

## NEWSLETTER 11-January 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and HAPPY NEW YEAR! I trust you all had a good break and have enjoyed some quality family time. It was lovely to see the children raring to go. 😊

On behalf of my staff and myself we would like to thank you all for the kind gifts you gave us for Christmas-they were much appreciated.

### THANK YOU:

A BIG thank you for Mrs Rogers for the gifts that the children received from Santa, at the Christmas party.

### Congratulations!

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Whiteman on her second pregnancy. She will be with us until May before going off on maternity leave.

### ISing Pop

As you can see on the spring date reminder, overleaf, we have our whole school event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This will be held at the Civic Hall and will be a **ticket only** event. More information will be given nearer the time, but please **SAVE THE DATE!** (if you thought the rock steady concert and Candle Mass were emotional, wait for this 😊). All the children will be performing on a stage and have their songs recorded on a CD-for you to buy.

### Attendance

As you all know our high attendance is one of the strengths of the school, although last term was not great due to holidays and sickness. I will be issuing an up-dated attendance policy before February half term, which has been introduced by The Vine Trust. Each class' attendance will be shared monthly. Please note that holiday dates are given to you at the earliest possible time to prevent you from booking holidays during term time, or at the beginning and end of term times. These days in school are as important as others as there is a lot going on, which the children miss out on. If you are unsure of holiday dates please check the website, or do come in and ask first. Thank you 😊

OVERALL ATTENDANCE:	
Autumn Term	
Class R	97.9%
Class 1	95.2%
Class 2	96.7%
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	94%
Class 5	97.5%
Class 6	96%
Whole school	96%

### Parent Voice

As you are aware, due to becoming an academy, there have been changes to the formation of the Governing board. This means to ensure that the voices of the parents are still heard in school we will hold sessions to discuss various issues throughout the year. There may be times in which I will also send out short surveys, to know what preferences may be, as I did with the workshops that we provide.

**Next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ 1:30pm** I will be meeting with parents to discuss sporting events, that we undertake as a school within Thurrock, and how the children are represented. This meeting will be held in the portacabin, before the OPT-IN meeting, so that we can combine the two together-this may also give you the chance to find out how to become more involved with OPT-IN (on whatever level). PLEASE DO COME ALONG as we would like to hear your thoughts, and want to continue to work closely together.

### Finally...

Please see overleaf the up-dated version of the Spring dates.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

*"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out". Robert Collier*

**Motivating and inspiring our children to achieve... in a creative, caring Christian community**

**Diary dates for this term:** please note there are a few additions.

<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children return</b>
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:15-PARENT VOICE MEETING * please join us for a discussion about sporting outfits for teams/competitions 2:00-OPT-IN * (both meetings will be held in the portacabin)
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming starts
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PACT sessions (a.m. maths/English) Years 1-6 * <b>School Clubs start</b>
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	PACT sessions (a.m. maths/English) Years 1-6 *
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class 5 Assembly *
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Choir O2 performance
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Book week
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly * Year 3 to Chelmsford Cathedral
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class photos
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 - 5.00 & 6.00 - 8.00 Parents' Evening *
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 2 Assembly *
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	NO Achievement Assembly
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 ISING POP event @ The Civic Hall * (timing to be confirmed)
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>School Clubs end</b>
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 - 9:30 Achievement Assembly *
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt Easter Bonnet Competition 2:00 Easter Service *
March 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Holidays</b> Children return Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April