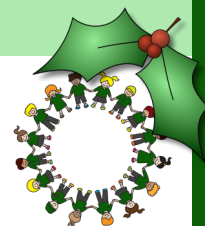




'Learning Achieving Together'



NEWSLETTER 10

DECEMBER 14TH 2020

Thank You...

I just wanted to write a short message to say thank you to all of you—children, parents, carers and staff for all the support you have shown the school this year.

Throughout the busy and uncertain times, Richmond has remained a community that looks after each other and works together to support the children, something I am very proud to be part of.

As the year and term draws to an end, I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday and new year!

Miss Money Penny

Trips & Clubs

Please be aware that due to the continued uncertainty and risk, we are not in a position to say that any trips / residential will take place this academic year.

Similarly, we will not be commencing any after school clubs before February half term. This will be reviewed in the new year when updated guidance is received from the government / DfE

Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day

Just a quick reminder that Tuesday 15th December is Christmas Dinner day. The only dinner option that day will be the special dinner, so if your child will not be having it, please ensure they are sent in with a packed lunch.

This day is also the festive day where children and staff can dress up in festive jumpers !

End of Term / New Term

Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for further details on the end of term—which will be a normal school uniform day.

The new term will recommence on Monday 4th January where we look forward to seeing you all back.

Please see the separate letter in regards to notifying the school of any positive cases over the holidays.

Living Advent

Thank you to all the children across the school who took part in the creation of the trees for our advent window which was lit on the 9th December. Look out across Shoebury for a range of other windows being lit each day on the run up to Christmas.



House Teams

This week, BLUE TEAM won the house point competition—Well done!



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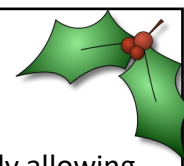


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End of Term...



You may be aware that the DfE issued a statement to schools regarding exceptionally allowing them to finish the term slightly earlier than planned next week by one day, on the Thursday 17th December by taking Friday the 18th December as a non-pupil day. The main reason for this was to ensure that leaders were not still checking on track and trace on Christmas Eve.

The DfE did however, state that should Friday 18th be taken as a non-pupil day, we would have to make up the lost learning at another point in the year. This would mean extending the term by a day at another point in the year.

This statement has come incredibly late in the term. It has also been left to the discretion of Schools/Trusts as to whether we put this in place.

At the Executive Team Meeting last week – of which all Headteachers are an integral part – we discussed our views. We already have a half day planned for next Friday. We do not feel that any further learning should be lost. We have also had feedback from parents generally about the difficulties they are experiencing with childcare arrangements and with lost earnings that have ensued.

It is also very late in the term to be making changes. Not to mention that by taking Friday as a non-pupil day this would have necessitated further changes in the coming year.

We will therefore, stick to our original plan for a half day on Friday 18th December
Please note that as every school has been affected by Covid further this weekend, those children affected are continuing to access the remote learning.

Each year groups collection gate and time can be found below:

- Nursery – Back gate @ 12.30
- Reception – Centre gate @ 12.30
- Year 1 – Office gate @ 12.30
- Year 2 – Office gate @ 12.35
- Year 3 – Centre gate @ 12.45
- Year 4 – Centre Gate @ 12.55
- Year 5 – Bus gate @ 12.55
- Year 6 – Bus gate @ 12.50

