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Friday 18th November, 2016

Dear Parents,

Academy status

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting run by DEMAT and the school yesterday. 6 parents attended. This week we have also circulated a questionnaire from DEMAT as part of parent consultation for the conversion. Please return this to the school office as soon as possible. We were told last night that the most likely date for conversion is now 1st February 2017. Attached to this letter you will find a question and answer sheet that will provide you with more information about academy status.

Children in Need

Today have Children in Need day. Lots of children and staff have entered into the spirit of this and spots are everywhere! We raised the brilliant total of £176 for the great work this charity supports.

Christmas Fair Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 3.30 p.m.

We are looking forward to this annual event. Miss Beresford is in charge and I am sure we will have a great time and raise some useful cash at Christmas! If you would like to run a craft stall can you please let us know by returning the slip at the bottom of this letter. We are charging £5 for this. Also we have a special event on Friday 9th December – **Crazy Sock Day**. Children can wear their craziest socks and should bring in something for the tombola stall at the fair.

Flu immunisation

For Years 1, 2, and 3: this is happening on Wednesday 23rd November. If you wish your child to have the immunisation please return the consent forms by Monday 21st November **at the latest**. Thank you.

Photograph orders

These orders are to be handed in to the office by Wednesday 23rd November as the order will be sent off the next day.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 5 with 98.1%. Well done! Overall attendance last week was 95.9%. Please note we are not authorising holiday absence except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.8%

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

These children stayed on green all week: Suzie-May McMullen, Olivia Newell, Rio Lloyd, Oscar Miller, Macen Lloyd, Will Garfoot, Joshua Jones, Madison Loubser, Oriana Costa, Nicole Misquitta, Annabelle Loates, Thien Clare, Millie Full and Nell Hanlon. Well done!

b) Luchtime awards

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Vanessa Bulwa, Oscar Drew, Lana Smith and Ethan Smith. Well done!

c) Learning awards

We awarded certificates for progress in lessons this week to: Kai Bennett, Kian Amey, Ebony Whitehead, Marley Doughty, Ethan James, Flynn Dawson and Steven-Lee Upton. Well done.

d) Pen licences

Once again we are awarding pen licences for children whose handwriting is sufficiently neat and joined. Well done

e) Lexia

Well done to: Oscar Drew, Alexis Loveridge and Roman Lovell for progress with this reading scheme.

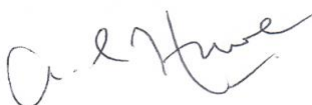
ESA CHRISTMAS JUMPER AMNESTY

There will be two boxes for donations of pre-loved Christmas Jumpers, one near lost property at the front of the school and one in the playground. If your child has grown out of their Christmas jumper please leave it in one of these boxes so that another child can have fun wearing it to school for Christmas Jumper Day on 16th December. The boxes will be in school for two weeks from Monday 21st November. If you would like a pre-loved jumper for your child/children please see ESA members Jo Smith or Kim Summers from Monday 5th December.

Dates for the diary

- Christmas Tree service – Friday 2nd December 2016 at 2 p.m.
- 7th and 8th December – parent consultation days.
- Tuesday 13th December at 10 a.m. – Christmas service at All Saints Church.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Fair from 3.30 p.m.
- Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch.
- Nativity performances from Years R, 1 and 2 will be on Thursday 15th December and Friday 16th December at 2 p.m.
- Christmas Jumper day Friday 16th December in aid of Children in Need
- Elm School Association children’s disco on Monday 19th December.
- The Christmas holiday starts on Wednesday 21st December. We have a staff training day on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

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Christmas Fair Craft Stall

Yes, I would like to run Craft Stall at the Christmas Fair on 14th December. I understand it will cost £5.

My idea for the stall is.....

Name.....

Contact number.....