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"No limits on learning"

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and may 2024 be filled with good health and happiness. It was great to welcome the children back to school this week and we enjoyed listening to what they did over the holidays and their New Year's Resolutions for 2024.

We would also like to begin the year by saying a huge congratulations to Ford End Primary School who had an amazing Ofsted report published. Mrs Taylor has worked very hard with all three schools and we are pleased to announce all the Mid-Essex Schools have been graded as a 'GOOD'. We are very proud of Mrs Taylor and all of our staff, this shows the hard work and dedication each and every member of staff put into their role.

The children were excited to begin their new topics this week. EYFS are learning about fairy tales in their unit 'Once Upon a Fairy Tale,' Year 1/2 are learning about 'Myself and Other Animals' and enjoyed talking about their different pets, Year 3/4 are learning about Ancient Egyptians and staff have been busy planning an exciting enrichment opportunity for the children and Year 5/6 are studying 'Ancient Greece'. Topic overview letters will be sent home next week. They contain more information about what your children will be studying this term.

Please see the right-hand column for important dates that can be added to your diaries. Next Tuesday, we will be holding a KS2 SATS information talks for all Year 6 parents at 3:20pm. The talks will take place in the classroom. We feel that it is very important for all parents in Year 6 to attend the talks.

We also have parents evening this half term, on Thursday 15th February. If you are not able to attend, please speak to Mrs Kirk at the gate. Please see the letter, in your child's bag, to book a slot. This is an important meeting and your child's progress this year will be discussed, so we urge all parents to attend. Please also be reminded that there will be no clubs taking place on this day.

As this is a short term, clubs are on every week from now until the week beginning Monday 18th March. There will be no breaks in clubs in the week before or after half term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs M. Taylor (Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL) and Mrs S. Kirk (Head of School, BSC Hons, PGCE)

TERM DATES:

16th Jan—SATS information evening
25th Jan—Crazy Hair Day
8th Feb—Greek Day Year 5/6
14th Feb—PTFA non-Uniform
15th February—Parents Evening (**No Clubs**)
16th Feb—Last day of Spring 1
26th Feb—First day of Spring 2
Year 1/2—Animals and Humans Day
18th March—Year 3/4 British Museum Trip
22nd March—Easter Service Performed by Year 1/2 at Church
25th March—No Clubs
27th March—Film Night
28th March—Last day of Spring 2
15th April—First day of Summer 1
1st May—EYFS class Assembly
2nd May—Crazy Hair Day
13th May—KS2 SATs week
17th May—EYFS Assembly
22nd May—USA Day Year 5/6
24th May—Last day of Summer 1
4th June—First day of Summer 2
5th June—Class Photos
10th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening
19th June—EYFS Dinosaur Day
21st June—Sports Day followed by Summer Fair.
27th June—Year 1/2 Seaside Day at School
4th July—KS2 Production
15th July—PGL for Year 5/6



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Awards

The Headteacher's Award has been awarded to Hattie S.

The Reading Award has been awarded to Lily H

The Maths Award has been awarded to Mya B.

The Arts Award has been awarded to Teddy H.

The Lola June Homework award has been awarded to Fabian K.

The Zoe Award has been awarded to Primrose D

Certificates this week went to Amelia, Zachary, Elizabeth and Olivia.

Silver handwriting award went to Demie S

Please bring back school awards on Monday 15th January 2024.

Please make sure all out of school awards are in school by Thursday each week.

