

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our second half term and, dare I say it... the run up to Christmas!! 😊. This half term we have an up-date on assessment, prior to parents evening. New parents visiting for a place next September. PACT sessions for class R. Christmas Bazaar and Disco, thanks to OPT-IN. Road safety walks for class 5 and a Twilight session for class 3. Last, but not least performances from the Rock Steady participants and Classes R, 1 & 2 Nativities. Keep an eye out for all the additional information of all these events. Remember the dates for most of them are on the calendar.

Class 6 assembly

Well done to Class 6 and their assembly on the last day of the first half term- what a lovely way to finish! Thank you for all the parents and families who attended, as you know, this makes a big difference to how the children perform.

Parent voice

As previously mentioned, due to us having a local Governing board, we are now required to ensure "your" voice is heard regarding how things are going in school. Therefore, I have created the first parental voice overview, from the survey I sent out regarding parent workshops. Please find a copy of it on the back of this newsletter.

The parent survey we do around parents evening will also be your chance to have your say-please remember to pick up a survey at the parents evening.

Teachers2Parents texting service

We are still waiting for an up-date on the android phones for this. You will still receive any texts as usual.

Shoe box appeal

Please take your shoeboxes to our **service on 5th November @ 10am**, at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Horndon. If you are unable to attend the service please feel free to bring in the shoeboxes by Monday 6th November. Many thanks.

And finally...

On Saturday 4th November St Giles and All Saints Church are holding their fete in the Churches Centre between 12:00-2:30pm. Please go and visit and support our local community. 😊

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

PS Growth Mindset thought...

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. Maya Angelou

Awards for the week ending 20/10/17

Class of the week:

Class 6 for the effort they put into their first assessment 😊

Highest Attendance:

Class R @ 99.7%

Cleanest class:

Class 3 for maintaining their high standard of cleanliness 😊

Lunchtime class of the week:

Class 2

House winner:

Uriel

Staff stars of the week:

Mrs Smith/Miss Stringer

Parent voice

Date:	October 2017
Event/Opportunity:	Parent workshop survey
Came about because:	<p>Parent workshop was arranged for Tuesday 10th October, at 6:00-7:30, for parents to get a taste of the wider curriculum, what was on offer at school and how we linked the national curriculum to life skills. The children were also invited.</p> <p>20% of the families responded.</p> <p>The number of staff asked to deliver the workshop would have out-numbered the number of families attending.</p> <p>Parent workshop was cancelled.</p>
<p>Questions asked /findings</p> <p>More than one answer could be given</p>	<p>What is the preferred time of day to offer the workshops? Day: 14 Between 3-6: 20 Between 6-8: 23 Outcome: the majority of parents prefer after school, and between 6-8. All workshops offered in the past have been during this time. This will continue.</p> <p>Which days of the week are best? Mon: 15 Tues: 25 Wed: 22 Thurs: 26 Outcome: the majority of parents prefer a Tuesday or Thursday. The majority of workshops, in the past, have been held on a Thursday. We will alternate between Tues/Wed/Thurs.</p> <p>Which area of the curriculum would you like to hear about? English: 20 Maths: 21 LOTS: 8 Assessment: 16 All of the above: 19 Outcome: The majority of parents want to be informed about Maths & English, or all choices. The workshops in the past have been a mixture of the above. We will continue to offer as we have in the past, but with more on English and Maths.</p> <p>Linked to year groups or whole school workshops? Year group: 44 School: 9 Outcome: the vast majority of parent prefer workshops linked to the year groups. We have offered a mixture in the past. This will be changed to link more specifically to year groups.</p> <p>With or without children? With: 33 Without: 11 Outcome: The vast majority preferred with the children. We have offered both in the past. We will offer more with the children.</p> <p>Thank you for your time in completing the survey.</p>