



# Terling C of E Primary School



## Attendance

Fardings achieved the highest attendance this week at 98.9%.

## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 18 December 2020

Welcome to newsletter No 15 of the Autumn Term

## Reception 2021 Admissions

**From 9 November 2020, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of Essex resident families applied online last year.**

Essex County Council do not send letters to parents about making an application. All of the application and admissions information is available on the website above and they will be promoting via their website, social media and the printed press.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2021.**

Dates:	Events:
5 January	Children Return to School
5 January	Catch Up Sessions Begin
11 January	Piano Lessons Begin
11 January	Reading Gladiators Begin (year 4 and 6)
11 January	Year 5 Book Club Begins
15 January	Pedestrian Training for Fardings
15 January	Closing Date for Reception 2021 Applications
20 January	Virtual 'Respect' Assembly - Whole School

Dear Parents,

What a term it has been!! As we look back on the Autumn term there is so much to celebrate at school. All of our year groups returned in September and we had some of the best attendance in classes for the Autumn term. We saw our new Reception class, Taylor's, join us in September and I've been so impressed with them and how quickly they have settled. They are already marching up the steps on their own, showing such independence. We've introduced 'Hot Chocolate Friday' to celebrate all of our children who go 'over and above' all week. It's one of my favourite times at school. We've made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day, held virtual assemblies, started to establish our wildlife area, planted trees, raised money for several charities, made donations to the Chelmsford Foodbank, started catch-up sessions for some children, held a virtual Harvest service and virtual Nativity service as well as virtual parent consultations. There were two weeks when Sandpits weren't in school and they did amazing home learning.



In amongst all of that, we have of course been learning! We reviewed our curriculum over the summer, so this was the first term of revised themes to link our learning across subjects. Everyone has worked so hard, flourishing and shining every day in the classroom. The progress children have made this term, considering the amount of time they had out of school, is incredible and should be commended.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you. To Amanda and her Friends of Terling School team for all of their fundraising – there is so much we wouldn't be able to do in school without that support, to all of my staff who have worked unbelievably hard in what has been one of the hardest terms, to all our parents for your wonderful support, donations from the Amazon wish list and kind words. Those emails and comments have really kept us going. Finally, of course, to our children. You've really flourished and shone this term, always displaying our Christian values of respect, trust, courage and truthfulness. I am incredibly proud of you.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas break. I'm sure you'll have a special time even if it isn't going to be quite as we had planned. Please stay safe and look after yourselves and I will see you all back in school on Tuesday 5 January.

Mrs Meares



# Emergency help with bills, food and other items



If you find yourself in need of some help this winter, the Essential Living Fund can help pay for heating, electricity, water and food. We can also help you get essential household items like a fridge, cooker or table.

### To get a grant you must

- Live in Essex, Southend or Thurrock
- Be aged over 16

### How to apply

Check if this applies to you.

Visit [www.southend.gov.uk/elfforessex](http://www.southend.gov.uk/elfforessex)

Or if you are vulnerable or have no access to the internet you can call 0300 7900124 (between 8:45am - 5:00pm).



Children at Terling visited classes and sang Christmas carols on Monday. The children took it in turns to stand outside and sing through windows.

The event was lovely and brought smiles to everyone's faces!



Police officers from Braintree collected gifts donated by staff, parents and carers this week for their Operation Christmas Tree appeal.

Thank you for your donations that will help families in need of presents this year.

The Children's Society

## SAFE IN ESSEX PROGRAMME FOR THE FESTIVE PERIOD.

You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



FOR AGES 8-18

### 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER



10am: Exam Stress Workshop – Some useful tips and advice on how to manage stress related to studies and upcoming exams.

1pm: One Community- Support group for young people who identify as LGBTQ+ exploring identity and belonging.

3pm: Festive Quiz- Fun quiz and riddles to make you think.

### 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER



10am: Conflict Resolution and risky behaviours- How to overcome conflict and find a solution to those difficult situations.

1pm: Festive Survival Workshop- fun tips on how to survive different situations, like being trapped in the North Pole!

3pm: Festive Crafts- a look at creating your own festive masterpieces and crafty creations on a budget.

### 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER



10am: Managing Emotions- Helping you to recognise, acknowledge and manage your emotions.

1pm: One Community- Support group for BAME young people exploring identity and belonging.

