

- ◆ The **Harvest Festival** was a great success at the Church of Our Saviour this week with some fantastic singing and narration. The celebration was closed by Jon Sermon who is moving on to a new ministry in Surrey—we wish him all the very best with this new chapter in his life. Thank you to all those who donated to the Chelmsford Food Bank this week, your items will be put to great use.
- ◆ Parent Consultations have been completed this week and we trust that you found the time useful to review your child's progress at the school. Please take some time to fill in an updated ParentView survey at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>
- ◆ **Poppies** will be on sale after half term in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. I look forward to seeing how many of our planted poppies have flowered in our school grounds from our project in the Summer Term.
- ◆ **Headteacher's Holiday Homework** is to design an A4 Book Cover for any of the featured authors in the spotlight over half term. Choose from any of the books by **Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, Michael Morpurgo** or **Dick King-Smith**.
- ◆ **Read to Feed** continues over half term to encourage pupils who wish to take part in reading and also raising money for a good cause at the same time. Letters have already been sent out but can still be found on the website.
- ◆ **Book Week** this week has been very successful. Thank you to Mrs Cornforth and Miss Steed for organising this and to the many staff who ran the Book Fair and sorted donated books from our book amnesty. Donations still accepted!
- ◆ We will be sending out a letter after half term regarding the **Christmas Shoebox** appeal—please be on the lookout for boxes and/or items to put in them over half term.
- ◆ Finally, I would like to wish **Mrs JL Hollick** well as she temporarily leaves us due to the imminent birth of her second child. Mr Russell takes over her duties in Class 6 and has already met with parents during consultations.
- ◆ We have appointed **Miss Plumb** to teach in Class 3. She will be first visiting the class to get to know them in the first week after half term.



Spanish Club

As a result of ParentVoice, this new club will be starting up on Wednesday lunchtimes for 20 pupils from Y3 and Y4 beginning Weds 5th November. Please let the Office know in writing if your child wishes to take part.



Italian Club

Coming soon in January 2015! Watch this space....

School Meals Update

We have seen a 30% increase in pupils choosing school dinners since September 2014 and as a result of this continued success with our new provider—Ashlyns, there will be a new menu from after half term. It is available now on the website.

Ebola Advice from the Government

Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching the Ebola Virus.

- The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.
- Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.
- It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.



AMENDED DATE - Parent Voice in The Barn

Wednesday 19th November 9am with tea/coffee served from 8:45am. Please come along to share your views on current strengths and areas for improvement.

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SAVE-THE-DATE!

Our Winter Bazaar is on Saturday 15th November from 2pm-5pm. All welcome!

Other Key dates

Fri 24th Oct Non-Pupil Day 2

27th-31st Oct HALF TERM

Thur 13th Nov Class 4 Assembly 9:15am

Mon 24th Nov Influenza Vaccine

Thur 27th Nov Class 5 Assembly 9:15am

Fri 19th Dec End of Term

Mon 5th Jan Pupils return

Mon 23rd Feb Non-Pupil Day 3

Fri 27th Mar End of Term