Dear Parents,

After what has been a slightly disjointed week in school we have reached the end of a spectacularly busy term. The pupils have enjoyed a wide variety of festive experiences and the Junior Concert certainly provided seasonal cheer for the audience.

Last week all families received a hard copy Prep 125 edition of our school magazine, ‘Incipe’. I do hope that this publication fills you with a true sense of pride as it does chronicle the vast range of events and activities that the children have been involved in during the past academic year. Stand out moments of 2017 revolve around the major celebratory events such as the Prep 125 Concert and Cathedral Services. I am certain that they will both linger long in the memory of those who were lucky enough to have been there.

Today marks the retirement of both Mrs Vinall and Mr Turner. They have both given so much to our school community over very many years and I am sure that you will want to join me in wishing them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Brentwood remains a very popular choice for parents and next term we have the annual round of entrance exams for entry in September 2018. Our current year 6 pupils will certainly be keeping up with their studies over the holiday as they prepare for the Senior School exam on the 20th January. It goes without saying that we want them all to do well but it is vital that every pupil has a good rest with plenty of festive cheer thrown in.

Lastly, may I wish you all a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing the pupils safely back in school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Kindest regards,

Jason Whiskerd

**IB Learner Profile Awards**
Robbie Johnstone (Principled and Caring), Amelia Southgate (Caring), Abigail Barham (Caring) Ben Shaer (Principled)

**Headmaster’s Awards:** Edward Tomlinson, Brooke Skinner, Violet Charleston, Morayo Jegede, Adhvaith Badhrinath, Nina Pert, Shreya Acher and Chloe Dewar

**Bronze Awards:** Lachlan Stronach, Austin Measday, Sophie Young, Violet Charleston, Morayo Jegede, Adhvaith Badhrinath, Chloe Brown, Jessica Jackson, Mori Ashiru, Jessica Kriel, Abigail Honisett, Anna-Kaye Fullerton, Olivia Toms, Leo Gibson and Brooke Skinner

**Congratulations**
To Quennell who won the Barnes Shield for House Points and to Heseltine for winning the Good Conduct Cup for the fewest missed breaks.
Year 4 Circuit Decorations and Christmas Messages.
Christmas Jumper Day

The KS2 collection has raised £333.90 for Save the Children, thank you everyone.

The Jesse Tree

5JL enjoyed opening their gift of a harp to hang on the Jesse tree and Oyinda read to the class about the story of David and being brave.
Christmas Fayre Fun
Sporting News

During the last issue I mentioned that our Under 11 Boys Football A Team were due to play in a County Cup Final Tournament at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, after qualifying as the Shenfield School Sport Partnership representative school earlier this term. On a freezing cold day, the Football played by the boys at times warmed the soul of Mr Sealey, and I was fortunate enough to witness first-hand the progress the side had made since I last accompanied them - to Chigwell School for the ISFA Tournament back in September.

The team had made a flying start back then, only to take the foot off the accelerator somewhat and draw a couple of games that proved pivotal in the final mix up (we finished second despite not losing and defeating the eventual winners 2 - 0). This time it was full throttle all the way to the final, and within five minutes we had hit the post after a scintillating passage of play didn’t bring the goal it duly deserved. Had that goal gone in, I am sure we would not have needed extra time or the dreaded penalty shoot-out that ensued after no goals were scored during the additional three minutes of play. Having seen both teams dispatch their first seven penalties, it was unfortunately one of our own that missed first, although the way the team rallied around and conducted themselves in defeat was admirable. That’s three major tournaments already this season without a defeat - well done team!

On the same day, our Under 11 Girls A Football Team also had a fixture; a tough match away against St Mary’s. This was the biggest challenge Mr Edward’s charges have had to date, but they put in a great performance in defeat, losing 4 - 2 eventually.

The following day, all of our Year 4 Boys ventured to Bancroft’s for A, B, C & D Rugby matches and really enjoyed their second outing of the season. Despite the freezing cold temperatures, our boys turned up the heat in winning the A, B and C game and registering a high scoring draw in the D Team game. Well done boys!

The week ended with Rugby and Hockey matches against Widford Lodge for Year 5. Here, we didn’t enjoy such success with the Rugby B Team our only victors on the day, but that’s not to say we didn’t enjoy ourselves and the sausage and chips consumed post-match certainly helped to warm everybody up afterwards.

