



Happy New Year and welcome back to school to those returning and also a very warm welcome to the new children who have started in Nursery this term, and to their families. We hope that you will all be very happy here.

Letters issued this week : After School Clubs

The menu for next week is:

Monday	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings
Tuesday	Chicken Casserole
Wednesday	Cottage Pie
Thursday	Lasagne
Friday	Chicken Goujons, Potatoes and Baked Beans

The Charity for this Term – Our charity for this term will be St Elizabeth's Hospice. Along with church services we hope to have a non uniform day linked with World Book Day for this very worthwhile cause.

Activities – There has been a good take up for these with both junior pottery and technology project club being full. There are some spaces in the other activities. If your child would like to take part in any of them, please speak to Mrs Mills in the office. They will all begin next week. A list will be up on the school noticeboard by the end of today.

Before and After School Care – Please can we remind you that children arriving before 8.35 should be dropped off at Early Morning Club. Please do not to go to the classrooms before this time. A letter regarding both before and after school care arrangements will be sent out next week.

Presentation of Work – We have begun to introduce a new procedure for setting out work in Years 3 to 6 in order to further raise standards. We hope that parents will be able to help when children are completing their homework so next week we will send out a copy of the policy for you to keep at home.

Toad Row – Can I please put out my annual plea for parents not to use Toad Row as a short cut to and from school and the A12.

A Reminder – Please can we ask you to ensure that all school fees are paid by Monday.

Bad Weather – Although the weather has been kind so far this winter, I thought it important to remind you all of the procedure should we need to close the school. The Headmaster or his representative will telephone each Form Teacher as soon as possible (ideally before 7.30 a.m.). Each Form Teacher will telephone his or her pupils immediately excluding siblings of older pupils. This procedure will operate on each and every day the school is closed.

Provisional Calendar and Dates for the next Academic Year – Please find below a list of dates for this term and also for the next academic year. All additions and changes will be highlighted on the weekly newsletter and on the school website.

January

Tuesday 3rd Staff Meetings
Wednesday 4th Term Begins
Monday 16th 7.30pm PTFA Meeting
Friday 20th Football v The Abbey (H)

February

Friday 3rd Candlemas Service at Church
 Netball v The Abbey (A)
Tuesday 7th Governing Council Meeting
Wednesday 8th Cross Country at Langley Prep U7, U9 and U11
Friday 10th Half Term Begins
 Full Reports Issued

Monday 20th Term Resumes
Monday 27th Parents' meetings to discuss reports during this week (TBC)
Wednesday 29th U9 Netball at Taverham Hall

March

Friday 2nd World Book Day celebration
Friday 9th Open Morning
Friday 16th National Festival at Upminster
Tuesday 27th Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Easter Concert
Friday 30th Easter Service at Church
 Grades Issued
 Term Ends

Autumn Term 2012

Wednesday 5th September – Friday 14th December
Half Term: 25th October – 2nd November inclusive

Spring Term 2013

Wednesday 9th January – Tuesday 26th March
Half Term: 18th – 22nd February inclusive

Summer Term 2013

Wednesday 17th April – Friday 12th July
Half Term: 27th May – 31st May inclusive