

education calendar to spread the school breaks more equitably.

Happy holidays!

EDITOR'S COMMENT

where the opinion, advice and support was from the authority's administration on this very public matter.

Cllr Lynn Carr. Fa

Praise for local schools

THURROCK'S education portfolio holder visited one of the country's best performing primary schools last week and he didn't have to step outside the Borough.

In fact Thurrock boasts two schools in the country's top 250 - Tudor Court and Orsett C of E. The Government announced the list of schools ranked for progress between Key Stages 1 and 2 just before Christmas.

But on Wednesday Cllr John Kent had a long-standing appointment to visit Orsett Primary in School Lane and said it was "a real pleasure" to see the school.

"I am trying to get into as many schools in the Borough as I can during my first year as portfolio holder," said Cllr Kent, "and it just happens Orsett was scheduled this week.

"Actually Orsett was having a double celebration having just secured an outstanding inspection rating by the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools which focuses on Christian character, collective worship, religious education and leadership and management as well."

He added: "I would really like to congratulate Tudor Court as well. They received a good rating from Ofsted last spring so it is really pleasing the Government has recognised its success.

"I can't praise these schools enough. They and many others like them carry on tirelessly providing the education our young people need."

Thurrock Remembers

What happened this week:

50 years ago - 1964: Thurrock saw its first snow of the year in 1964! With snow up to three inches deep. Thurrock Council was ready however with special "counter measures" to stop and distribution. Large quantities of grit and salt were on hand to use on main roads, with over 200 cubic yards of grit and 50 tons of salt! It was reported that although trains were mostly running without any disruption, parts of Stanford-le-Hope were impassable.

25 years ago - 1989: Former Chief Chemist of Van Den Burgh and Jurgens and prominent local historian Aubrey Saunders sadly passed away. He was a founder of the Thurrock Local History Society, served as its chairman for 26 years and was a common contributor to Panorama, the Journal of the Society. He was also involved in the famous Mucking excavation and the Coalhouse Fort project as well as many county wide historical projects and societies.

10 years ago - 2004: Grays Athletic Social Club staged a beer festival inviting blues bands to perform for the events entertainment. Many popular blues bands attended including "Gator" and "Not Yet Dead". The event was held in Bridge Road, Grays and entry to the festival was only £1 and was free for members of the club.

Exclusive to the Thurrock Enquirer Borough historians Jonathan Catton and Simon Brinkley take us back in time with memories from yesteryear.



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