



Dear Parents, we hope you are as excited as we are about the forthcoming Christmas Week plans, our timetable of activities will follow in early December.

It has been a bumper week of charitable fundraising and the Royal British Legion were so grateful for all of your donations to the Poppy Appeal. The total amount raised will be confirmed shortly. The Reception classes created a beautiful display of poppies in the classroom windows and all classes observed the 2 minutes silence within their bubbles.



I wanted to mention parking once again, and to ask you all to be as thoughtful as possible when parking to both drop off and collect your children. I am sorry to say we had a recent incident whereby an ambulance was stuck and parking (or waiting) on the double yellow lines does not leave oncoming vehicles any room to 'pull in' causing serious congestion. In addition, children are still unable to see oncoming traffic clearly enough at the top of Walden House Road due to the amount of cars parked along Kelvedon Road. If you feel strongly about parking locally, please report to the council as this would be very helpful.

Finally, we have received reports of children having to step into the road to avoid oncoming parents that are walking and talking across the nearby pathways. Please could we ask that you try to walk in a single file and be aware of those children and adults walking in the opposite direction. I would appreciate your ongoing support with these matters.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Sarah Vass - Headteacher**

## Reception Admissions 2020

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 9th November 2020**. This is for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2021.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2021**. Please be aware there are no postal notifications or reminders sent to parents.

Applications can now be made online via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions>.

## New Intake 2021 School Tours

We are sad not to be able to offer face to face tours of the school this year however, we have produced a video to give new parents a flavour of who we are.

Further information can be found on our dedicated 'New Intake 2021' page on the school website.

For any parents that are new to the school and may have further questions, a telephone appointment can be made with Miss Vass or Miss Cleghorn via the school office.

## PFTA Christmas Cards - Reminder

Please return the completed order form to the class teacher or the school office by **16th November at the very latest**.

Printed cards should be back at school by early December.

## Week starting 16th November 2020:

### Autumn menu: Week 2



### Important Dates:

**16th - 20th November** - Anti-Bullying Week 'United Against Bullying'

**1st December** - Christmas post boxes open!

**14th—18th December** - Christmas Week

**15th December** - KS1 Christmas Dinner

**16th December** - KS2 Christmas Dinner

**17th December** - Christmas post boxes close

**18th December** - Last day of Autumn term

**21st December to 3rd January** - School holidays

**4th January 2021** - First day of Spring term

## WOW!

A huge thank you to those who donated to the **Children in Need** Pudsey Appeal today.

Together as a school we raised a whopping **£815.43!**

In school we have spoken to the children about the work of the charity and how their generous donations might be spent to help others.

The children have loved coming into school in their own clothes today!

