in the school car park. This is strictly for staff and can only be used by those who have obtained prior permission from me. Please also make every effort to park considerately and drive safely in the vicinity of the school.



## Warm Clothes

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child is suitably clothed with a warm coat. Please also make sure all coats, clothes, hats etc are labelled.



## Shoe Laces

If your child has shoes with laces, we would be grateful if you could practice the skills of tying and untying them at home. Thank you.



## Colouring Competition

Please encourage your child to take part in the lunchtime colouring competition. For the opportunity to win a prize.



## Environmental Bulletin



### THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Only boil as much water as you need—ie don't boil a kettle full of water for one cup of tea.



If your washing machine doesn't have a half load setting—make sure you fill it with clothes.



Avoid blocking radiators with furniture—allowing convection currents to flow around the room as the hot air will be felt across the room quicker.