Last week began with Bayman House taking the spoils in the Year 3 House Tag Rugby AND Hockey Tournaments. There was some superb action to round off a term where all pupils have worked so hard to develop their skills and understanding in both activities and I look forward to seeing the same enthusiasm for Football and Netball after Christmas. With Bayman taking an early lead, can Heseltine, Lawrence and Quennell claw back their advantage in the Year 5 and Year 5 events to come before Christmas...?
Following on from our Year 3 House Sport, A&B Rugby Teams from both Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to Bishop’s Stortford on Thursday 6th December for four Rugby fixtures. The U11 B Team captured the result of the day with a great victory, whilst the U11 A Team played extremely well in drawing their match. Unfortunately the U10 A & B Teams both lost, but the B’s scored plenty of tries in defeat; stiffer defence will be what they work on after Christmas.

Also that Thursday, our Under 11 A Girls Football Team welcomed Long Ridings School to the Prep. On a chilly afternoon, the girls unfortunately lost a rollercoaster of a game by six goals to five, with Olivia Mitchell scoring a hat trick!

To round off the fixtures action for the year, the Under 11 A Boys Football Team ventured Dagenham way to take on William Bellamy School. On a challenging pitch not conducive to fast flowing Football, our team still managed to come away with a 6 - 2 victory, making the bus journey back to the Prep an enjoyable one.

Last Friday, Year 5 & 6 pupils had an immediate opportunity to work off their Christmas Lunch with some fun Hockey and Football matches - the girls must have been so tired as they couldn’t even manage to take off their Christmas jumpers!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support throughout my first term at Brentwood Prep School. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the pupils and watching their sporting confidence grow - long may this continue.

Have a wonderful Christmas, see you on or near a sports pitch, field or pool in 2018.

With best wishes

Mr Sawyer
Director of Sport & Co-Curricular Activities

Year 6 Form Football Competition
The Year 6 Form Football Competition, held just before the end of term, was deservedly won by 6ST who won both of their matches. Great fun was had by all of the boys and £30 was raised for Cancer Research.
Well done to all of the boys who took part.

After the Junior Christmas Performance, we raised a massive £438.60 for SNAP.

Thank you so much.
Our Chamber Choir visited a local OAP care centre and sang some Christmas Songs.

Early Years and Year Stage One

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support throughout this busy Michaelmas term. The children have all settled well into their new year groups and are producing some excellent work. Thank you to all our gardening helpers, swimming mums and library assistants, your help is much appreciated.

The Christmas concerts have been very successful and I would like to thanks parents, staff and of course, children for all their hard work with props, acting, singing and costumes. I was very proud of each and every one of them and it is fantastic that every child takes part. I hope you enjoy reliving the “magic” on the DVD over the holiday. We are very grateful to all who donated to our collection we raised a record breaking £773 for the “4 Louis” charity which is extremely generous – thank you!

Thank you to our Year Two children for their super singing at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and to all children for looking so smart in their Christmas jumpers and being so well mannered at the Christmas lunch last Friday.
Watch Year Two Singing at the FOBS Christmas Fayre @TrilbyTV
https://app.trilbytv.co.uk/public/view/BCD08099-C61D-4C9F-BC75-ED001DBF1E0F

Craft morning with the support of the Year Six children was great fun and very productive on Wednesday. Our theatre trips and visit to school went down very well this week and luckily we still managed to squeeze in our class parties.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Please note there is one change to our Lent term calendar and that is that swimming for Year One and Reception will not resume until the 12th January, apologies for this error.

Kind regards

Vanessa Audas

Year One

The Key Stage One Production this year saw a return to the traditional nativity, seen through the eyes of a curious sheep! Kate Buggle played the lead role in the aptly named ‘Hey Ewe’ and meant a variety of sheep related jokes featured along the way. All of the children participated with enthusiasm and performed brilliantly. The singing was outstanding and the children particularly enjoyed learning this years’ songs. Their enjoyment really shone through during the performances.
Christmas Jumper Day
On Friday 8th December, pupils in Prep 3-7 looked a little different to normal as they wore their Christmas jumpers to school! There was a vast array of colours and designs and children enjoyed supporting ‘Save the Children’ as well as tucking into their Christmas lunch looking smart in their festive attire. The Nursery children also loved joining in too!
Year Two Award Winners
For Michaelmas Term 2017 the KS1 trophies and cups were given out in the whole school Assembly on the last day of term and these Year Two children were the proud recipients

- Joy of Reading trophy – Monica Boyce
- Virtue, Learning, Manners cup – Johnny Bradbrook
- Drama Award – Kate Buggle
- Science / ICT cup – Tom Roffey
- Achievement award – Armaan Singh
- Rise and Shine trophy – Jonah Hillier
- Joy of Music trophy – Adora Daize

Well done to all of you!
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