



Dear Parents,

As this is the first newsletter of 2017, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a belated Happy New Year. We are just over a week into a very busy term and I am glad to report that pupils have settled back into the routine and that they are working hard whilst enjoying all aspects of school life.

As I write this newsletter, the snow is falling very heavily and I would like to remind parents that we do not expect any driver to take unnecessary risks in trying to get children into school and please refer to the School website and local radio for any announcements regarding potential school closure.

In the next week or so you will be receiving instructions regarding the biennial parental survey. Please do take the time to fill this in as your feedback is very important to us. The pupils will also be taking part in a survey and we look forward to reading the findings. Further details can be found in the newsletter and specific login details will be sent directly to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in the Senior School entrance exam which takes place next weekend. They have all worked hard and I am confident that they will come through with flying colours. A number of pupils have also taken part in the various scholarship exams and we are hopeful of success in these areas.

Kindest regards,

Jason Whiskerd

### **Headmaster's Awards**

Jessica Kriel  
Austin Whight  
Devanshi Sinha

### **Bronze Merit Awards**

Sophie Young  
Austin Measday  
Flora Gunn  
Nithya Maroju  
Robbie Johnston  
Oliver Noble  
Devanshi Sinha  
Dmitry Molostvov

### **Silver Award Winner**

Achinta Kundra

## Congratulations to our new School Council representatives

3DV Harry Barden and Shiloh Akpan  
3CK William Crichton and Oliver Whitney  
3NR Jack Travers and Orla Broderick  
4NE Henry Ding and Nina Pert  
4SF Omaye Binitie and Austin Measday  
4KO Gia Vashisht and Henry Jupp  
5AP Dimitry Molostvov and Nithya Maroju  
5JL Alistair Cooper and Amelia Dinning  
5TW Milan Mistry and Lucy Shackleton  
6AM Alfie Bradbrook and Elizabeth Smillie  
6ST Araminta Smalley and Jensen Martell  
6JS Faris Fahal and Mobolu Olowoyeye

## Congratulations to our House Captains for this term

**Lawrence:** Emily Pheby and Adhith Srikanth  
**Bayman:** Alfie Bradbrook and Mobolu Olowoyeye  
**Heseltine:** Matthew Trevelyan and Emma Dowlen  
**Quennell:** Ellie Burrell and Calum Donovan

## No Late Stay on Monday 16th January

We would like to remind all KS2 parents that there will be no Late Stay on Monday 16th January due to a whole staff training session.

## 2017 Parent and Pupil Surveys

We do not rest on our laurels and are always looking at ways to make improvements to the School. Those of you who have been with us for a little while will remember the paper questionnaires we have previously sent out which ask you how you think the School has performed in a number of different areas over the past year. This year we are going digital and an online questionnaire will be emailed to all Senior School parents and pupils and all Preparatory parents and Key Stage 2 pupils. The email will include links and passwords and all responses will be returned directly to Kirkland Rowell Surveys.

Please could I ask you to spare ten minutes to fill out your responses and help us make our School the best that it can be for your child. You will have two weeks to complete the survey and all your answers are anonymous and will be treated in the strictest confidence. We value your opinion and thank you in advance for taking part in this important survey.

## Lent Term 2017 Calendar

Dear Parents

With apologies, there are some errors on the printed Lent Term 2017 Calendar you received last term. I can confirm the following information is correct. Regards Laura Williams

### Tues 14th March

KS1 Stay on is available

### Wed 15th March

KS1 NO STAY ON

3.30pm - 5pm KS1 Parent Consultations

### Thursday 16th March

KS1 NO STAY ON

3.30pm - 5pm KS1 Parent Consultations

6pm - 8pm KS1 Parent Consultations

### Wednesday 22nd March

The Ensembles Concert was unfortunately duplicated on the printed calendar. There will be **one** concert this term, it will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The concert on the earlier date of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February will **not** take place.

