Newsletter 14
Autumn Term 2017
Friday 15th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Bazaar
Last week's Christmas Bazaar was a well-supported and incredibly successful event that was enjoyed by a vast number of pupils in the school. It was so good to see many familiar faces, both old and new, at the event which raised £1490. This is a truly staggering amount of money and I know that Alan was delighted with this. Events like this do not happen by chance and a great deal of planning and preparation went into the evening. Thank you to the Friends for all their hard work.

School Closure
Closing a school due to bad weather is always a last resort as we always want to stay open. I would like to thank staff for their commitment in helping keep the school open this week. They were incredibly helpful in enabling the school site to be as safe as possible. I would like to give a huge thank you to all those parents and members of the local community who also helped make the school safe by clearing paths. Mr Nicholls and Miss Todd were very kind and gave up a considerable amount of time to support us. A massive thank you to parents and children for making the effort to attend when it would have been easy to have the day off. Let's hope that this is the end of the bad weather!

Key Stage One performance
This week's Key Stage One performances of Star, Shine Star were excellent and helped put everyone in the mood for Christmas. Pupils in Reception and Years One and Two did a fantastic job of learning lines, singing out loud and performing actions to songs. They did so well and were not deterred by the cold weather. Well done to everyone for making this a memorable Christmas production.

Christmas Parties
Classes will have parties on 19th December. Instead of bringing donations of food, £1 contributions would be well received as we will go and purchase food items for each class. Children will need to wear school uniform on that day.

Yesterday, Mrs Watson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Thomas took the School Choir to Wickham House in Braintree to sing to residents to cheer them up for Christmas. This was a very enjoyable experience because the older folk thoroughly enjoyed hearing our pupils sing and talking to our pupils about school life and what they want for Christmas. A massive thank you for Mrs Watson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Thomas for organising this.

We are pleased to announce that the local parish has raised £332.69 towards the school which will use to purchase an additional bench for the picnic area.

Parent Governor
We delighted to announce that Miss Stacey Todd is our new parent governor. She is no stranger to the school and we look forward to her visiting next term.

Kingswood Photos (years 5 & 6)
If you have not yet collected your CD of photos from Kingswood, they are available from the Office for a cost of £3.

Reminder
On the final day of term, school finishes at the normal time.

Best Class Attendance

This week, Class 5 has been awarded the best attendance with 100%! They will have an extra 5 minutes playtime to celebrate. Well done Class 5!

Stars of the Week

Class R – whole class for their excellent performances during the production.
Class 1 – whole class for their excellent performances during the production.
Class 2 – whole class for their excellent performances during the production.
Class 3 – Joshua for settling in so well at his new school.
Class 4 – Reece for improving his attitude tot learning and trying harder.
Class 5 – Lewis for an excellent start to his learning at Cressing Primary school, showing a fantastic attitutude to all aspects of school.
Class 6 – Ronnie for fantastic contributions to English lessons.
Well done to all of these children for impressing their teachers this week!

House Points

Congratulations this week to the Normans who were the winners with 144 house points.

Word Millionaire

This week there are changes in Classes 1, 4 and 6, with 2 people returning to the leader board after a long break.
Class 1: Darcy, Gabriel, Sophia
Class 2: Scarlett, Finley, Leo
Class 3: Langelihle, Elizabeth, Riley
Class 4: Alistair, Amie, Arthur
Class 5: Jasmine, Leiah, Eden
Class 6: Aimee, Madison, Phoebe
Whole School: Jasmine, Leiah, Aimee

Mathletics

The following certificates have been awarded for the period 04/12/17 – 10/12/17:

Bronze Certificates (5 house points awarded)
Malakai, Harry C, Lucian, Harry F, Darcy, Reece, Max, Gabriel, Sophia, Allegra, Finley, Libby, Scarlett, Faith N, Arthur B-R, Alistair, Amie, Hayden, Dexter, Hannah-Grace, Megan, Daniel P, Flynn B, Luke R, Ellis, Thomas C

Silver Certificates (10 x bronze certificates – 10 house points awarded)
Shay, Joey, Reggie, Archie, Saskia, Oscar.

Diary Dates - Term Dates

End of term - Wednesday 20th December
Remaining Non-pupils days for 2018:
Tuesday 2nd January (2018), Friday 15th June (2018) and Monday 9th July (2018).

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on **Week 2** of the menu.
School dinners cost £2.30 per day (KS2).
All meals must be paid for in advance please.

Mr Stewart Caplen

15/12/2017