

Term 1 Week 11 29th November – 3rd December 2021

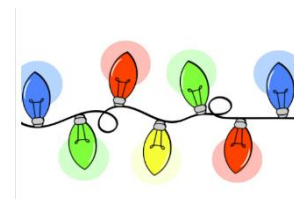
Quote of the week:

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."
Charles Dickens

Apologies to all our parents – due to a very busy week last week, we were unable to send out a newsletter.

Southminster Christmas Lights Ceremony

Last Sunday, Southminster celebrated the onset of the Christmas festivities, by officially switching on the town's Christmas lights. It was a cold, brisk afternoon, but lots of people attended to see the lights switched on by Niamh and Beau. Our thanks to Mrs Davies who prepared the choir who sang beautifully throughout.



Gentle Reminder

As the weather is predicted to turn very cold this week, please be reminded you that coats are not permitted to be worn in classrooms, during lessons. With this in mind, please ensure that your child/ren wear their school cardigan or jumper (and please make sure that they are suitably labelled).

Well done

To all our Early Years and KS1 children this week as they work really hard rehearsing their roles and songs for their Christmas nativity performances. They will have an official dress rehearsal on the 13th December, and performances to their parents/carers will be on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December at 1:30pm.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 3rd December as follows:



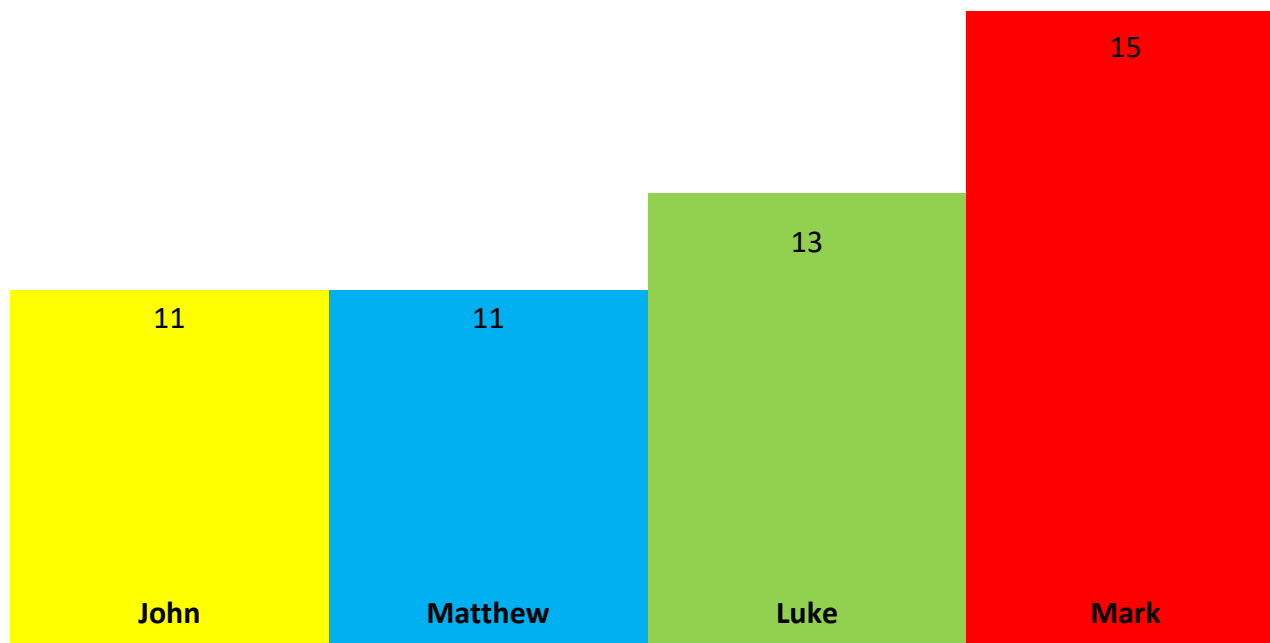
Class	Friday 3 rd December	
Elm	Luca K	Lenny L
Hazel	Ben C-C	Jackson W
Willow	Leo S	Max O
Maple	Esme W	Riley C-S
Ash	Breanne H	Ava R
Cherry	Alfie T	Jayla G
Elder	Abby S	Alana B
Oak	Dahlia B-S	Brodie R

Attendance: Week ending 03.12.2021	
Elm – Reception	91.27%
Hazel – Year 1 & Reception	89.54%
Willow – Year 1&2	91.04%
Maple – Year 1&2	90.4%
Ash – Year 3&4	86.3%
Cherry – Year 3&4	93.19%
Elder – Year 5&6	91.26%
Oak – Year 5&6	80.46%
Whole School	89.18%

House Points **St. Mark 275** **St. Matthew 248** **St. Luke 300** **St. John 299**

Congratulations to St Luke's House, who are this week's winners! Below is the chart to show current standings for the term so far. There is still time for the other teams to catch up. Remember, every time that you show respect, good manners and courtesy to others, you are making Southminster Church of England Primary School stronger and a happier place for us all!

