



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



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Friends of News



Our Friends of Association would like to update you regarding their recent fund raising activities.

The Christmas Fete raised approximately £1100 which included £600 raised by the classes. This will be used to improve the outside areas, particularly at the front of the school.



The sale of refreshments at the Nativity Performances raised approximately £180.

Bell Ringing

"The Bells, The Bells....."



Those bells were ringing on Tuesday afternoon as parents and grandparents arrived for the Christingle Service. They may well have thought the bells sounded a little different and a glance at the Bell Tower would have confirmed their suspicions. Instead of the usual bell ringers, the trainee campanologists of Year 6 were the ones chiming the bells!

At their second bell ringing workshop with Mrs Arnold on Monday afternoon, they had learned the ropes and it was felt that they were all competent enough to ring the bells before the service.

Despite a few blisters and some sore muscles, the children all had lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Special thanks go to Mrs Arnold and her team of experienced bell ringers who gave up their time to teach the children.



Meals - Lunch Menu

The menu for the week beginning 19.12.16 is Menu 48



Additional Letters

*School Photographs - all classes



Christingle Service

We would like to thank you all for coming to our Christingle Service on Tuesday afternoon; it was lovely to see so many people in the congregation.

We are so proud of the children and how they performed during the afternoon; the Year Six pupils had learnt their words really well and the singing from the school and the Choir was beautiful - aided by Mr Wright and his able musicians.

The Christingles, which had been made earlier in the day, were very carefully taken up the aisle by Year 6 and delivered safely to Reverend Antony.

We would like to thank Reverend Antony for joining us and for explaining the background to the Christingle.

We hope you enjoyed the Service and we would like to extend our appreciation for the donations made as you left the Church. As a result of these we raised £113.77, which we will be sending to the Barnardos Charity.



Christmas Lunch

We all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday - many thanks go to Ruth Callen and her team for all of their hard work in the production of the meals.

Thanks also go to our Friends of Association for their help during the afternoon.



Pantomime

Thursday afternoon was the time for our annual visit to the Mercury Theatre to watch their Pantomime - this year it was 'Dick Whittington'.

This was one of the funniest pantomimes we have ever seen and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. One of our pupils - Molly Scotchmer - who left in July, was part of the cast and we all gave her an extra big cheer when she appeared for the first time. There was also time for the whole school to cheer even louder when the name of our school was read out and Arthur Elden had 'Happy Birthday' sung to him by the everyone in the audience when his name was called out!

Some of the staff were singled out by the Pantomime Dame for inclusion in the performance, in particular, Mr Kempster, who she took rather a shine to!!!

Eggs For Sale

We are selling eggs from our school chickens - £1 per half dozen - all money raised is used to buy food for the chickens.

If you would like to buy any eggs, please speak to Mrs Arnold who will be selling them on Wednesday afternoons near the school gate.

Thank you.



Christmas Events



Christmas Concert

Monday 19th December 2016 - 6.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Ardleigh

Letter sent out 24.11.16

Admission News for Essex County Council

Proposed priority admission area change for 2018-19 admissions

Essex County Council is consulting on a proposed change to the school's priority admission area.

The proposal is that the part of the Betts Factory area and a section of land leading up to the A12 that is currently within the Ardleigh St Mary's priority admission area would no longer be part of the school's priority admission area with effect for admissions from September 2018; instead, it is proposed that this area becomes a shared area between St Johns CE (VC) Primary and Friars Grove Primary.

A map illustrating this proposed change is available on request (please see the contact details below).

Parents have a right to comment on this proposal.

Further details about the proposed change and where and how to comment will be available on the Council's website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions from Monday 19th December 2016 by accessing the 'School Admission Arrangements' link.

The relevant officer can be contacted via email shamsun.noor@essex.gov.uk.

Holiday Activities

Premier Sport & Premier Performing Arts Christmas Holiday Camps

Premier Sport and Premier Performing Arts are providing Christmas Holiday Camps this December at local venues in Felixstowe, Kesgrave and Stratford St Mary.

Running on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd December, our camps are open to all 5-12 year olds and run from 9am to 3.30pm daily.

Extended days (8.30am to 5pm) are available at all venues and childcare vouchers are also accepted.

Each day is carefully planned and structured so the children have fun as well as develop their skills in a variety of sports and activities.

Full details are available on the website at www.premier-education.com/about-us/Suffolk/holiday-activities.

Take advantage of our Christmas Saver Offer - Book any 2 days online and save 25% using online code 'XMAS25'.

Bookings can be made via www.premier-education.com/about-us/Suffolk/holiday-activities or by calling us locally on 01473 598005.

Dates For Your Diary

- *19.12.16 Christmas Concert - 6.30pm - details sent out 24.11.16
- *21.12.16 Break up
- *05.01.17 Return to School
- *11.01.17 Squash lessons start for Class 3
- *12.01.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Cookery Workshop - aimed at Y3 @ Bradfield Primary School - details to follow
- *17.01.17 Full Governing Body meeting - 6.30pm start
- *26.01.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Cookery Workshop - aimed at Y2 @ Wix and Wrabness Primary School - details to follow
- *26.01.17 Manningtree High School Music Event for Year 5 pupils - details to follow
- *02.02.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Music Workshop - aimed at Y4 @ Wix and Wrabness Primary School - details to follow
- *06.02.17 Young Voices Concert @ The O2 Arena, London
- *07.02.17 Manningtree High School 'Guys and Dolls' Production - Class 4 - details to follow
- *09.02.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Computing Workshop - aimed at Y6 @ Langham Primary School - details to follow
- *10.02.17 Break up
- *20.02.17 Non Pupil Day
- *21.02.17 Return to School

Non Pupil Days

Monday 20th February 2017
Monday 5th June 2017



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.



Have a lovely weekend.
Take care - From all at Ardleigh St. Mary's

