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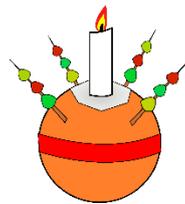
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## **News Update 9** **28th November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Pantomimes**

Just to clarify as there seems to be some confusion – apologies for this. On Thursday all the children will watch the Robin Hood Pantomime, in school. There is no cost to this as it has been covered by the PTA. On the 18<sup>th</sup> December it is only the Year 3's that will go to South Mills Theatre in Bishop's Stortford via coach to watch Cinderella.



### **Christingle**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December all children will take part in making a Christingle led by Rev Julia and other members of the PCC. The children will learn about what the Christingle represents and why this is special to the Christian faith. Then on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm all families of Matching Green are invited to St Mary's Church to take part in a Christingle service where the Christingles that the children made will be shared out amongst the congregation. This is really a special church service so please come and share in this occasion. We hope to see you there. You can find out more about Christingle by following this link

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle/what-is-christingle>

### **Christmas Nativity – Everyone Loves a Baby and KS2 Carol Concert**

Please can only two members per family come to each of these performances e.g. 2 people come on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and two others on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> not 4 people all on one date. This means that there is not too many people in the school hall at once. You do not need to book tickets in advance. Siblings are welcome, but are included in the two people allowed for each showing. If a younger sibling becomes unsettled then please could you remove them so that the children performing are not disturbed. Thank you for your understanding. After the nativity the KS2 children will then sing their Christmas carols.

### **Parking**

I understand that parking has become more difficult since the arrival of the curbs on the triangle of grass. I also understand that some of our neighbours have been considerably rude to some parents/carers and have tried to say that parking is illegal and that roads are private etc. Myself and Neil Banks (Chair of Governors) will be drafting a letter to send to the neighbours about the parking issue. However, all I ask of our

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parents/carers is that they do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or park across/obstruct neighbours driveways. There are no private roads, including Hull Green but there are private driveways. I do appreciate this is a tricky situations and please be assured we are not the only school that has parking issues.

### Essex Activate Holiday Clubs

Essex Activate Clubs are for children aged between 4-16, who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families. For more information please see the attached flyer, there are also directions on how to book and to see if you are eligible.

### 75 Club

Are you interested in joining? A number is £2.50 per month and you are in with a chance to win £30, £15 or £10. All funds raised go to the Friends of Matching Green who are then able to help fund trips, visiting theatre productions and resources for your children. Anyone can sign up for a number; grandparents, family, friends or neighbours. Please contact the School Office if you wish to sign up for a number.

### Piano Lessons

Mrs Ramsey has some lesson spaces available. If you wish for your child to take part in piano lessons, then please make contact with her. Her details can be found on this link:

<https://www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com/piano-lessons/>



### Instagram

We have joined Instagram! Please come and join us as we share updates and information about our school day. There are some great photos on there of the children enjoying their Fit Fence and Kidditch day!

There is a whole school account: @matchinggreenceprimary and an account for each of our classes:

Potter Class - @potter.class

Nightingale Class - @nightingale.class

Darwin Class - @charlesdarwin.class

Shakespeare Class - @shakespeare.class

Our PTA also has an Instagram account @matchinggreenschoolpta.

### Open Days

Although we have only just welcomed our new Potter children into class, we are already thinking about the next academic year. If you or anyone you know would be interested in coming to visit the school on one of our Open Days, you are more than welcome. Please contact the School Office to book in. You can apply for primary (reception) school place at an Essex primary school between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024. **Offers will be sent to online applicants by email on 16 April 2024.**

Open Days are on the following dates:

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 or 11am
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Best wishes,  
Miss Wareham

**Rev Julia and The United Benefice of The Lavers with Matching**

invite you to join us for family-friendly Christmas Church Services and Events including our Christingle service on 10<sup>th</sup> December....Carol Singing on Matching Green on 17<sup>th</sup> December (with mulled wine and mince pies) and the opportunity to come dressed as your favourite nativity character for our crib service on Christmas Eve....

all the details are here:

<https://tinyurl.com/LaversMatching>

or scan our QR code:



*New dates will be highlighted in yellow.*



Weds	29 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Tower of London Trip	Nightingale Class details to follow
Thurs	30 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Robin Hood Pantomime	All children
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	WB Studios Harry Potter Trip	Darwin Class – Details to follow
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	DEAR with a twist	9:15am start parents invited
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	WESSP Sports Leadership Day	All children – PE kit required
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christingle Making	All children in school
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	PTA Christmas Market	3pm – 5:30pm All families invited
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christingle Service @ St Marys Church	4pm all families invited
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas Nativity	2pm start parents/carers welcome
Weds	13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Christmas jumper day & lunch	All children
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	South Mills Theatre Trip	Year 3
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Last day of term	All children finish at 1.15pm
Weds	20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	INSET Day	
<b>Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>				
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Epiphany Service in church	9am start, all are welcome
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	PTA Meeting	@10:30am parents/carers welcome
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome

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Thurs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	PTA PJ day and Film Night	After School - all children
Weds	24 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Swimming Gala @ The Aquatics Centre	Invited children only
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Storytelling Week begins	Whole School
Weds	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	Scholastic Book Fair begins	In school until 2/2/24
Weds	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	DEAR with a Twist	Whole School
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Feb	Shakespeare Class Assembly	All Shakespeare parents invited 9am start
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Road Safety Training	Reception and Year 5 only
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Weds	7 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Chinese Dance and Plate painting workshop	Whole School
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Darwin Class Assembly	All Darwin parents invited 9am start
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch	Whole School
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All parents/carers invited 7pm start
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Celebration Assembly	All parents/carers welcome
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	Half Term	Whole School
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	Feb	INSET DAY	Whole School

**Return to school Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**INSET Days**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**