

Diary Dates

Wednesday 29th November
Flu immunisations for Reception
to Year 6

Wednesday 6th December
Christmas Fayre
3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thursday 7th December
1G Class Assembly

Friday 8th December
Bag2School Collection

Tuesday 12th December
Reception Christmas show 9.30 am

Wednesday 13th December
Reception Christmas show 9.30 am

Thursday 14th December
Nursery Nativity 2.00 pm

Friday 15th December
Nursery Nativity 9.30 am

Friday 15th December
Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th
December**
Christmas Carol Concert at
St Johns church
from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Wednesday 20th December
School Christmas Dinner
&
LAST DAY OF TERM

Pupils return to school on

School Dinner Menu

**Week beginning 27th November:
Week 2**

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an incredibly busy week again at White Hall. Class 6ES completed their Into-University week, and really enjoyed the experience. The children have set themselves some really ambitious and aspirational career targets as a result of this great project.

Class 3B shared their impressive writing skills during their Class Assembly this morning. They have worked really hard to use adjectives, conjunctions and fronted adverbial phrases to improve the quality of their writing. Equally impressive was their range of mathematical explanations and computer coding skills. Thank you to all the parents/carers who were present at this wonderful assembly.

Year 2 took part in their "Great Fire of London" workshop on Tuesday afternoon. The pupils and staff looked fantastic in their costumes and it was obvious a great deal of thought and hard work had gone into creating them. The children thoroughly enjoyed recreating the events of the fire, and I look forward to seeing their work in class based around this event.

Year 1 had an educational visit to Colchester Zoo this week, to provide a stimulus for their Polar Adventures. They had the opportunity to meet the penguins and also got to see Santa!

Thanks to your generosity the school raised £624.74 for Children in Need last week.

The water fountains have now been turned off for Winter. As it is important for the children to keep hydrated, please ensure your child brings water to school in a plastic bottle, which can be kept in the classroom. Thank you.

Mr Bradley

Cuppa and Catch up

**All parents and carers are welcome to come along on a
Tuesday morning from 9.00—11.00 for a drink, cake and chat.**

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December



Come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper/Onesie/dress or non-uniform to raise funds for Save the Children.

Collection buckets will be on the gates in the morning for your kind donations.

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018?

From Monday 13th November applications can be made on-line, via the Essex County Council website, for Reception places for September 2018. Alternatively you can obtain a paper copy from the school office. These are available now.

To apply online visit: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>

Please note the Closing Date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

We strongly advise that you make your application as soon as possible, so as not to miss the cut-off date.

Several of our parents were disappointed last year as they did not receive a place at White Hall Academy because their application arrived after the closing date.

ACL (Adult Learning Courses)

Develop new interests, qualifications and careers. To view their list of courses for January to July 2018 please visit: www.aclessex.com or call 0345 6037635

Skip2BFit

This was a great Growth Mindset event for Years 1, 2 and 3 on Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning to skip.

All of the children achieved a Personal Best Score, which they can keep trying their best to beat. The following children made the most progress on our Skip2BFit day:

Year 1: Amelia Jagers

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Year 2: Faith Guy

Year 2: Braydon Burnby

Year 3: George Gafney

Year 3: Alfie Bishop

Year 3: Leon Perkes

Best teacher: Mrs Minter (GROW) and Mrs Tweed

Well done to everyone who took part.

To learn more about Skip2BFit, or the Growth Mindset Programme, you can visit their website: <http://skip2bfit.com/home>

Every child was given a box of blueberries to take home. If you have made your blueberry smoothie yet please let us know.

As the boxes are **re-useable** you could bring your healthy snack to school in it.

Miss Smith , PE and Healthy Schools Team

FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS:

Please note that as a one off the office will be able to take your last minute orders, as long as all the details have been completed, money included and all in the envelope provided, until the end of Monday (27th November).

Sorry, but we cannot accept any orders after this date.

**We have had a number of cases of head lice recently.
Please read the following to help us eradicate them.**

Head louse infection is not primarily a problem of schools but of the wider community. It cannot be solved by the school, but the school can help the local community to deal with it. Head lice are only transmitted by direct, prolonged, head-to-head contact. Transmission of lice within the classroom is relatively rare. When it does occur, it is usually from a "best friend".

To help eradicate head lice we advise families to have a thorough check of each family member's hair. If any eggs or lice are found we suggest you treat them accordingly.

Detection combing: wet hair method

This will take 5-15 minutes to check each head, depending on hair length and thickness.

- ◆ Wash the hair in the normal way with ordinary shampoo.
- ◆ Rinse out the shampoo and put on lots of ordinary conditioner.
- ◆ Comb the hair with a normal comb to get rid of tangles.
- ◆ When the hair is untangled switch to a detection comb. This is a special fine-toothed comb. (The teeth of normal combs are too far apart and the teeth of 'nit combs' are too close together.) Some pharmacies stock detection combs.
- ◆ Slot the teeth of the detection comb into the hair at the roots so it is touching the scalp.
- ◆ Draw the detection comb through to the tips of the hair.
- ◆ Make sure that all parts of the hair are combed by working around the head.
- ◆ Check the comb for lice after each stroke. A magnifying glass may help.
- ◆ If you see any lice, clean the comb by wiping it on a tissue or rinse it before the next stroke.
- ◆ After the whole head has been combed, rinse out the conditioner.

Repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair to check for any lice that might have been missed the first time. This needs to be done on a regular basis to ensure all newly hatched lice are eradicated.