



Friday 18th December 2015



December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would to start by saying how much all the teaching staff and children enjoyed the Christmas Celebration at church this morning. We hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed it too.

Staff News

Yesterday we said a sad farewell to Mrs Dunkerley who has left us for a career break. She has been very much a core member of the leadership team and has made a tremendous difference to many children's progress over the years. We wish her every success in the future.

Attendance

I should like to remind everybody that absences, other than sickness must be requested in advance. We will not authorise absences unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The number of pupils arriving late for school is increasing. Children must be at school by 8.50am ready to start their learning. Arrivals after this time are recorded as LATE. These figures are requested by Ofsted and the local authority.

We will be starting an attendance raffle in the New Year. Every Friday, each child that has full attendance for that week will have a raffle ticket with their name put into a box. In the final week of the Summer Term, we will draw the raffle and the winner will receive a bike up to the value of £130.

Any late arrivals during the week will count as an absence.



Halstead Village Christmas Fair

It was lovely to see some of you at the Village Christmas Fair. Mrs Rumgay and I were kept very busy on the school stall and made a profit of £19 on the day.

PRIDE Award winners

Some of you may not be aware that at the end of each term, we celebrate our PRIDE Awards. This is a legacy from the 2012 Olympics. We have the photos of the winners up in the corridor but for those that don't come past the board, here are the winners for Term 2.

P ersonal excellence:	Danny Mills
R espect & friendship:	Ted Lee
I nspiration:	Georgie Keeble
D etermination & courage:	Jack Simpson
E quality:	Daisy-Jane Kelly

Congratulations to these five pupils!

Forthcoming dates

19 th Dec.	Choir at 'The Three Horseshoes' – Please come along and join us!
4 th & 5 th Jan..	Staff INSET Days
6 th Jan.	Term 3 begins for the children
12 th Feb.	Term 3 ends

Finally on behalf of all the staff here at Halstead I wish you a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to catching up on all of the holiday news in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Leslie Hawkins