

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

### School Target Awards

There were none this week due to the half term holiday.

### Class Assemblies

If you would like to come to your child's assembly please come to school at 10.40am or 2.40pm and sign in at the school office. The assembly will last 15 minutes.

9<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am 4RB

10<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm 1BR

16<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am 3LW

17<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm 1SH

23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.45am 6BH

30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am 5LO

### School Admissions

Parents of children born during the period 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012 can apply for primary school places between 9 November 2015 and 15 January 2016. Apply online at

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Piano

We have a six and a half octave piano (normal size eight octave) which is free to a good home. However, it would need collecting. If you are interested in this please speak to the school office or myself.

### Digital cameras

If anyone has updated their camera and have an old, working digital camera (with leads) that they don't need we would be very grateful if they could be donated to school.

### Parent Consultations

If you missed the form on the newsletter last week please fill out the reply slip at the bottom of this letter.

**Please return the form by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and fill out separate slips for each child.**

**Appointments will be sent home on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** Please choose either a late or an early appointment on the Monday or the Wednesday and we will then allocate you a specific time.

### Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

Please bring your filled shoeboxes into school on Monday. A copy of the details sent before half term is attached for your information.

**PE Kit**

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day. Now that the colder weather is here, please send a warm tracksuit into school as PE will continue outside whenever possible.

**Important dates for this half term**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November PTA Quiz Night

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations 5.30 – 8.30

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December PTA Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.45 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 Y3,4,5 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 7.00 Y3,4,5 Christmas Performance

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

**Parent Consultations – Autumn term 2016**

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Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I/We should like to make an appointment to speak to my/our child's teacher on;

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30 and 6.30 pm**

Early/Late

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November between 5.30 and 8.30pm**

Early/Late

(Please delete where applicable or leave blank if you have no preference)

I/We also have a child/children in \_\_\_\_\_ class

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer

 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please leave this section blank for the teacher to fill in and return.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project bringing joy into lives of children since 1990. The Samaritan's Purse Charity runs this appeal every Christmas, whereby shoeboxes filled with small gifts and toiletries are sent to children in countries where they are in refugee camps, orphanages or poor areas and are unlikely to receive any Christmas presents.

A leaflet is being sent home with the children today and they have been told in assembly what is involved in making up a box, but here are a few guidelines:

- ❖ You will need an average size adult shoe box (not too large)
- ❖ This needs to be covered with Christmas wrapping paper, the box separately from the lid.
- ❖ Choose whether it is to be for a boy or a girl and which age group 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
- ❖ Then fill it with suitable goodies, there is a list of items which are considered appropriate in the leaflet. You can add a Christmas card or a photo in too.
- ❖ Then put a recommended donation of £3 in the envelope attached to the leaflet, into the box.
- ❖ The Charity has asked us to bring to your attention the Gift Aid donation if you are a tax payer. This will enable them to recover 25p from the Inland Revenue for each £1 donation.
- ❖ Stick an appropriate sticker onto the outside of the box and secure it all with an elastic band.
- ❖ Bring the box into school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November which gives you half term to start putting your boxes together.

Last year we collected over 100 boxes to send away and Operation Christmas Child was able to send over 11 million gifts to children in 100 countries around the world. It would be excellent if we could exceed that number this year. This is an extremely worthy cause. Your shoe box will help to make a child feel special and it is fun and rewarding putting the boxes together knowing the gifts will be used and treasured by children in the poorest of situations.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. S. Golding