

EQualities Healthy School



# Arbury

## Primary School

# Newsletter

Autumn 2 2019



### Merry Christmas

Children and staff have again worked extremely hard and really do deserve a well-earned rest over the next couple of weeks. Please remember that we have staff training on the 19th December and we look forward to seeing the children again on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

### EYFS Nativity 2019



What an amazing nativity play from our youngest classes. Their production of 'A Wiggly Nativity' was a joy to watch. Please do check the website to see some lovely photos, download the montage or check out the video.

### KS1 Production

A big thank you to our children in years 1 and 2 for their wonderful production, 'Prickly Hay'. There are plenty of photos on the school website in the 'News and Events' section as well as a downloadable version of the montage. This time around, we have decided to film key scenes from the production so that we can provide them to you free of charge on the website.



### Pantomime 2020

We have arranged for a pantomime in school this year which will be performed on the first of the Spring term. We will be enjoying two performances of Jack in the Beanstalk.

### E-Safety

Please remember to look at the e-safety advice on the school website. There is a tab on the homepage that takes you directly to a wide range of information. This is especially important if you are giving or getting new technology for Christmas.

### Dinner Payments

We have been successfully using SIMS Pay for dinner money payments for a term. Parents and carers have fed back that it makes the task of paying for dinners and checking balances much more efficient.

From January 2020 we will no longer be accepting cheques for dinner payments. In the longer term, we will be going cashless for dinner payments. We aim to do this by September 2020. If you would like help registering for SIMS Pay, please talk to the office.

### Car Park Bay Re-marking

We will be having our car park bays re-marked on the inset day on Thursday 19th Dec. There will be no access to the car park and the main office for the day. You may still contact the office by telephone and email between the hours of 8.30am and 3.00pm.

### Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee has been working hard this term. Please take the time to read their first newsletter printed on the back of this newsletter.

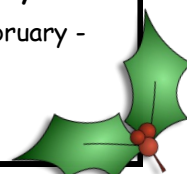
Headteacher: Mr Ben Tull

Newsletter Date

17th December 2019

### Diary Dates

- ☺ 17th December - 'A Taste of Christmas' @ 6.00pm
- ☺ 18th December - Last Day of term for Children
- ☺ 19th December - Staff Inset Day
- ☺ 6th January - First day of Spring Term
- ☺ 6th January - Panto in School
- ☺ 17th January - Class 6 Assembly
- ☺ 22nd January - Open Classrooms
- ☺ 24th January - School Eid Party
- ☺ 28th January - Y2 Trip to Colchester Castle
- ☺ 29th January - Y3/4 Gym Competition
- ☺ 30th January (Thurs) - Class 3 Assembly
- ☺ 7th February - Class 5 Assembly
- ☺ 7th February @ 3.30 - 'Be the Rainbow' event
- ☺ 11th February - Y1 Trip to Duxford
- ☺ 14th February - Class 1 Assembly
- ☺ 17th - 21st February - Half Term



December 2019

Dear parents/carers,

The Eco Committee have been working very hard for the first term of the eco-schools project, and they have achieved the Bronze Award for completing an audit of the school and an action plan!

The Eco Committee have been focusing on a marine topic, to help us understand our impacts on the world's oceans and how we can make positive differences for our seas. We have been particularly learning about how to reduce single-use plastic waste. The Eco Committee have come up with Ten Top Tips for an eco-friendly Christmas, which they hope will encourage you to reduce the amount of single-use plastics used over the festive period.

Best wishes,

Miss Sheldon and the Eco Committee

### Ten Top Tips for an Eco-Friendly Christmas

1. Reuse Christmas decorations and make paper decorations instead of buying new plastic ones
2. Go on a nature walk to find natural decorations
3. Reduce the amount of non-biodegradable glitter and plastic tinsel you use
4. Buy vegetables that are not wrapped in single-use plastic, where possible
5. Use recyclable wrapping paper, or wrap presents in homemade wrapping paper or ribbons
6. Save your wrapping paper to use again
7. Recycle the netting from around your Christmas tree and make it into a useful scourer for cleaning your pots and pans
8. If you have a plastic Christmas tree, take care when putting it away to make sure you can use it for a long time
9. Make sure you recycle and dispose responsibly of your Christmas waste
10. Turn off your Christmas lights when you are not at home.