



## KEY DATES

### JANUARY

3rd

Inset Day

4th

School Resumes

10th

Forms II & V

Fire Safety talks

17th

School Choir

Young Voices at the O2

19th

Forms III & IV

Kidzania Trip

20th

Fantastic Friday

(Visit from an Olympic athlete)

### FEBRUARY

7th

Form III

Ragged School Trip

10th

Break up for Half-Term

13th - 17th

Half Term

20th

School Resumes

### MARCH

31st

12 Noon

Break up for Easter Holiday

(NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE)

### APRIL

25th

School Resumes

Dear Parents,

The end of term has caught up with us and we have made it safely through the Carol Service, Christmas Lunch and the Pre-Prep/Infant parties! We have even had a visit from Father Christmas himself! May I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the staff, for all your wishes for Christmas wishes and the New Year and for your generous gifts. They are very much appreciated.

Our new term begins on 4th January at the usual times. May I remind you of our cold weather protocol - if the school is closed it will be on our school website and also on Radio Essex by 7am. We endeavour to remain open if it is safe for staff and pupils, but there are occasions when it is practical.

So to sign off, I will wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope that 2017 brings you much peace and happiness.

Mrs S-J Gooding

Headmistress

## Christmas in Pre-Prep

The little ones in Pre-Prep have had a busy few weeks preparing for Christmas. They have decorated their tree and rehearsed and then performed a beautiful concert for their families. A big thank you to Mrs Harrison and her team for all the work that obviously went into this to make it such a success.



## Christmas Parties - PFA

A huge thank you to our PFA for organising the PFA Christmas Parties. All the children who attended behaved beautifully and had a wonderful time.



## Anti-Bullying Assembly

The Infants and Juniors were visited by a travelling theatre group to talk about bullying as part of Bullying Awareness. The children learnt about the roles of the bully, the target and the bystander and about different forms of bullying. They learnt they all have 'the Power of One' to stop bullying by doing the right thing.



## Geography Walk - Form I

As part of their Geography topic, Form I went on a walk around the local area. They had sheets with things for them to find including the logo for Lloyds Bank, a telephone number of a local business, etc.



## Earrings - A Reminder

A lot of the girls are still having to have their ears taped up for PE as they say they are unable to take their earrings out. This needs to stop after the Christmas break. Can we please request that ears are pierced at the beginning of the Summer Holiday so they have time to heal and can be removed for PE lessons. They shouldn't be worn on the days the children have PE. This then reduces the chance of them going missing when they are taken out. Also, please remember that only small plain studs are allowed as per our uniform policy. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Space Day - Form IV

After the success of last year, Form IV once again enjoyed their Space Day. The children had a great day dressed in their space costumes, performing for their parents and the Infant children, making their own space passports and drawing the constellations corresponding to their birth signs. Form III are already looking forward to their Space Day next year!



# Carol Concert/Nativity, 2016

All the children took part in the Carol Service, be it as part of the Infant/Junior songs, in the Choir or as a reader. A big thank you to Form II, Mrs Kaylor and Mrs Sewell-Jones for the wonderful Nativity.

