



### KEY DATES

#### JANUARY

6th

**INSET Day**

7th

School resumes

10th

**Forms 5 & 6**

First swimming lesson

#### FEBRUARY

14th

Break up for half term

17th - 21st

**Half Term**

24th

School resumes

28th

**Forms 3 & 4**

First swimming lesson

#### MARCH

3rd

3:50 - 7:30pm

**Pre-School—Form 6**

Parent Interviews

5th

3:50 - 7:30pm

**Pre-School - Form 6**

Parent Interviews

11th

9:30 - 11:30am

Taster Session

13th

**Form 5**

Brentwood Tournament

14th

Open Morning

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season began for me in earnest with the EYFS production of “Mary’s Knitting” which was an absolute delight; to see children so young remembering so many lines and movements was wonderful. They performed their roles with a palpable sense of joy and pride. The Christmas feeling was fully reinforced by this year’s Christmas Carol Concert and Nativity, hosted by Mya and Shavaiz. The Nativity was utterly charming, and the singing from the whole school was (in my opinion) the best ever. I was an extraordinarily proud Headmistress, and judging from the faces I could see in the ‘audience’ the feeling was shared by the parents, friends and family members who joined us. Well done to all pupils and staff involved in both events.

As you will all be aware, Miss Holt is leaving us today, and I know you would all like to join with the school in wishing her good luck and happiness for the future.

I have some lovely news to share with you - Mrs Caines is expecting a baby due around Easter time and I know you will join me and her colleagues in wishing her a happy and healthy pregnancy.

It has been a long and busy term; it began with the last heat of the summer sun on our backs, and is ending with the short, cold and dark days. We wish you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas, with precious quality time spent with family and friends. See you all on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Whiskerd

Headmistress

### Pre-School & Reception Nativity

It always feels like the start of Christmas once Pre-School and Reception have done their Nativity concert. We were treated to a wonderful performance of Mary’s Knitting and the hard work from children and staff was evident. Well done everyone!



## PFA Christmas Bazaar

Thanks as always go to Vic Stringer and her super PFA crew who organised yet another great event in the shape of our Christmas Bazaar. The children enjoyed an afternoon of games, face painting, hair braiding, cakes, arts and crafts and even throwing 'snowballs' at their teachers! Without the PFA volunteers, these events wouldn't be possible so we wish you a truly heartfelt 'thank you'.



## Pre-Prep Christmas Parties

The children in Pre-School, Reception and Pre-Prep all enjoyed their Christmas parties. Pre-School and Reception enjoyed their visit from Professor Rainbows who entertained them. Pre-Prep enjoyed their parties and all the children loved their surprise visit from Father Christmas.



## Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch is always a much looked forward to event, with all the children enjoying their traditional Christmas dinner. Complete with singalong at the end. Thank you to the wonderful ladies in our kitchen who work so hard all year round making sure all the children are fed and happy.



## Carol Concert

Another highlight of the year is always our Carol Concert with the special Nativity performance from Form 2. Once again, the children outdid themselves and put on a wonderful performance, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done to all involved.

