

Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very special visitor in school today and excitement has been in the air! Santa knew all about how hard the children have worked this year and was happy to reward them with a gift. He was also lucky enough to see lots of their families and friends at the school bazaar this afternoon - which again, was a huge success! It was lovely to see so many of you there, supporting us at this special time of year. A big 'Thank You' must go to our PTA who organised this year's event and to the staff who give up their time to make it such a success.

Well done to our Reception children this week for displaying our school values of Service, Respect and Happiness when visiting the residents of Poplar House. We delighted them with our singing and they were over the moon with the biscuits we presented to them. The residents were happy to answer questions from the children including 'Do you ride bikes?', 'Do you like bananas?' and also 'Do you take your teeth out?' We look forward to seeing them all again soon.

Only 3 days to go! School will break up at the usual time on Wednesday 19th December. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chudleigh & Mrs Coggin ☺

Attendance

This week our attendance is

97%

Well done, but let's see if we can improve this next week!



Extreme Weather Conditions

As we move into the colder months of the year we are reminding parents and carers of our policy on school closure during critical incidents and extreme weather. During these times our key priority is keeping pupils and staff safe. We will endeavour to keep Briscoe open unless it is deemed unsafe to do so. Our website will give up to date information and parents will receive a text message as soon as possible if the school cannot open. There will also be messages on Twitter and Class Dojo.

House Point Winners

Here are the results from last week:

1 st	Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill	488
2 nd	Sir Mo Farah	484
3 rd	Sir Steve Redgrave	469
4 th	Ellie Simmonds	339

Well done to everyone in green group who will enjoy 10 minutes extra play on Monday!

SchoolMoney

The Hearts Academy Trust has recently signed up to the online payment system [SchoolMoney](#). This means that you will soon have the facility to make payments for school expenses, such as trips and dinner money, online with your debit or credit card. [SchoolMoney](#) will enable us to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment system and will enable parents to pay for items from home.

A letter giving more detail will be sent home with your child before we break up for the Christmas holiday - so please make sure you check their book bags.

Great attendance this week from **Aspen and Walnut Classes** with an amazing **99%**! They will have Buddy Bear and Bertie Bear in their classrooms this week. The following children have supported the whole school attendance by being here 100% with no lates. Well done to all of you!

Orchard: Harry K, Ralph, Harry M-F, Alessia, Leo, Kevin, Sophia, Harper-Rose, Rogan, Adam, Teddy, David, Evie-Rae, Tania, Isla, Freddie, Kiara

Nursery: TommyLee, Tia-Mae, Rose, Jeremy-David, Ysabella, Bayleigh, Connie, Alexander, Haroldas, Isabella

Holly 1: Lilly-Anne, Logan, Evie, Antonia, Freddie, Billy, Emily, Damiyah, Tate, Kida, Amelia, Hudson, Ella, James, Leighton, Akeem, Betsy, Amelia-Grace

Holly 2: Ronnie, Nathan, Alfie, Shayna, Jessica, Liam, Amelia, Esmay, Robbie, Brooke, Tommy, Charlie, James, Jacob, Aiden, Harrison, Lea

Beech: Mylee-Mae, Tyler, Jaylee, Rio, Annalise, Harry, Ella, Taylor, Matteo, Patryk, George, Riley, Freddie, Josh

Cherry: Cerys-Jade, Aela-Rae, Freddy, Madeline, Darcie, Mollie, Inaya, Harvey, Billy, Courtney, Lily, David, George, Faith, Lexie, Riley, Evie, Joshua, Caiden

Elm: Melissa, Gabriella, Emily, Bailee, Ellie, Lottie, Michael K, Michael M, Safia, Owen, Loki, Chase, Thalia, Millie-Rose, Chloe, Olly, Archie

Rowan: Charlotte, Jackson, Billy, Evelyn, Molly, Maimoona, Corey, Amelia, Mabel, Skye, Isabelle, Maisy-Jai, Mason, Julie, Caleb, Holly, Dmitrii

Aspen: James, Kyra, Riley, Miley, Joseph, Lexi, Faith, Cerys, Sebastian, Gracie-Mai, Jenna, Lasbat, Tommy, Olivia, Faith, Lacie, Phoebe, Angelisia, Jennifer, Amy, Harry, Lorelai, Reef

Chestnut: Naomi, Faith, Emily, Greta, Sabrina, Teddy, Darren, Kenzy, Amoie, Jaiden, Hayden, Roberto, Chloe, Jan, Lauren, Lewis, Stephany, Tiffany, Ethan, McKenzie

Walnut: Max, Kolbey, Joshua, Rebekah, Emily, Harrison, Daisy, Antoni, Mustafa, Kiera-Leigh, Jessica, Lacey-Rae, Miley-Rose, Aimee, Amelia, Edison, Ellie-Anne, Marijus, Vanessa, Sky, Clayton, Anthony, Kerrie, Eddie, Naomi

