



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



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Welcome

This week we welcomed two new children to our school; Daisy and Kyra Pearson - Kyra has joined Class 2 and Daisy has joined Class 4. We hope they settle in quickly and we are looking forward to getting to know them and their family better.



FaNs

FaN stands for Friends and Neighbours, a movement which is passionate about making every moment count for older people in Essex. The FaNs Club is a vital part of this movement and focuses on the benefits of bringing old and young people together. It aims to break down stereotypes on both sides, through the shared enjoyment of learning, laughing and companionship.

"On Monday 16th January 2017, the Year 6 children met three elderly people - our 'Grandfriends' from Mistley Manor, a care home in Mistley.

We have become part of the FaNs programme (Friends and Neighbours Scheme) as part of our Ardleigh Community Award.

The three 'Grandfriends' that came are called Terrence, Joy and Joyce and we welcomed them to the school and asked them lots of questions like 'What did they do in their early lives?', 'How long had they lived at Mistley Manor?' and 'Did they have any family?'.

We had refreshments half way through the morning which included a cake that Ruth had made especially for our visitors!

We also took Joy and Joyce for a tour around the school so that they could meet the other children.

It was a very interesting morning, listening to their stories and what they had to say.

We are all looking forward to meeting them again."

Report written by James Tree, Edward Reeve, Ashton Heath and Enya Parsons.

The children will be meeting up with their 'Grandfriends' at regular intervals, either at Mistley Manor or at the school. Whilst Terrence, Joy and Joyce were at the school, they planned alongside the year 6 pupils, a programme of activities for the rest of the year. This will also be for the other children in the school. We are all very excited about this new part of the Ardleigh Community Award.

For more information about FaNs, please look on their website - www.fansnetwork.org



Meals - Lunch Menu

The menu for the week beginning 23.01.17 is Menu 48



Additional Letters



The Daily Mile Launch

On Tuesday 17th January 2017, 'Spirit the Peacock' came to the school to help launch 'The Daily Mile' initiative.

He joined us in our Assembly, along with his 'minder', Dawn Catley from Active Essex, to talk about this fitness programme.

The Daily Mile initiative has been introduced into schools to encourage regular exercise and to promote emotional and social wellbeing.

It involves all of the children in the school exercising for at least 15 minutes a day, outside of their PE Lessons, with the aim of them all running, jogging or walking a mile.

There was much excitement in the hall, especially when Spirit appeared, and the children can't wait to get started.

More information will follow regarding the details of the programme.



Essex School Games Squash Competition

Today 2 of our Year 6 Squash Teams and one of our Year 5 Squash Teams are competing in the Essex School Games Squash Competition.

They will be competing against other schools from all areas of Essex where they play squash.

We will let you know next week the outcome of the competition.



Congratulations

Congratulations go to Rebecca Morley in Year 5 who has been chosen as 'Player of the Month' by the 'Off The Wall' Squash Academy.

This is the reason the Academy chose her as player of the month for December:-

"Rebecca 'the pocket rocket' Morley has been attending the academy for nearly 2 years and has continually improved in that time. She might be one of our quietest members but she certainly knows how to 'whack' a squash ball and move around the court.

In December Rebecca convincingly won the 'Best Year 5 Girl' at the Roman Cup competition only dropping a few points over the three rounds.

This was the third year in a row she has won this title, a very impressive feat.

The future looks bright for Rebecca, we are very proud of all she has achieved so far in her squash career!"



Well done Rebecca and congratulations!



Dates For Your Diary

- *23.01.17 Ardleigh Pre-School - Forest School session at Ardleigh St. Mary's
- *26.01.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Cookery Workshop - aimed at Y2 @ Wix and Wrabness Primary School - details sent out 18.01.17
- *26.01.17 Manningtree High School Music Event for Year 5 pupils - details sent out 18.01.17
- *27.01.17 Manningtree Schools' Cluster Tag Rugby Tournament at Ardleigh - details to be sent out 23.01.17
- *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
- *07.02.17 Safer Internet Day
- *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
- *22.02.17 East Bergholt Spelling Bee Championship - Introductory Talk - Class 4
- *23.02.17 Y3/4 Roman Cup Round 1 - details to follow
- *24.02.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - KS2 Quiz @ Tendring Primary School - details to follow
- *02.03.17 World Book Day
- *03.03.17 HSA 5-A-Side Indoor Football Tournament @ Harwich Sports centre - details to follow
- *09.03.17 Y3/4 Roman Cup Round 2 - details to follow
- *10.03.17 HSA Outdoor Hockey Tournament - Harwich Sports Centre - details to follow
- *13.03.17 Tiptree and Stanway Consortium KS1 Music Festival - details to follow
- *13.03.17 Ardleigh Pre-School - visiting Class 1 / attending Assembly
- *17.03.17 Healthy Schools' Award Ceremony - details to follow
- *20.03.17 Ardleigh Pre-School - Forest School session at Ardleigh St. Mary's
- *23.03.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Enrichment Activity - Science Workshop - aimed at Y4 @ St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School - details to follow
- *23.03.17 Y3/4 Roman Cup Round 3 - The Final! - details to follow
- *24.03.17 Red Nose Day
- *28.03.17 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster 5-A-Side Football Tournament @ Ardleigh - details to follow
- *29.03.17 KS1 Music Festival @ Heathlands Primary School, West Bergholt - details to follow
- *31.03.17 Break up

Non Pupil Days

Monday 20th February 2017 - Provision Enhancement Day
Monday 5th June 2017 - Curriculum Analysis

Forest School Sessions

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Class 1 - Thursday Y1 - Wednesday

Y3 - Thursday Y5 - Friday Y6 - Monday (with Ardleigh Pre-School)

After School Clubs



Football Club

The next Football Club is on Monday 23rd January 2017



Chatterbooks Club

Chatterbooks Club starts on Wednesday 25th January 2017



Handicrafts Club

The next Handicrafts Club is on Monday 23rd January 2017



School Band Practice

The next School Band practice is on Thursday 26th January 2017



Let's Get Sporty Club

The next Let's Get Sporty Club is on Tuesday 24th January 2017



Tag Rugby Club

The next Tag Rugby Club is on Friday 27th January 2017



Computing Club

The next Computing Club is on Tuesday 24th January 2017



Glee Bees Club

The next Glee Bees Club is on Friday 27th January 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

