**Holiday Dates -**

- **Last Day of Term** - Friday 21st December. School closing at 1.30pm
- **First Day Back after Christmas** - Monday 7th January 2019
- **Inset Day** - Friday 15th February 2019

**Dates for your Diary -**

- 17th December 2018 - Nursery Christmas Parent Workshop @ 2.30pm
- 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December - Whole school Christmas lunch.
- 19th December - Reception Parent Christmas Workshop @ 8.45am.
- 21st December 2018 (am) - Pantomime Performance for the children.

**Spring Term**

- 30th January - Dance Festival
- 6th February - Year 1 & 2 Drama 4 All workshop
- 12th February - Parents Evening
- 14th February - Parents Evening

**Attendance -**

The best class for attendance, week ending the 14th December 2018 was Dolphins Class with 97.3% attendance. Well done to them!

Congratulations to:

- **Dolphins** - 97.3%
- **Meerkats** - 96.0%

Unfortunately 4 classes did not reach our 96% target:

- **Turtles** - 95.4%
- **Pandas** - 94.0%
- **Koalas** - 92.0%
- **Starfish** - 89.6%

Overall attendance was 94.1% which is below our 96% target.

**This Week’s Attendance Heroes -**

- **Starfish**: Madison G
- **Dolphins**: Emily P
- **Turtles**: Hallie S
- **Meerkats**: Evan P
- **Koalas**: Layla K
- **Pandas**: Dylan S

**Achievers of the Week -**

- **Bumblebees**: Amelia W
- **Butterflies**: Elliott E
- **Grasshoppers**: Harrison H
- **Starfish**: Leon C
- **Dolphins**: Emily P
- **Turtles**: Phoebe H
- **Meerkats**: Laila-Rose
- **Koalas**: Freya D
- **Pandas**: Freyah G

**Menu Week - 2**

- **Monday**: Meat Free Monday - Macaroni Cheese or Tomato Pasts.
- **Tuesday**: Christmas Dinner Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets or Roast Quorn, Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Peas & Gravy. Carton of Juice & Festive Biscuits.
- **Wednesday**: Chicken or Quorn Pie with Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Peas & Gravy.
- **Thursday**: BBQ Beef or Quorn Mince with Rice.
- **Friday**: Harry Ramsden Fish or Omelette with Chips & Sweetcorn.
This Week’s News:

Next Tuesday is Christmas Jumper Day, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with a Christmas jumper. **No monetary donation is required.**

Today saw the last of our Christmas Productions. It has been a hectic week in school but an enjoyable one. The children and staff have worked hard over the last few weeks in order to perform for all of you and we hope you enjoyed watching them. I would like to take opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work and congratulate the children on their fantastic performances.

**Reminder** - Clay, Film, Dance, Drama and Cooking clubs have all finished this week. Further information regarding next term’s clubs will be published in January. We hope all of the children who have attended these clubs have enjoyed them.

We submitted photographs, to the Echo Newspaper, of some of the Reception children in their production costumes. The Nativity Edition of The Echo will be published on Tuesday 18th December, copies can be purchased from local newsagents.

**Termly Reports** - Teachers will be completing the final parts of the Autumn assessment process next week. During the first week of next Term, your child will receive their Autumn term report. Further information about the reports will be in the packs sent home.

Next Friday the school will be closing at 1.30pm. Please be advised that After School Club will operating as usual for those children who require it.

Reminder for Year 2 Parents - You must submit an application by 15 January 2019. If you live in the administrative area of Essex County Council but your child is at an infant school outside Essex, you need to contact the school’s local authority or speak to your child’s current school to find out how to apply for a Year 3 / Junior School place. Applications can be made via the link on the below webpage:

[https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/ Admissions/Pages/Transferring-from-Year-2-to-3.aspx](https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/ Admissions/Pages/Transferring-from-Year-2-to-3.aspx)