

Term 1 Week 8 – 2nd November 2021

Quote of the week:

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”

Welcome to our School



Mrs Cummings

I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Cummings and Miss Mills, to our school. Mrs Cummings becomes our Wellbeing Mentor and Family Liaison, bringing a wealth of school experience with her.



Miss Mills

Miss Mills who has also started this week, will be teaching Elm class during Miss Flint’s maternity leave. We are delighted to announce that Miss Mills will be working alongside Miss Flint, including joining her for this week’s parent and teacher meetings in order to support our reception children during this period of transition.

Clubs & Activities

Please be reminded, as mentioned in last week’s newsletter, that there will be no clubs and activities this week beginning Tuesday 2nd November, due to parent teachers meetings taking place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November. Our extra-curricular programme will commence Monday 8th November.



Mini London Marathon

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Mini London Marathon. Not only did we all have so much fun, we raised an amazing £1,083.99 for Great Ormond Street Hospital!



Bug Club Coming soon!

We are delighted to announce that we will be introducing Bug Club Independent very soon. Bug Club Independent is an independent reading solution that encourages readers to read at home with 164 fully decodable titles from our Bug Club Phonics programme and over 300 additional fiction and non-fiction print books, comics, and graphic novels alongside an online reading world. Children from reception to Year 6 will receive log in information on Monday 8th November.



Key dates for your diaries:

- 3rd & 4th November – Parent & Teacher Meetings
- 5th November new intake open day
- 11th November – Remembrance Collective Worship in school
- 12th November – Shoebox Deadline
- 14th November 9:30am Remembrance Sunday
- 28th November – Southminster Christmas Lights service
- 8th December – Christmas Tree decorating
- 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December – Christmas Tree Fair (St. Leonard’s)
- 13th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
- 14th December Pantomime Trip
- 15th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance for parents (am & pm)
- 16th 9am coffee morning and KS2 Carol Service (St. Leonard’s)
- 17th December Last day of Term 1

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 22nd October as follows:

Class	Friday 22 nd October	
Elm	Harry	Theo
Hazel	Louie	Isabella
Willow	Tyler	Mariella
Maple	Archibald	Daisy
Ash	Elliot	Ayesha
Cherry	Whole Class	
Elder	Alex	Rose
Oak	Kaylem	Isabelle
The Base	Leyton	Archie



Competition Time!

The Parish of St Leonard's have introduced a Christmas Card competition. Our children have been encouraged to Design a Christmas card that best portrays ***Christmas in the Community***. There will be a variety of age-grouped prize winners with the overall winning design being printed and distributed to every household within Southminster. Designs must be on A6 size paper (1/4 of standard A4) and handed to Mr. Bragg by **Monday 8th November**.

14.8cm

10.5cm

A6 size (not to scale)

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

A reminder letter was sent out today with a deadline of Friday 12th November

How can you help?

1. Financial Donation

Samaritan's Purse ask for a donation of £5 per box to cover the cost of transportation. You can donate online, or using the pre-paid envelope in order to pay by cheque or cash.

2. Fill a box

Complete the reply slip below to request your own box that you intend to fill as a household.

3. Send an item

In school, we intend to collect items and begin to fill our own boxes with individual donations sent in by families. Suggested items to include are; a doll, ball, football with pump, a cuddly toy, skipping rope, hygiene items such as a bar of soap or a face cloth (no liquids) and school supplies such as pencils, pens, paper.