

-----13th December 2013-----

Head Teacher Award

Congratulations to Ozzie, James, Lily-Mae, Sophie and Charlie in Purple class who were all awarded a Head Teacher Award for the super letters they wrote to Santa in their Literacy lesson.

Reception - Child Initiated Play



Reception children have been enjoying the outdoor area and resources this week. Whilst one group build a spaceship using blocks and chalk other children are using the chalk for 'mark making' – the first stage of forming letters and numbers.



Year 1 and Year 2 – Rodney The Stable Rat



There was great excitement and apprehension as they saw the seats in the hall filling up with their parents.

At last the day they have been working so hard towards arrived! Our year 1 and year 2 children have been learning their lines to put on the very best Christmas show for their families.



Well done - all the children remained composed and delivered a moving performance. A special thank you to the children who stepped in at the last minute when others has to pull out due to illness.

DIARY DATES

Monday 16th December

'Mother Goose' Drama Workshop – Year 2 only

'Mother Goose' visiting Pantomime – Whole School

Tuesday 17th December

P'zazz, Choir & Recorder Assembly
2.40 pm Parents of groups invited

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Disco 5-6pm
Rec, Yr1 & Yr2

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Dinner & Class Parties

Friday 20th December

Non Uniform Day

TERM ENDS 1.30 pm

SPRING TERM 2014

Monday 6th January 2014

Inset Day – School closed for children

Tuesday 7th January

Term starts for children

Wednesday 8th January

Skip to be Fit Day – Whole School

Friday 24th January

Green Class Assembly – 2.30 pm
Families welcome

Wednesday 29th January

Full Governing Body Meeting 7.00

Friday 31st January

Yellow Class Assembly – 2.30 pm
Families welcome

Friday 7th February

Blue Class Assembly – 2.30 pm
Families Welcome

Friday 14th February

Purple Class Assembly – 2.30 pm
Families Welcome

HALF TERM

17th – 21st February 2014

Monday 3rd March

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 5th March

Parent Consultations 6.00-8.00pm

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Dress up as your favourite book character

**NEXT FRIDAY - 20TH DECEMBER IS A NON UNIFORM DAY –
NO DONATIONS – JUST FOR FUN!**

School Meals

Menus and orders have been sent out for the beginning of the next term. .
The cost of meals for spring term 2014 is:-

7 th January – 14 th February - £59.45	24 th February – 4 th April - £61.50
6 x Friday fun lunch - £12.30	6 x Friday fun lunch - £12.30

(School closed 6/1/14 INSET day – if you have paid for a meal for this day please deduct £2.05 from your next payment)

Attendance

Attendance for week beginning 2nd December 2013. Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. Although we like to see all the children in school everyday if your child is suffering from sickness and diarrhoea please keep them away from school for 48hrs after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

If you arrive late please sign your child in at the school office.

ORANGE	89.3%	RED	95.3%
GREEN	93.3%	YELLOW	93.9%
PURPLE	95.7%	BLUE	82.9%
		White	92.5%

Well Done Red and Purple Classes!

Charity Christmas Present Collection

One of our families is arranging a collection of children's Christmas gifts to donate to Watford General Hospital Children's Ward and 'Action For Kids' children's charity. *Mr Christmas*, Aimee and Kiara's granddad, is asking for donations of wrapped gifts labelled with 'boy or 'girl' and the age range the gift is suitable for. *Mr Christmas*, who switched on the Christmas lights at Watford Intu in November, raises thousands of pounds for charity each year by decorating his house with festive lights and decorations. He is featured in a channel 5 programme next Wednesday, 18th December, at 9.00pm 'Britain's Craziest Lights', he also appears in next weeks issue of the Radio Times and TV Easy. If you would like to help *Mr Christmas* by donating a Christmas gift – no gift is too small - please send or leave your gift at the school office by next Thursday, 19th December, or deliver to The Christmas House, 3 Lancing Way, WD3 3LW before the 23rd December. Mr Christmas has a facebook page if you would like to know more:- '[mrChristmasfundraisinglights](#)'

Enjoy English Adult Course

'*Enjoy English*' is a new 12 week course' for parents that will give you the chance to develop your reading, writing and communication skills in a fun and relaxed way! You will be able to discover what strengths in English you have, apply what you have learnt to everyday life and work in a group with similar interests, help your child with reading and writing and gain a qualification. Details below:-

8th January to 2nd April 2014 1.00 to 3.00 pm
 £5.00 for adults in WD25 area - £10 for other areas
 Creche available £2.00 per week
 Leavesden Children's Centre, 01923 484360
 Please phone to book a place or the creche

Brunel University London

The English team at Brunel University have written to thank us for the outstanding training that we provided for their PG Cert 2012-13 student teachers. We were identified as providing an outstanding example of ITT partnership and practice in preparing trainees to teach reading in particular through the use of systematic synthetic phonics. Their student teachers have benefited greatly from working alongside our outstanding school based mentors who have been extremely effective in identifying the needs of trainees and moving their learning forward.

DIARY DATES

- Monday 10th March**
Verse Speaking Competition
- Wednesday 12th March**
Maths Carousel
- Friday 14th March**
Red Nose Day – Wear your Red Nose - £1.00 to Charity
- Friday 14th March**
Verse Speaking Final
(Parents of finalists invited)
- Friday 21st March**
Non Uniform Day for donation of bottles, tins, tombola prizes or £1
- Wednesday 26th March**
Multiskills Competition – Year 1
- Wednesday 26th March**
Governors Meeting
(Governing Body only)
- Friday 28th March**
Non Uniform Day for donation of Easter egg or £1
- Thursday 3rd April**
Easter Fair – 2.00 – 4.00 pm
All Welcome
- Friday 4th April**
End of Spring Term
TERM ENDS at 1.30 pm

- Tuesday 22nd April**
Staff INSET Day – School closed for children
- Wednesday 23rd April**
Term Starts for Children
St. George's Day – Dress Up as Knight, Princess, Castle, Dragon etc.

**West Herts Singing Day
Tuesday 21 January 2014**

We have now been notified that this event is for year 3 and above children only

Art Club

Tuesday 10th December was the last Art Club for this term. Art Club children will receive letters to enrol for next term shortly.

Sent Out This Week

Invite to Awards
Ceremony to those
children who entered the
art competition