

Message from Headteacher

This term seems to be moving so quickly, the school hall has been brought to life with KS1 children singing their Christmas songs in readiness for their performance with EYFS. It is always an exciting build up to Christmas and we certainly have a lot planned. The PFA have again been amazing with their support and we will be able to provide parent/carers with the opportunity to purchase a small Christmas gift made by your children. These will be on sale during the project evening on Wednesday 5th December so please ensure you support this evening and come along to celebrate your child's work and to purchase their Christmas activity. We have had a wonderful Christmas tree donated by one of our very generous parent/carers, I would like to say thank you as this will be large enough to go in our main hall and will add to the festivities of the Christmas Lunch on the 5th December. Thank you for your ongoing support, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Project Evening and the Christmas Performance.

Mrs Coates
Executive Headteacher

Building works update;

Please note that normal access for classes 2MH, 3JM and 3DL will be resumed from Monday 26th November.

Here in **3DL** we have been as busy as ever since we have returned from the half term break. With our new Victorians topic firmly under way, many of the children will hopefully now understand how lucky they are to be in school today, as compared to a century and a half ago!

In English, we have followed the Victorian theme to write persuasive letters to Scrooge in an attempt to get him to change his greedy ways. In Maths, we have focused hard on multiplying and dividing across the 3,4 and 8 times tables and have found out that by playing maths games using these times tables our knowledge has improved markedly.



LKS2 Nurture Group

Well done to the children in **Lower KS2 Nurture** for raising £10 towards Children in Need last week from their cake sale. We had great fun making cornflake cakes and selling them to staff to raise money for Children in Need. We also set up our own shop and took turns playing the shopkeeper or the customer. We each bought a cake and the shopkeeper calculated how much change to give back to the customer. In Nurture this week we have been watching clips from 'A Christmas Carol,' then answering questions about the vocabulary used and drawing inferences from the text. In Maths we have been using Diennes to help us with column addition including re-grouping. Our Outdoor Learning session this week was very wet, however, this enabled us to utilise the outdoor classroom. We made a bug kingdom and helped to set up a new bird table with Mrs Smith. We are really look-

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 5th December—Christmas Dinner
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 Monday 10th December—Flu Vaccinations
 Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day (Donation of £1)
 12-13th December—Proposed dates for Reception and Year 1 Christmas Performances (Times TBC)
 Wednesday 19th December—Last day of Term
 Friday 4th and Monday 7th January—Inset Days
 Tuesday 8th January—1st of Spring Term

STAR OF THE WEEK

6KC—Thomas—An amazing poem
6CP—Bailey—An amazing poem
6VP—Albie—Settling in so well to ETPS
5VS—Savannah—Great attitude to learning
5NM—Milly—Great test results
5LC—Olivia—Being kind and helpful to others.
4AW—Toby—Using excellent reasoning in his Maths
4RM—Brandon—Great piece of history work.
& Haydon—Great work on his hand writing.
4BG—Kelly—Outstanding progress
3MG—Mason—Great improvement in his hand writing
3CB—Daivey—Working hard on his hand writing
3JM—Theo—Performing confidently to the class.

Christmas Dinner Letters

Please be aware that the selection options for Christmas dinner on Wednesday 5th December are coming home with you children this week. Please return these slip by 30th November. Thank you

PLEA FOR OLD SHIRTS

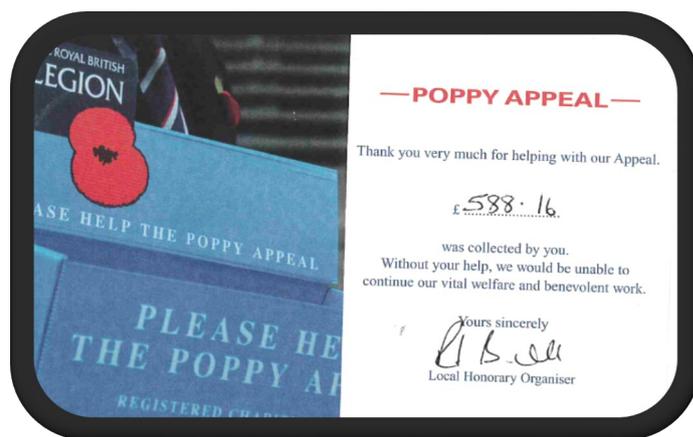
As part of our curriculum we often use old shirt to protect the children's uniform. If you have any old shirts for children aged 4-11 (or slightly bigger) they will be greatly appreciated. Please hand them into the office.

Thurrock Education Awards

Thurrock Council again celebrated the magnificent work and outstanding achievements of our colleagues in schools and other education settings.