Ash: Vanessa, Isabelle, Emily, Harley-Joe, Ethan, Lenny, Kieran, Maddie, Faith, Ola, Charlotte, Jordan, Daisy, Christopher, Jack

Oak: Allison, Lexus, Neecie, Martie, Zackery, Zack, Tilly, Logan, Tyler, Eve, Emily, Olivia, Ronny, Joey, Josiephine, Lily, Bailey

Larch: Amy-Leigh, Denisa, Cameron, Rhys, Charley, Matus, Toma, Rae, Jayden, Harvey, Anne, Konstantin, Olivia-Grace, Zoe, Dylan, Kyle, Darius

Lime: Lexi-Louise, Ellie-May, Jenson, Roman, Christopher, Emily, Aidan, Ruby, Ebrima, Callie, Brooke, Riannah, Charlie, Freddie, Aleisha

<i>Briscoe's Stars</i>	
Holly 1	Hudson, James, Ella
Holly 2	Ronnie, Liam, Nathan
Beech	Alicia, Riley, Ollie
Cherry	George, Inaya, Madeline
Elm	Michael M, Loki, Lottie
Rowan	Amelia, Dmitrii, Caleb
Aspen	Kyra, Tiffany, Lasbat
Chestnut	Warwick, Aimee, Sky
Walnut	Emily, Kiera-Leigh, Kolbey
Ash	Maddie, Charlotte, Jack
Oak	Tyler, Logan, Leyland
Larch	Charlea, Lexi-Louise, Freddie
Lime	Denisa, Cameron, Charley

Basildon Homeless Night Shelters

Below is a list of churches and times that the night shelters for homeless people and families are operating in the Basildon area from now until March 2019:

Mondays:	Pre shelter St. Martin's Pastoral Centre	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Mondays:	Kingswood Baptist Church	9.15 pm
Tuesdays:	St Therese Catholic Church	9.15 pm
Wednesdays:	Swan Mead Christian Fellowship	8.15 pm
Thursdays:	Salvation Army	8.15 pm
Fridays:	St. Paul's Methodist Church	9.15 pm
Saturdays:	United Reformed Church	9.15 pm
Sundays:	Trinity Methodist Church	8.15 pm

Christmas Dinner at Briscoe



**Briscoe Restaurant -
before the hungry
diners arrived for their
Christmas dinner!**

**Our amazing kitchen
staff who prepared,
cooked and served 320
delicious Christmas
dinners!**



Thank you Aldi

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Aldi, Benfleet store for their donations - a full home and away football kit for our school! The donation also included lots of children's clothes and accessories which will help us support families in the future.

A big 'thank you' to Mrs Clarke - who is an employee of Aldi - for bringing it all into Briscoe.









Poplar House Visit

Holly classes delighted the residents at Poplar House this week with their beautiful Christmas singing and Christmas treats.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 17 th Dec	Morning Nursery and Reception children's Christmas Performance - 9.30 am 
Mon 17 th Dec	Afternoon Nursery and Reception children's Christmas Performance - 1.45 pm 
Tues 18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance for Year 3 and Year 4 Parents - 9.30 am 
Tues 18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Performance for Year 5 and Year 6 Parents - 2.00 pm 
Wed 19 th Dec	 Last day of Autumn Term - school closes for Christmas holidays 
Thurs 3 rd Jan '19	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
Fri 4 th Jan '19	Non-Pupil Day - School Closed
Mon 7 th Jan '19	The Orchard, Nursery & School all return for Spring Term 2019



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Red (meat)	Beef Bolognese served with Pasta Spirals (G) Homemade Garlic Bread (D,G)	Sweet & Sour Chicken (G) served with Rice (G) Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon (G,M) served with Roast Potatoes Carrots Cabbage Gravy
Green (veg)	Veggie Bolognese served with Pasta Spirals (G) Homemade Garlic Bread (D,G)	Macaroni Cheese (D,G,M,S) served with Peas Sweetcorn	Quorn Roast served with Roast Potatoes Carrots Cabbage Gravy
Dessert	Rocky Road (D,G,S,SD)	Shortbread Biscuit (D,G,S)	Arctic roll (D,E,G)

w/c – 17 Dec, 21 Jan, 11 Feb, 11 Mar, 1 Apr

Jacket potatoes with various fillings, salad, wholemeal bread (G), fresh fruit, yoghurt (D) and water are available every day.

Allergen Information:- D:-Dairy E:-Egg F:-Fish G:-Gluten M:-Mustard S:-Soya SD:-Sulphur Dioxide

(If our providers are affected during Brexit, pupils may have repeated meals)

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