



Work around school

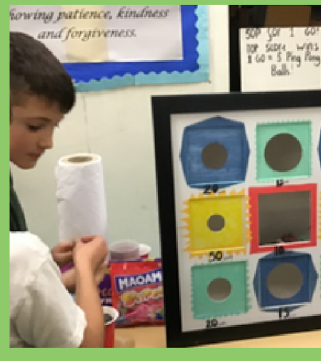
iRock Concert

We were able to watch the wonderful iRock groups perform in their concert. Definitely some future pop stars in the making! They sang some well known songs by artists such as Imagine Dragons and The White Stripes.



School Fayre

What a well attended event! We are very proud of the creative ideas the children had, producing some excellent games. The Fayre raised £1623.92, not including raffle and tea towel sales. Of this, year 5/6 were responsible for an amazing £733.93. Thank you and well done!



Nativity Performance

EYFS and KS1 performed their spectacular Nativity play (A Magical Journey). It was full of super singing, amazing acting and dynamic dancing. One thing we have never seen before, is tangoing sheep and probably won't again!

FOSP update

We've really enjoyed hosting and helping with lots of Christmas activities this month. Thanks to everyone who helped at the Chocolate Tombola, collecting and sorting the chocolate and then those who volunteered on the stall on the day. We also helped run the bar, tuck and BBQ at the Christmas Fayre but the year 5&6s were the real stars of the show with their amazing creativity building and hosting their stalls! Thanks also to the hamper makers and raffle ticket sellers - we hope all the winners are really pleased with their prizes.

We still have some tea towels available for sale through the FOSP website at £5 each.

All the money raised goes to help the school with everything from enrichment activities to basic classroom supplies. Thanks to everyone who comes along to the events and spends their money on the activities - it truly makes a huge difference.

FOSP is made up of ALL the parents with children at the school - everyone is automatically a member. The committee are a team within FOSP who volunteer to plan and organise the events we all enjoy. We really need to expand our team of volunteers, either for the committee or to help plan and organise events or to volunteer an hour here and there at the events. Our next committee meeting is on the 4th of January - everyone welcome - you don't have to be on the committee to come along. We'll probably meet in the pub, and discuss the events for the spring term. The warm, fuzzy feeling you get from volunteering is honestly so brilliant and a lovely antidote to the winter blues!

We'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks
Kerrie Brinkley-Whittington

Parent Forum

It was great to see many faces at the parent forum this term. We are always keen to hear parent views and I, for one, found the session extremely useful!

Some of the items discussed:

- Providing a wider range of clubs, particularly those that are not sport.
- It would be useful to know what children have been learning during the week to aid conversations at home.
- Parents would like to see the return of consistent Forest School provision in Reception.
- The quality of the toilets!

Actions taken so far:

- Miss Smith will recommence Forest School in the new year.
- I am in contact with various people about a Computing and a Forest School club. We are now on a waiting list for Computer Xplorers to deliver an after-school club at St Peter's.
- Y1-Y6 - informal information will be shared on SeeSaw about what children are currently learning in school. This may be in the form of photos and captions, or a few sentences accompanying the weekly homework. EYFS - Tapestry is used to share information with parents.

Our next Parent Forum is scheduled for 25th January at 9am.

Online Safety

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are? Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.
#StaySafe

School dates

newly added items are highlighted in yellow

December

20th	Christmas service at church - Year 6 parents invited
21st - 4rd Jan	Christmas holidays

January

15th	Years 5 & 6 Computing morning - crumbles equipment
22nd - 26th	Multicultural Arts Week
25th - 9am	Parent Forum
25th - am	Girls' Football - Colchester United FC (girls football club only)
29th - am	KS2 Cross Country (cross country club only)
30th	Young Voices

February

2nd - 2.45pm	Olive class assembly
5th - 9th	Children's Mental Health Week
6th	Safer Internet Day
9th - 2.45pm	Cherry class assembly
13th - 3.30-5.30pm 14th - 4.00-7.30pm	Parent Consultation evening
16th - 2.45pm	Pine class assembly
19th-23rd	HALF TERM
26th	Return to school