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Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents,

We have continued to think about our Christian value of Compassion this week and have focused on being Inclusive. In particular, the children and staff have been gaining a better understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder so that we can help support the people in our school community including family members. It was lovely to see the children's confidence in sharing information and in asking questions. We celebrated the thoughtfulness of 6 children this morning who shared information and helped to dispel any misconceptions.

Term Time Holidays

While term time holidays are not authorised, we do recognise that there are opportunities for family days out during the festive period. Therefore, we would ask that you are honest and do let us know if you are taking the children out of school so that the teachers can plan accordingly, especially to settle the children on their return.

PTFA

I would like to thank the PTFA for a very successful Christmas Fair which happened last Sunday. I know a great deal of time and effort went into setting up and tidying up afterwards and we all appreciated that. The event not only brought the community together but it also raised a lot of money for our School. Thank you so much everyone. You are TERRIFIC.

Online Safety Training

The Essex Safeguarding Children's Board has sent the following information about a virtual online safety session for parents. The session is run by The 2 Johns who have done extensive training locally and nationally in alerting parents to the hidden perils in the online platforms that your children may be engaged in e.g. SnapChat, WhatsApp, YouTube etc I have attended a few of their courses and I thoroughly recommend listening in on **Sunday 10 December at 7pm**.

The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also [The 2 Johns Facebook page](#). This will be followed by a week of online safety messages and advice on the ESCB social media accounts. [Find out more about the campaign](#).

Happy Book

In the Happy Book this week: Poppy thanked Finley for seeing if she was ok when she hurt herself; Amelie thanked Lola and Macy for playing with her when she wasn't well; Phoebe thanked Fay, Jessica and Catherine for calming her down when she was upset; Mrs Balloqui thanked everyone for the wonderful photos of the Travelling Crib when the children have taken them home and Lola thanked Elsie, Harry and Ray for making her feel included and happy.

Achievement from Home and School

Home: George saved a penalty on during a very cold match last Saturday and was given the award of Man of the Match; Mya was very proud of her new Karate belt after her successful grading; Elliana has made a great start to learning to swim and was presented with her first certificate and Betsie was awarded 2 swimming certificates for swimming 10 metres and for passing her Grade 3 assessment.

School: Jessica, Zac and Thea were presented with their **Bronze Athletics Awards**. Patrick and Sonny were presented with their **Silver Athletics awards** and Laura, Alfie, Noah, George, Mya and Leo were presented with their **Gold Athletics award**. Esme Shaw was presented with her **Lunchtime Award** for being helpful and respectful at lunchtimes. Our class **Spelling Shed Superstar** is Fitzwalter class with 31,321,280 points and our **Top 20 Super Spellers** are Freddy, Lola, Louie, Oliver, Jude, Leia, Harry, Rory, Zac, Harry, Amalie, Edith, Jessica, Isabelle, Lenny, Mya, Lyra, George, Ray and Charlie. Our **Rockstar Superstars** this week are Noah, Archie, Jude, Lilly, Rose, Minnie, Oskar, Mia, George and Mya.

Roll of Honour

Our Learning Heroes this week: Children who have been compassionate and inclusive towards others.

Copeland: Ellie has been really understanding and always thinks about how other people are feeling and why.

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Durrington: Zac and Jack are always the first to comfort others when they are upset. They will always ask if they are ok and try to make them feel better.

Fitzwalter: Lyra has been helpful and compassionate towards another pupil who needed a bit of support and reassurance.

Quickbury: Belle and Kayla have both been compassionate and inclusive towards others, ensuring that the children around them are ok and understand what is happening.

Well done children. You are all TERRIFIC!

Birthdays

This week we sang the birthday song to Sienna (5), Sylvia (6), Owen (6) and Patrick (10).

Letters/Parentmail Home:

Christmas Dinner

Dates

Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime Trip

Wednesday 13th December – Nativity in School 2pm

Thursday 14th December – Nativity in Church 9:15am

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December Last day of term

Thursday 4th January 2024 – First day of Term

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain
Headteacher