We will be announcing this half term's winning house in the final week of term. The winners will be invited to a fun splash session at our pool, the perfect end to a busy half term!



Christmas Lunch for the children

Just a reminder that the children's Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th December. Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day too!

Shout out for Christmas decorations

Christmas is fast approaching and I wonder if anyone has any old decorations at home – that you no longer need – if so, would you please be kind enough to donate them to the school? I am also looking for a Christmas tree – if anyone has an old one to give away. Thank you. Mrs Cummings.



Christmas Jumper day – Friday 10th December

Don't forget to send your child/ren into school on Friday – wearing their Christmas jumpers or Christmas disco outfits. Anyone with *special sparkly shoes* can change into them at the end of the school day.



School Pantomime Trip – Tuesday 14th December

Please remember – if your child is NOT attending the school pantomime trip – for whatever reason – they MUST attend school as per usual. Any child not attending school without a valid reason for their absence, will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Christmas School disco – Friday 10th December



Christmas Disco

Friday 10th December



Reception and KS1 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

KS2 – 4.45pm to 6.00pm

£4 per child

(please pay via ParentPay by Wednesday 8th December)

Each child will get a hot dog, a drink, a sweetie cone and a glow stick.

Please pick up your child from class at the usual time.
Children are welcome to get changed into their party clothes!



We apologise we cannot cater for all individual dietary requirements. If your child has specific dietary needs, please provide your child with a suitable alternative.

PLEASE REMEMBER – CHILDREN ATTENDING BUDDIES CLUB WILL STILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THEIR PLACE ON THIS DAY – EVEN IF THEY ATTEND THE DISCO. CHILDREN AT BUDDIES WILL BE ESCORTED TO/FROM THE DISCO AND RETURNED TO THE HALL. BUDDIES CLUB WILL BE HELD IN THE LOWER SCHOOL HALL ON THIS DAY AND YOUR CHILD/REN CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THERE.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU The school dinner menu for the week commencing 6th December will be:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choose your Main	PUFF PASTRY CHEESY SWIRLS	BEEF BURGER IN A BUN	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	CHEESE & HAM PASTA BAKE	OMEGA 3 FISH FINGERS
Vegetarian	PUFF PASTRY CHEESY SWIRLS	SOUTHERN FRIED QUORN BURGER IN A BUN		TOMATO PASTA BAKE	CHEESE FILLED OMELETTE
On the Side	MASHED POTATO BAKED BEANS OR MIXED SALAD	HASH BROWN SWEETCORN OR BAKED BEANS		SWEETCORN FRESH MIXED SALAD FRESH BREAD SLICE	CRISPY CUBES PEA'S OR SPAGHETTI HOOPS
Lighter Bite	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS	BAGEL WITH HAM OR CREAM CHEESE		JACKET POTATO WITH GRATED CHEESE	1/2 BAGUETTE WITH CHOICE OF HAM CHEESE OR TUNA MAYONAISE FILLING
For Dessert	FRESH FRUIT SELECTION	MARBLE CAKE & CHOCLATE CUSTARD		PEACHES & CREAM WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE	ICED FINGER ROLL

Please bring in your used stamps

<https://www.kickscout.org.uk/>

We will be collecting used stamps in order to support this worthwhile appeal. Please save and bring in any used stamps and we will ensure that they are sent to the Kickscout charity as part of their Christmas campaign.

Thank you.



Community News



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

**Thursday 9th December 2021
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0014**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE ONLINE SURVEY



Burnham on Crouch junior parkrun

What, Where & When is junior parkrun

If you are 4-14 years old, you can walk, jog or run a 2K on your own or with family members.

What?

- A free, 2k event

When?

- Every Sunday at 9:00am

Where?

- Millfields, Burnham on Crouch



DIET



EXERCISE



HEALTH

It's Free & Everyone is welcome!

Why take part in junior parkrun

If you want to...

- Make friends
- Be part of a community
- Improve your health
- Be active
- Learn new skills

... there's no better place than parkrun!

parkrun is a running, jogging and/or walking event. No matter how fast or slow you are we are just delighted to see you taking part.



It's Free & Everyone is welcome!

Why is running good for you?



Milestones/ Achievements



Complete 11 junior parkruns and you receive a Half Marathon blue wristband & certificate

Complete 21 junior parkruns and you receive a Marathon green wristband & certificate.

Complete 50 junior parkruns and you receive a Ultra Marathon orange wristband & certificate.

Complete 100 junior parkruns and you receive a Certificate



Walk, jog, run or come along and support friends & family!

Thank You

And remember it's free & everyone is welcome!

Taking part is easy
Register once at
www.parkrun.org.uk
Print your barcode and
just turn up & join the parkrun family



Key dates for your diaries:

- 8th December – Christmas Tree decorating
- 8th December – Children's School Christmas Lunch Christmas jumpers can be worn
- 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Disco
- 11th December – Christmas Tree Fair (St. Leonard's)
- 13th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
- 14th December Pantomime Trip
- 15th & 16th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance for parents (1:30 pm)
- 16th 9am coffee morning and 9:45am KS2 Carol Service (all at St. Leonard's)

17th December Last day of Term