## Friends of Brentwood School Wine Tasting Evening

Tickets are now on sale for this Wine Tasting evening which is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Bean Academic Centre Tuck Shop. Tickets for the event, which will be held in conjunction with The Shenfield Wine Co. and Abigail's Delicatessen in Ingatestone, will cost £25 price will include a welcome drink, tasting wines and cheese boards. For further information and details about how to buy tickets, please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you to FoBS, the helpers and everyone who attended the Preparatory School Christmas Fayre last month. You raised a fantastic £1,602 - every penny of which will be used to benefit pupils. The FoBS Christmas lunch at the Plough in Mountnessing on the 6<sup>th</sup> December raised a further £805. Thank you to the committee and all the event organisers for their hard work and dedication.



## Christmas Jars

Whilst we're all in New Year mode and looking forward, a brief look back is in order to congratulate the winners of the Christmas Jar competition. It's such a great part of the Christmas Fayre and so a huge thank you is in order for everybody who took the time and effort to contribute. There were so many creative and imaginative jars that truly highlighted the artistic talents of the children, but in the end there had to be some winners and the catering staff very kindly acted as judges again this year to determine the winning jars. Congratulations then, to Abigail Barham and Jack Travers in Y3, Brooke Skinner and Henry Jupp in Y4, Elsie Playle and Fraser Forbes in Y5, and Emily Hill and Thibaud Mathieson in Y6. They received book tokens so hopefully they read some great new books over the holiday! Mr Holtby

## Junior Christmas Performance

The collection after the Junior Christmas Performance raised a massive £578.50 for SNAP. Thank you for your generosity.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for your continuing support, we received a thank you email from the local distributor in Chelmsford highlighting our role in this massive campaign.

"Once again a huge thank you for donating to this year's campaign. You will be making so many children happy. The majority of the boxes from Chelmsford went either to Zambia or The Ukraine. We checked and sent a whopping 17,407 boxes. We also received some ready checked boxes from two other Essex areas which means a fantastic total of 21,319 boxes being sent from Chelmsford warehouse. Thank you."

## New Brentwood Library Children's Book Group

Exciting news! There is a new children's book group starting at Brentwood Library on 28<sup>th</sup> January from 11am – 12noon and is for children aged 7 – 11. At the first meeting the children can talk about their favourite books. Here's a link to the Brentwood Library Website and the contact details:

<http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/brentwood-library-events/childrens-book-club-brentwood/>

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## KS2 New Year Disco – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

A letter regarding our annual KS2 New Year Disco was emailed to all KS2 parents yesterday. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure that the reply slip is completed and returned to School Office by

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. If you have not received the email or cannot open the attachment, a copy of the letter and reply slip is available on FROG.

## EYFS and KS1 News

Dear Parents,

I never know the appropriate time to stop saying 'Happy New Year', but as this is the first opportunity I have had to say it to you all, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that your resolutions are all still on track - Remember the school day starts at 9am so please ensure you allow time to be here before the gate closes!

The children have all come back beautifully, and carried on where they left off. Nursery children started their dance lessons on Monday and I have already seen some stunning starts to our Lent Term topics. Year 2 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Florence Nightingale this week and Year 1 enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows in the walled garden. I am sure many Reception parents will be watching Frozen again over the coming weeks!

Just a few New Year reminders for you:

- Please name all items of clothing for your child. This is something we do say at the start of every academic year and is vital when the children are changing for swimming in such close proximity to each other.
- Please check your Lent Term calendars for events this term! Forest School starts next week. Please note that the March consultations are only on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Uniform reminders – jogging bottoms are only to be worn on swimming and Forest School days unless by special request from the teachers. During this cold snap please could you ensure your child has a school coat and scarf, gloves and hat. The coats, gloves, hats and scarves are kept in stock at the School Shop along with School hair accessories and these are the only ones that should be worn.
- Please could you remember to send in an email or absence note on your child's return to School following any absence, letting us know the reason. (This applies even if you have already sent one on the first day of absence).
- Tapestry is now open for all EYFS parents and we are enjoying seeing your comments on the recent observations that have been posted; we were pleased to see that one parent has managed to upload their own observation.

