



Ardleigh St. Mary's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School



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Christmas Events



Over the last few weeks we have been involved in many Christmas events.



It all started with the Friends of Christmas Discos for the children. The members worked very hard to organise these two fun and enjoyable sessions.

On Monday 10th December, Class 1 attended Ardleigh Pre-School's Nativity in the Church, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The whole school went to Ardleigh Methodist Church on the Tuesday afternoon to take part in their Christmas celebrations. It was a lovely service and I know that the children and staff were delighted to be there.

Our Christmas lunch took place on Wednesday 12th December and I would like to thank Ruth Callen and her team for creating such a fabulous meal for everyone. They worked incredibly hard to ensure that the meal was a great success.

The Christmas Tea Party was an enjoyable occasion and the choir sang beautifully, as always. It was lovely to see so many people attend and eat the lovely cakes prepared by Ruth and her team.

Class 1 and Class 2 performed their Nativity Play; this year entitled 'The Whoops-A-Daisy Angel' on three occasions. These went extremely well and I was very sad to have missed watching them in action. I hope that all the parents, families and friends who attended enjoyed the performances.

We staged our traditional Christingle Service in the church on Wednesday 19th December. The children were very good, especially considering that many of the pupils were missing due to all the different illnesses and it was lovely to see so many family members and friends in the congregation.

The total raised for our Christmas Charity - Shelter - was £120.90. Thank you very much for your kind donations.

Our final event was the annual visit to the pantomime - this year being 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. As always the children were impeccably behaved and it was great to see them all enjoying the whole show.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make all these events so successful, especially in my absence. It makes me extremely proud to be the Headteacher of a school where we have such fantastic children, parents, families, staff and Governors - thank you all for your support over the past term.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

School starts again on Monday 7th January 2013

Meals - Lunch Menu



The menu for the week beginning 07.01.13 is Menu 16

Additional Letters



There are no additional letters this week.

Ardleigh Pre-School News

Dear Parents,

Ardleigh Pre-School would be grateful for your help in 2013. We have found that one of the best ways to let parents know about our lovely pre-school is by word of mouth. We have included a flyer for the pre-school with this newsletter and would ask that you think of someone that has a toddler or a child of pre-school age who may be interested in finding out about the pre-school. We enjoy a good relationship with Ardleigh St Mary's Primary School and have a strong transition programme in place, so attending the pre-school would be beneficial to any child hoping to attend Ardleigh St Mary's.

We have spaces available to start immediately and have also opened our waiting list for new starters throughout 2013 and 2014. Children can start from age 2 years and our session fee is £9.00 per session. We also offer the Government Free Entitlement for children who are 3 years old.

We thank you for your help and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Regards

Ardleigh Pre-School Committee and Staff.



'Dramarama'

The next 'Dramarama' club is on Monday 14th January 2013

This session is for:-

Sonny Dines, Keaton Huffey, Jude Moore, Ronnie Peirson,
Rebekah Potter, Matthew Salmon,
James Tree, Emily Waddell



ICT Club

ICT Club will resume on Tuesday 15th January 2013

This session will be for the following children:-

Lily Arnold, Chloe Bean, Freya Dellow, Leighton Huffey,
Tomas Juskevicius, Daniel Lane, Benjamin Mayne,
Rhys Moore, Max Morgan, Charlotte Parsonson, Becky Tucker and
Greta Uznyte

Tinsel Plea!



We are looking for any unwanted silver tinsel in order to repair our Angel costumes for next year's nativity play. If anyone has any left over after the christmas season has finished and would like to donate it to school, please send it in to the office in the new year.

Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

- *21.12.12 Break up
- *07.01.13 Return to school
- *14.01.13 Bikeability for Y6/Y5 begins
- *15.01.13 Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena
- *23.01.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster G&T Programme - ICT Workshop @ Mistley Norman Primary School - aimed at Y6
- *30.01.13 Harwich and District Schools' Football 5-A-Side Tournament - Harwich Sports Centre - 1pm start - details to follow
- *06.02.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster G&T Programme - KS2 Quiz @ Tendring Primary School
- *11.02.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster G&T Programme - D&T Workshop @ Boxted St. Peter's Primary School - aimed at Y3
- *15.02.13 Break up for half term
- *25.02.13 Non Pupil Day
- *26.02.12 Return to School
- *01.03.13 Harwich and District Schools' Outdoor Hockey Tournament - Chase Lane Primary School - 1pm start - details to follow
- *07.03.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster G&T Programme - Art Workshop @ St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School - aimed at Y3
- *15.03.13 Red Nose Day
- *15.03.13 Healthy Schools' Award Ceremony - Chelmsford
- *19.03.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster KS2 Music Festival @ St. George's Primary School, Great Bromley
- *22.03.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster 5-A-Side Football Tournament @ Ardleigh
- *26.03.13 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster G&T Programme - Choral Speaking @ Wix and Wrabness Primary School - aimed at Y4
- *28.03.13 Break up

Non Pupil Days

- Monday 3rd September 2012
- Tuesday 4th September 2012
- Friday 26th October 2012
- **Monday 25th February 2013**
- **Monday 3rd June 2013**

Forest School

Forest School Sessions will start week beginning 14th January 2013

Mondays - Y6
Wednesdays - Y4
Thursdays - Y1

The children will need to bring their outdoor clothes for these sessions.



Please don't forget, if you have any issues or queries you want to discuss with any member of Staff please come in and speak to us.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Have a lovely holiday, take care, keep safe - From all at Ardleigh St. Mary's

