

Welcome to the Xmas edition of our school newsletter. Thank you to everyone that contributed.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). We've had a busy and productive term with lots to tell you about and a few reminders to give too.

- ◆ Our Christmas productions and Christmas Market have been a source of great joy and happiness. Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of performance they gave - fabulous! Well done to our talented children for giving of their best, and thanks to staff who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully.
- ◆ Thank you for coming to join in with our celebrations and I would especially like to thank you for your generous donations, which came to £450.24. We shall be giving the money to the local Rotary Club, who will be able to use it in time for Christmas for local families in need and the elderly.
- ◆ Our amazing Christmas tree forms the backdrop to our Christmas celebrations and was again donated to us by Paul Cox, whose children attended Engaines. He always remembers us and the children and staff would like to say a very big thank you.
- ◆ It is the time of the year to remind everyone of what to do in case of school closure due to snow. In the event that we have to close, you can find the information on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>
We shall also put messages out via our webpage, School Jotter and Facebook page.
- ◆ Timestable Rockstars- we shall be launching this resource when we return in January. We shall be holding an information meeting on Thursday 10th January at 6pm, so you know how to access this website at home and what is available on it. The government are introducing a statutory on-line times table test in June 2020 and we hope this resource will help prepare the children for this test.
- ◆ **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - FINAL REMINDER!**
If you have a child who is due to start school next academic year (i.e. who will be four years old before 1st September 2019) please ensure you have applied for a school place in time. The closing date for first time admission applications is the 15th January 2019 for the September 2019 intake.
All applications are made to the Local Authority and you can apply online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions
Please find all the information you need on our web-site.
- ◆ **Fund raising for the PTA**
I am so pleased to announce that due to the outstanding work of the PTA and your support, we have been able to order 15 new computers for our ICT suite. These will be delivered after the holidays and installed as soon as possible. This will make a huge difference to the quality of ICT provision for the children and staff. A big thank you!
- ◆ Part of the money raised was through the parental contribution of £5.00 per child in September. Thank you if you did contribute, as it really did help.
- ◆ Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Cole who has worked in the office for the past two and half years. Mrs Cole is moving to the Sigma Trust and we wish her well in her future career, and thank her for her support and hard work whilst working at Engaines.



Engaines Fundraising



There have been lots of Fundraising activities this term, and as always you have been super generous.

- * The Shoe Box Appeal - we sent over 60 shoe boxes to the church for under privileged children
- * Poppy Appeal - raised £237.37
- * Children in Need - raised £461.53
- * Xmas Jumper Day for Save the Children - raised £187.30
- * Xmas collections for The Rotary Club - raised £450.24

Engaines you are amazing—thank you!!!

Engaines Nursery News

I'd like to finish the year by saying a big thank you to all of the families that supported the Nursery Family Friday, our Xmas Party, Xmas Market and the Xmas Show, which I think you will agree was rather fabulous.

We have had an amazing first term, the children are all settled and thriving really well.

We wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mrs Williams & the nursery team



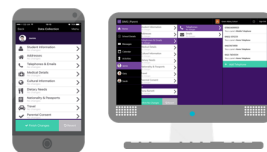
**SIMS
PARENT**

SIMS Parent Lite App - In the new year we will be rolling out a new app that will enable you to check the details that we hold on file for you.

You will receive an invite by email to download the app and sign in. You will be able to make changes using the app, update mobile phone numbers, email addresses etc. We will start with Foundation and move up each year group.

More details to follow in the new year.....

SIMS Parent Lite app and website Parent View...



Parents can also access School Contact information and Term Dates from the app and website.
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PTA Page



The PTA ran 2 events this term, the Firework Display and the Xmas Disco. The Fireworks Display was excellent, the Display provided by the Company was the best yet. Unfortunately ticket sales were down on last year, so the PTA didn't make a profit from this event. It has been decided that we will not run the display next year, as the cost of the Fireworks has increased, and the PTA can't afford to make a loss at any event as the school really needs every penny that we can raise to assist the children's learning. We will book for 2020.

The Xmas Disco was very well attended by the children and everyone had a fabulous time. On the night we took over a £1000.00, which is an immense amount of money and feedback from the children is that it was the 'best disco ever'. So a huge thankyou to all of our parent volunteer's and staff that stayed to man stalls and to assist the children as we cannot run our events without your support.

If anyone is interested in helping at any of our future events, please email the office, comment on FB or just grab one of us in the playground.

We are - Caroline Hyde, Wendy Jones, Katy Reeves, Helen Olney, Katy Hull, Hayley Coleman, Jo Rayson, Stacie Willson, Becky Andrews, Michelle Cox.

Xmas Market



The Xmas Market was a resounding success. We sold all of the items that the children made and raised lots of money which each key stage will have to spend on resources in the new year. Thank you to everyone that came along to support the children and the school!!

Xmas Nativities and shows

The children and staff worked so hard on all of the performances this year. We had songs from the Nursery and Foundation, a Nativity from KS1, Carols from LKS2 and a Xmas Spectacular from UKS2. Beautiful singing and performing. You should all be very proud—we are!!



3rd January 2019 - Back to School
10th January 2019 - Timestable Rockstars Parent Meeting
16th January 2019 - SEN Coffee Morning

1st February 2019 - Quiz Night
13th February 2019 - SEN Coffee Morning
14th February 2019 - Valentines Disco

13th March 2019 - SEN Coffee Morning
15th March 2019 - Red Nose Day
21st March 2019 - Stay and Read
27th March 2019 - Mothers Day Lunch

3rd April 2019 - Mothers Day Lunch

12th June 2019 - Fathers Day Lunch
19th June 2019 - Fathers Day Lunch
22nd June 2018 - Summer Fete



Oh no they didn't!!!!

Oh yes they did!! West End in Schools performed for the children on the last day of term. They performed Beauty and the Beast and the children loved it.

Thank you to the PTA for paying for this lovely treat!!!!



The Rotary Club

On the last day of term, Mark Penn from the Clacton Rotary Club came to Engaines to collect the money that you raised at the Xmas Performances. He was delighted with the £450.24 and told us how it would help local families that needed some extra support over the Xmas period.

He will be coming back in the new year to talk to the children in assembly about the fabulous work that the Rotary Club do in the local community. Once again, our thanks to you all!!

Merry Xmas!!



Class Attendance Autumn Term



Congratulations to Miss Waltham's class for achieving the top slot for attendance!!!

Class	Number of pupils with 100% attendance for this term	Number of pupils with 100% attendance for the current year	Class Attendance for the year
Miss Blunden	21	21	95.39%
Mrs Elmer	14	14	94.82%
Mrs Nunn	15	15	96.00%
Mr Lehain	17	17	97.25%
Mrs Ford	11	11	95.16%
Ms Warnes	18	18	97.92%
Miss Waltham	20	20	98.67%
Mr Rossett	15	15	96.65%
Mr O'Brien	16	16	97.31%
Mrs Wainwright	15	15	96.46%