Once again a huge thank you from all staff for the amazing Christmas gifts we received both to the staff room and individually. We are very grateful for and appreciative of these kind gestures.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and positive 2017!

Kind regards

Vanessa Audas

## Reception

Our Reception children arrived at School on Monday to find many of their toys had been frozen in blocks of ice. The children were quite intrigued as to how this happened and came to the conclusion that Elsa had been to visit and 'frozen' everything! This caused much discussion about how to free the toys and the children said we needed to melt and thaw the ice. Some were quite surprised how cold and slippery the ice was. A few children suggested we could melt the ice by going to Florida, Greece or Turkey, others suggested putting it in the oven or on the radiator! All toys were free from the ice by lunchtime!



### Year One

Year One had a stunning start to their 'Very Chilly' topic today. The weather turned nice and cold for us just in time! We had a wonderful day making polar bear faces, then we went out onto the playground to hunt for polar animal footprints and toast marshmallows around the fire. We finished the day by making snowflakes, snowflake-iced biscuits and drinking hot chocolate. We have certainly learned about how to keep warm and happy on a chilly wet day!

We are looking forward to learning more about the icy polar regions of the world: its inhabitants, animals and explorers.



## Recent Sports Results

### Netball



Brentwood and District League matches

Vs St. Mary's

Under 11As won

22-1

Player of the Match

Isabella Born

Under 11B's won

9-1

Player of the Match

Flora Gunn

### Football



U11a vs Ingatestone

5-4 win for us.

Goals from Noble, Gennings, Okafor x 2, Odelusi

**Forthcoming Events**

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>No Late Stay tonight</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>KS2 - Year 5- Young Voices, 12pm - lunch at senior school</b>

**Forthcoming Sports Fixtures**

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>2.30pm - U10 A B &amp; C Football v St Mary's - (H) 3pm - KS2 - U11A Netball v Long Ridings - (H)</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>3pm - KS2 - U11 Girls' Football v Ingrave Johnstone – (H) 4pm - KS2 Cricket Academy - By invitation - Les Wingrove</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>3.50pm - KS2 - U11 Girls' Football v St Peter's - (H) -</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>2.15pm - U11 A &amp; B Netball v Ingatestone - (H) 2.30pm - KS2 - U10A Football v Widford Lodge - (H) 2.30pm - KS2 - U11A&amp;B Football v Widford Lodge - (H) -</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>2.30pm - KS2 - U9ABC&amp;D Netball v Bancroft's - (A) - leave 1.55pm 2.30pm - KS2 - U9A&amp;B Rugby v St Cedd's - (H)</b>
<b>Friday 27/01/2017 14:30</b>	<b>2.30pm - U11A Hockey v Elm Green - (H) 2.30pm - U11A&amp;B Rugby v Elm Green - (H) 4pm - KS2 Cricket Academy - By invitation - Les Wingrove</b>





**FoBS**

Friends of Brentwood School

# WINE TASTING EVENING

*join us for*

An informal evening

in conjunction with Shenfield Wines plus  
a selection of cheeses from Abigail's of Ingatestone

Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm for 8pm start

Tuck Shop, Bean Academic Centre

Brentwood School

Tickets at £25.00 per person

Tables are for 8 people

Wine Tasting Evening  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:30 pm

I would like to make a reservation for a table  
(tables are for 8 people)

Lead Name

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Number of people

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Total cost (£25.00 per head)

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Please make cheques payable to  
'Friends of Brentwood School'

Telephone:

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Email:

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For more information please contact Stacey Mamelok, details  
below.

Limited number of tickets. Please reserve via text or email, and  
return completed form and cheque as soon as possible to Stacey  
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