We were thrilled to be awarded the Leader of the Year Award.



ATTENDANCE

Best attendance in **EYFS & KS1** goes to **1CS** with **98.85%**. Well done!
 Best attendance in **KS2** goes to **3CB** with **98.67%**. Well done!
 Overall Attendance this week was **93.40%**
 Keep this going up to Christmas!

KS2 – Monday 19th November –Friday 23rd November 2018							
RG	RRD	RT	1CS	1HM	1SH	2JC	2JP
94.81% ↓	90.37% ↓	96.67% ↓	98.85% ↑	93.10% ↑	93.10% ↓	88.12% ↓	93.49% ↓
2MB	2MH						
93.33% ↓	91.19% ↓						
KS2 – Monday 19th November –Friday 23rd November 2018							
3CB	3DL	3JM	3MG	4AW	4BG	4RM	
98.67% ↑	90.67% ↑	93.94% ↓	89.35% ↓	95.19% ↓	96.30% ↓	86.59% ↓	
5LC	5NM	5VS	6CP	6KC	6VP		
94.28% ↓	94.61% ↑	94.61% ↓	93.24% ↓	92.42% ↓	94.44% ↓		

Parents and Friends Association of East Tilbury Primary School & Nursery

Who are we?

We are a small group of parents who volunteer to organise and run events at the school and at the same time raise money to buy equipment and resources for the school and our children. Most of us also have jobs and do this in our spare time. We do not get involved in the running of the school nor do we have any influence in what the school do. If you have any issues or grievances with the school they should be directed to the school and not the PFA. We had our AGM on 13th September 2018 and the committee was voted in.

Chair - Donna Bailey
Treasurer - Alison Daniel
Secretary - Rachel Brightwell (Care-taking)

We are currently looking for a Secretary, so if you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact us.
E-mail: etschoolpfa@gmail.com
We are a registered charity.

Who can be on the PFA?

Any parent/grandparent/aunt/uncle etc. who has an interest in the school and helping out can come along to any of our PFA meetings or just help out where they can.

What would be expected of me?

We don't expect you to help all the time or even come to the event. You can help behind the scenes with your ideas, shopping, wrapping prizes etc. We are all volunteers so you can do as much or as little as you can.

Where should PFA forms go to ?

Please could all PFA event reply slips be posted into the PFA box by the main gate. A member of staff will kindly wheel the box out when we have an event coming up, so it should be there every morning until the deadline of the event. Please can you ensure that the slip and correct money is put into a marked sealed envelope. The school hold the replies for us and the PFA sort through them, this is not done by the school staff. The collating of information from the reply slips and the counting of money takes a very long time and it has to be done on site in the school, we therefore have to keep to deadlines. Please make sure you send replies back before the deadline to avoid disappointment! If money isn't in a sealed envelope then by the time we come to check it, money can be lost/misplaced, so please could you put them in envelopes. Please do not give PFA reply slips and money to teachers. Teachers may kindly take reply slips off you and your child, but unfortunately sometimes we don't get them straight away and you can miss deadlines. To avoid your child missing out please put them to the PFA box. Please keep PFA event replies separate to other events run by the school, again to make sure that we get them and your child doesn't miss out.

Are School staff at PFA events?

We run events independently from the school and we don't necessarily have staff attending the events. The school do not run them and are not responsible for them. Obviously sometimes the school staff volunteer to help out and may be on site but this is not always the case. Please be mindful of this especially when you are filling in reply slips and when we ask for allergy information and emergency contacts etc. We do not hold information about your children and would not be aware of an important information about your child unless you tell us.

Where does the money go which is raised?

The teachers come to the PFA if they have an item/resource they want us to purchase for the school. The school does not always have the funds to buy equipment so that's where we can help out. The decision whether to purchase the item is made at the PFA meeting by the PFA.

We have bought a gardening shed, coloured bibs, books, football goals, sports polo shirts, gymnastics leotards, school road markings and much more. We welcome any suggestions on how we can spend the money we have raised, therefore if you have any suggestions please could you contact the PFA, via e-mail or write a letter and hand it to the school office for the PFA's attention.

We need your help!

The small team plan the events, but if we do not get support from more parents, especially at events like discos etc. then it may be that we have to cancel them at short notice. As you can understand we have to have the right number of helpers to ensure the safety of your children, please spare a thought the next time we ask for your help. It would be a shame if PFA events didn't happen. Your children wouldn't get a chance to spend time with their friends at the school away from the class room and the children wouldn't benefit from the extra equipment and resources that the PFA fund.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the PFA at events. We hope you have had a good time and look forward to receiving more help in the future!