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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope everybody has a peaceful and restful holiday.

REMINDER - END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

SECONDARY - School will end at 12:30 on Thursday 19th December (do not forget the voluntary £1 donation to charity for a non-uniform day).

PRIMARY - School will end at 12:00 on Thursday 19th December (do not forget the voluntary £1 donation to charity for a non-uniform day).

Can all parents/carers check our website regularly for any updates during the holidays and during periods of severe conditions

START OF SPRING TERM ARRANGEMENTS

SECONDARY - The spring term starts at 08.30 on Monday 6 January for Secondary pupils

PRIMARY - The spring term starts at 08.45 on Monday 6 January for Primary pupils

Secondary Pupils are expected to be smartly dressed in school uniform, with all of their equipment and ready for learning, in their tutor rooms by 08.40.

Primary Pupils are expected to be smartly dressed in school uniform, with all of their equipment and ready for learning, in their class rooms by 09.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Tuesday 17 December 2019

LAST DAY OF TERM
Thursday 19 December 2019

FIRST DAY OF TERM
Monday 6 January 2020

YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS EVENING
Monday 13 January 2020

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday 16 January 2020

Y11 PHOTOGRAPHS
Monday 20 January 2020

YEAR 9 OPTIONS/PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday 30 January 2020

SEASONAL CLOTHING

Can I remind families of the importance of a good winter coat ("hoodies" are not allowed in school) and sensible shoes with a good grip for winter conditions.

PRIMARY NATIVITY PLAY AND SECONDARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A lot of parents, staff and myself I have already thoroughly enjoyed the Nativity play presented by our pupils in Year 1. The quality was excellent and demonstrated that pupils are becoming very confident from a very early age.

I am looking forward to our Secondary Christmas concert on Tuesday 17th December at 17:45 and I hope that many of you will be able to attend. The rehearsals are going well and you will be in for a treat if you attend.

PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to all of the primary parents, families, staff and pupils for another successful Christmas Fayre. I am especially grateful to all of the parents on the committee for the hard work that goes into organising such an enjoyable event.

A total of £825.95 was successfully raised at the fayre. Well done primary!

THOUSANDS RAISED FOR CHARITY

Our pupils in all years from Reception to the Sixth Form have been raising thousands of pounds again in the run up to the holidays. I am extremely proud of our pupils who care and raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves in our local, national and global communities.

It was a pleasure to meet the judges of the 'First Give' charity challenge who told me our sixth formers were some of the best they had ever met. Not only have they raised thousands for local Barking and Dagenham charities, they have also raised awareness of local issues that need our support. Well done to all involved. The quality of work was so high it made the judging extremely difficult. Congratulations to 12A1 whose presenters were Ruby Oppong and Arvi Kurtaj and the charity they represented was Young Minds.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION - REDUCING THE USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS EVEN FURTHER

There is an increasing awareness of the damage that single use plastics are doing to our environment, especially to the many different animals in our sea and oceans. I am extremely grateful to the school council for raising awareness. We have already introduced measures to reduce the use in school.

An ideal Christmas stocking filler is a reusable water bottle and plastic box for packed lunches

This not only saves our precious environment but can save pupils a lot of money. Using the ECS water bottle can save pupils over £150 year if they have the habit of buying a bottle of water a day. Pupils are also helping to preserve marine wild life, and should feel proud.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

I would like to congratulate and thank our pupils who have been sitting their pre-public GCSE and VIMA exams in the Autumn term; I have been impressed to see pupils using every last minute to revise for these important exams. Our professional and dedicated staffs need special thanks for supporting them and providing guidance for future improvement in their marking. I have every confidence that 2020 will be another record breaking year for GCSEs and A Level results!

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS – SECONDARY

Although we are pleased that we are having a relatively mild November and December, the weather will soon be less favourable.

We ask all parents/carers to ensure their child is wearing suitable clothing in line with our school uniform and shoes with a good grip.

Students and staff are expected to use only the gritted pathway between the gate on Rosslyn Road and the main school entrance if there are icy conditions – this will be the first pathway to be gritted.

Students and staff are than expected to use only the gritted pathways (all other outdoor areas are out of bounds). During icy conditions students are expected to wait in the canteen or library until gritting is complete.

In the rare event that the school is closed this will be posted on the school website. We will make every effort to do this by 07.45am. If there is no notice on the website then school will be open.

EASTBURY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday 17th December (18:00)

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 19th December 2019 (12:30)

FIRST DAY OF TERM

Monday 6th January 2020 (08:40)

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 16th January 2020 (16:00-19:00)

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 30 January 2020

Can I ask parents/carers to check the website rather than phone the school as this blocks our line from other important calls. Many thanks

GOOD BYES & FAREWELLS

We are saying goodbye to the following members of staff at the end of this term:

Mr M Owen, Mr J Watson, Miss M Ferdous, Mr M Choudhury, Mrs P Kerai, and Mrs S Brownlow.

We thank them for the work they have done for Eastbury School and all of our pupils during their dedicated and loyal service over the years. We wish them all the best for the future.

THANK YOU TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Can I thank all parents and families for helping us to improve attendance and punctuality; and ensuring pupils are completing homework. Your support is much appreciated and you are helping your child to achieve their best.

Thank you to pupils and staff for another superb year!