3pm: Fun Festive Baking – Forget The Great British Bake off, Safe in Essex have some simple but fun festive baking ideas for you.

**SAFE IN ESSEX ADVICE LINE- 07725 639571**

**OPEN FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD. AVAILABLE DURING**

21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December - 10am to 2pm

To book your place, please check out our website; [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex)

or contact [Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk)

### Parent Governor Election

Each parent should have received a ballot paper this week to vote for one of two candidates to join our team of governors.

These papers will need to be returned to school by 13 January 2021.



Please let the office know if you have not received one as every parents is entitled to vote.



FOTS had two amazing hampers donated by Davinia Wynne. As a thank you for all the money raised by the non uniform day, all children were entered into a draw and the following children were picked at random.

Congratulations to Connor (Leylands) and Lenny (Taylors).

Thank you for all your support this term.

The FOTS team.



Children enjoyed Christmas dinner on Tuesday in their class bubbles. Miss Doe and Mrs Dymond served a roast dinner with all the trimmings and Christmas songs were played in the background.

Thank you to FOTS for supplying each child with a cracker.



Thank you to Mr and Mrs Rafai for donating a microwave to us for the staff room.

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Whittaker for their donation of play dough and paints last week.

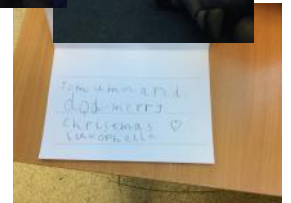
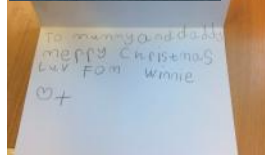
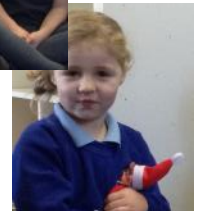


We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Mia O, Mia N and Macy this term.

We wish them good luck in their new homes and new schools!



Taylors had a busy week making angels, Christmas cards and saying goodbye to their 'Elf on the Shelf'.





Thank you to FOTS for supplying popcorn and party rings for the children whilst they watched a virtual pantomime this week.



Details of our remote education plan for parents has now been added to the school website

<http://www.terling.essex.sch.uk/parents/covid-19-page>



This term was finished by a virtual whole school assembly. Each teacher read a poem to the school and Mrs Meares lit the candles on the advent wreath.



**Thank You 'Terling Team'!**  
 This term has certainly been a challenge..but thanks to you ...parents, all the staff..and of course, the pupils, it has still been a good one!  
 Thank you too to the Governors who are getting good at Zoom meetings! Stacey Holden and Kelly Nickels have resigned from the Governing Body and I would like to thank them for their contribution. Very best wishes to the Nickels family as they move to Devon. We look forward to meeting their successors in the New Year.  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.**

*Sarah McNamara  
 Chair of Governors*

Sandypits had a virtual meeting with The Skylarks class at Chipping Hill Primary School this week.

They told the children what Terling was like and how we are surrounded by fields.





What I wouldn't give for an assembly in the hall,  
Our Terling Primary family united in the school,  
To see you all together, sitting cross-legged in one room,  
A face to face assembly, instead of one on Zoom!



The laptop facing outwards, the classroom is the scene,  
"Mr Sime, please move the camera - I can't see me on the screen!"  
Stars of the week as normal - great learners, we salute!  
Who's got the best attendance? "Mrs Partridge...you're on mute!"



You've all done very well to adapt to all the changes,  
Like camels in the desert or goats in mountain ranges,  
(That reference isn't quite as random as you'll maybe query,  
Fardings class have studied Darwin and his evolution theory!



And that's the thing - you lovely lot - your attitudes have been top drawer,  
You've learnt so much, you've worked so hard, we couldn't have asked for more,  
Taylors have just got started, other children are in new classes,  
And we'll be together soon, once this nasty virus passes.



I've heard it said - by certain folks - that a school is just a building,  
It is without you in it. It is without the children.



But now you're back, we're getting there, to how it was before,  
No better feeling than seeing you all come strolling through the door.

So enjoy your Christmas holiday, we hope you get some rest,  
We hope you get nice presents ('Cause presents are the best!)

We made a list for Santa Claus but it won't fit in his sack,  
Top of the list - the only thing - is next month you all come back!

By Mr Sime

