

PTFA Christmas Bazaar



Our PTFA Christmas Bazaar is tomorrow from 12pm to 2pm at Grove House. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity and lovely

donations for our bazaar. A small group of our KS4 pupils have worked together making Christmas Planters which will be sold at the bazaar. We hope to see as many parents/



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday 14th December. This will be a festive fun occasion and all staff and pupils will join in. Please remember to complete your child's lunch requirements for the day and return to the school office. Thank you



Barclays Bank Visit

On Wednesday 22nd November we had Kate and Adam in from Barclays Bank to help prepare our KS4 pupils for the 21st Century workplace. They briefed the pupils on how to smarten up their CV, stand out to employers and develop work skills to help them step into any job with confidence. They also encouraged everyone to develop their social skills for example by volunteering or helping with fundraising events.



LIFESPACE

Last Monday a team from Brentwood Schools Christian Workers Trust came in to speak our KS4 pupils about Christmas. They undertook a range of activities to discover the true meaning of Christmas. It was a very interesting session.



Technology Block

The works to the Technology Block are due to commence during the 2nd week in January. Reception will be covered as usual. We have worked with the project managers to ensure segregation of the school site and to minimise disruption during the refurbishment period. Work should be complete by the end of February.

The Selfish Giant

On Friday 15th December, the Image Musical Theatre Company are coming to Grove House to perform Oscar Wilde's musical The Selfish Giant. Everybody will take part in the performance - some of the pupils will take part playing the villagers and the remainder of the audience will join in with chorus singing.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying week has recently come to a close however it is still important to continue to have conversations with your child about bullying.



The **STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT** campaign aims to help young people spot cyberbullying and know what steps they can take to stop it happening and provide support to the person being bullied. The campaign encourages young people who encounter cyberbullying to;

STOP: Take time out before getting involved, and don't share or like negative comments.

SPEAK: Ask an adult or friend that you can trust for advice.

SUPPORT: Give the person being bullied a supportive message to let them know they're not alone.

Childnet have issued their 6 top tips for starting a conversation with your child about cyberbullying;

www.childnet.com/blog/6-tips-for-having-a-conversation-with-your-child-about-cyberbullying

School Closure Procedure

Should the school have to close due to exceptional circumstances, we will communicate the decision as quickly as possible to parents via a notice on our school website and also the Essex County Council website; www.essex.gov.uk.

We will also notify the local radio stations Heart Essex 96.3FM and BBC Essex 95.3FM who will display a list of schools on their website who have confirmed as being closed that day.

In the event of a school closure, we will notify the taxi company on your behalf.



Dates for your diary

Sat 2 nd Dec:	PTFA Christmas Bazaar (12-2pm)
Wed 6 th Dec:	3D visit to Doddinghurst Church
Tues 12 th Dec:	4H visit to Tate Modern
Tues 12 th Dec:	PTFA Coffee & Catch Up (9am-11am)
Wed 13 th Dec:	3E & 3P visit to Doddinghurst Church
Thurs 14 th Dec:	Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 th Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 th Dec:	The Selfish Giant theatre production
Tues 19 th Dec:	Christmas Assembly
Wed 20 th Dec:	Last day of Term
Tues 2 nd Jan:	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Wed 3 rd Jan:	Children return to school
Wed 31 st Jan:	PTFA Coffee Morning and One off Workshop for Parents and Carer's - Building Resilience



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

In support of 'Save the children' we are asking the everyone to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their normal school jumper and bring a donation of £1.00 which will go to projects all round the world, helping vulnerable children.

<https://christmasjumperday.org/>



We would value your comments on any matters relating to your child's education at Grove House School. Please address these to Miss Christodoulides, Head Teacher