David Dickson - Executive Headteacher



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Dear Parent,

Flu is now circulating, and the estimate is that it is 4 weeks ahead of last year; the estimated peak of activity is likely to be around the New Year. We are concerned that with unimmunised people mixing over Christmas there could be a high level of resulting illness, we would therefore like to get as many children vaccinated as soon as possible.

It is very important to get your child/children protected against flu. The most common symptoms of flu are fever, chills, headache, aches and pains in the joints and muscles, and extreme tiredness. Healthy individuals usually recover within two to seven days, but for some the disease can lead to hospitalisation, permanent disability or even death.

The vaccine this year is well matched to the circulating virus and therefore offers good protection.

The flu vaccination is available for all healthy children who attend primary school and any child who is 'at risk' because they have a particular health issue for example diabetes, asthma or heart problem just to mention a few. The vaccination will help to protect them against the disease and help reduce its spread both to other children, including their brothers or sisters, and, of course, their parents and grandparents.

If your child has not been vaccinated against flu this year, please consider getting them protected as soon as possible. Please see a list below of our community catch up clinics in your child's area.

Wednesday 18 th December 15.30 – 17.30	Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Rd, RM6 6AS (Near Jet petrol station)
Wednesday 8 th January 15.30-17.30	Becontree Leisure Centre, Althorne Way, Dagenham, RM10 7AY

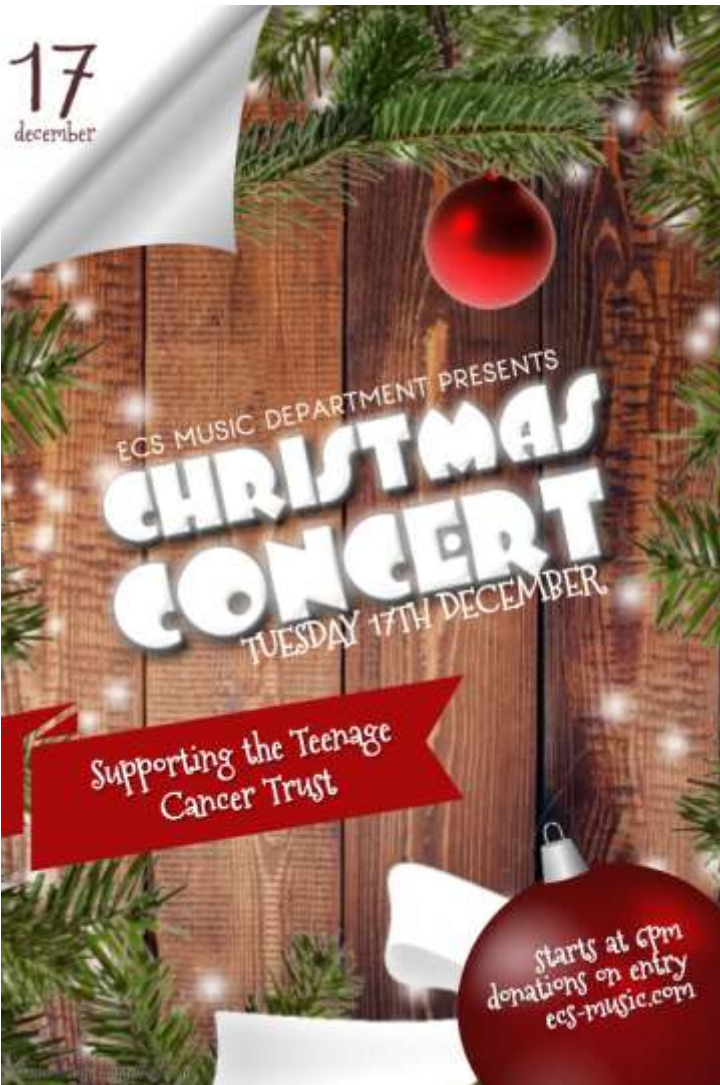
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Amanda Yerby

Clinical Director, Vaccination UK.

FIRST GIVE WINNERS

The winners of First Give were 12A1 and the presenters were Ruby Oppong and Arvi Kurtaj and the charity they represented was Young Minds. The group which raised the most money was 12A3 who were working with the Trussell Trust and raised over £500. First Give is about raising awareness as well as money and it was great to have five guest judges from within school and from the community to help make the difficult decision on the day.

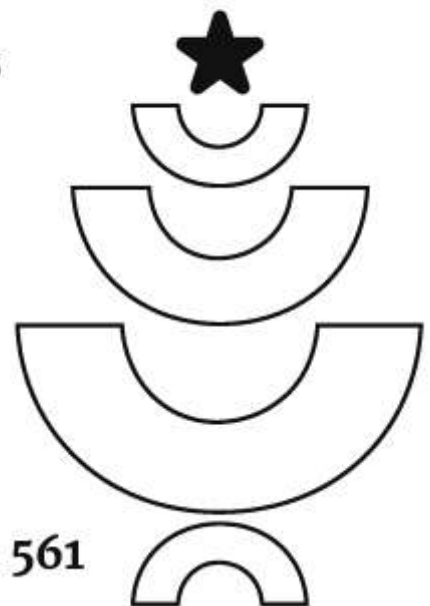


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Christmas is best in colour.

If yours feels blue get help.

Call 08000 562 561



Our helpline takes calls all year round from people in education who need someone to talk to.

We're open 24/7 over Christmas.

So if you or someone you know needs help please pass the helpline number on.



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