



96.9% Attendance

No 12: 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020

## Christmas Community Support



We were delighted to receive a donation of a real Christmas tree from Asda as part of their community work. It has been decorated by the children and stands proudly in our main school hall.

In addition, we also received an early Christmas gift of some extra PE equipment from Colchester United FC who provide our PPA sports provision.

Thank you both!



## Christmas Charity Appeal via ParentPay



We have chosen Farleigh Hospice as this term's charity. We are asking all parents to consider donating the money they would have spent on Christmas cards to bring into school to donate to our charity appeal on Parentpay instead. All of the events we are laying on for the children in the next fortnight - Santa Dash, Christmas Carol performance etc, are all free and are to encourage charitable donation at this time of year. Please give generously!



*Reading Challenge Champions Week 11 – Class 4W with 80%*

### Stars of the Week

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020



*Autumn Term 2020*



Y6	Evie Hughes	Zahra Hussain	Olivia Tracey
Y5	Lukas Booty	Daniel Cousins	Jack Crowther
Y4	Matthew Hall	Hadyn Riley	Ella Denyer
Y3	Florence Harley-Norris	Tommy Groombridge	Vishnu Balamuruges

## Parents' Evenings January 2021

Sadly, we cannot meet parents in person in the school due to the current covid restrictions. However, we have arranged for a virtual set of parents' evenings to be held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

You can view the booking window via your eschools account and then **make bookings from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8:00pm onwards**. A letter is attached with more detailed information.

## Year 3 History Experiences



On Tuesday, year three had a virtual visit from Sally Spade from The Drama Hut! Sally took the children on a journey through history to investigate how early humans lived in Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic times. They children had lots of fun pretending to do Stone Age jobs, such as hunting and making fire!

On Wednesday, Laura from Chelmsford Museum paid us a virtual visit to teach the children all about Chelmsford's past. Laura helped the children to think like a historian, connecting clues about artefacts found in our local area! The children were able to take a virtual tour of the museum, looking at mammoth tusks, woolly rhino bones and flint axes. Stay tuned to see our finished presentations all about our community's rich history!



## Christmas Lunch Last Orders!



Last call for orders for a scrumptious Christmas lunch (complete with crackers, music etc) for your child on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December via ParentPay. Orders need to be in by 4<sup>th</sup> December so that we can finalise numbers. Please contact the office directly if you are in receipt of free school meals and wish to order too.

## Santa Dash

This year we will be taking part in the National School Games Santa Dash along with many other schools around the country. I am sure that we can all do with a bit of extra Christmas cheer. The dash will take place during curriculum time on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school dressed in red and white or a Christmas Jumper. Santa hats or Christmas headwear will also be encouraged.

