

Mountnessing C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year; welcome back to school for the spring term. I would like to welcome Nathan Humphreys and his family to Mountnessing. Nathan has joined Willow class in year 3 and I hope that they will be very happy here.

Mrs H Obank

Celebrations

Acorns: Jason Bowden

Chestnuts: Harry Jeeves, Joe Morphey and Dylan Ludlow

Willow: Nathan Humphreys

Oaks: Carly Sergeant

Golden Ticket winners this week were:

Jack, Luchia, Oscar R, Lewis, Jahel, Luke, Oliver B, Matthew, Mikee, Oscar, Adam and Freddy G.

As a special treat for earning a golden ticket, these children took part in a science experiment with Mrs Obank and created their own lava lamps!



Information

Parent Questionnaire

Please fill in and return your parent questionnaire to school as soon as possible. Your views are important to the school and it helps us to improve. Please feel free to come and discuss any of the questions or responses with me, if you feel it is necessary. This can be completed online at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Change of numbers

If your contact details have changed at all, please make sure that you have given the school office the correct numbers so we can contact you in case of emergency. Please ensure that you update Parentmail as well.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th January - Chef School class 2

10th February - Houses week

17th - 21st February Half Term

7th - 21st April Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - Non Pupil Day

News

Mrs Ali has told me about the charity work that the children and she took part in just before Christmas. I asked her to write some information to share in this newsletter as I felt it was important for everyone to know what they achieved.

On 23rd December 2013, at 7am around 900 volunteers (including Ibrahim, Maryam and Sarah) gathered in a sports hall in London. What happened for the rest of the day was to impact around 12,000 people's lives on Christmas Day. First of all a human 'food' chain was formed to unload van loads of food. Then in groups of 8 we gathered around each table and systematically started making food hampers. Different number of food items had to go in each hamper depending on the size of each recipient family. Ibrahim, Maryam and Sarah counted out which items needed to be in each tray and the adults around the table made the hampers. The children were amazing!! Inside each hamper a hand written card was placed. Maryam was also one of the volunteers who took part in writing out the 3000 cards needed for each hamper. As the numbers started mounting up, drivers were given addresses to deliver to. Their instructions were to knock on the door and simply say they were the delivery driver and as such had no idea who the sender is. The families are never told who or where these hampers are from. Maryam along with her big sister also took part in delivering 6 hampers. Charity organisations and local authorities identify families who without this small act of generosity would not have a meal on Christmas Day. It takes only one light to dispel the darkness, and even just one basket or a few, to bring hope! The London Group started delivering food baskets at Christmas over 16 years ago and this is something which began in the USA more than 30 years ago when Anthony Robbins started feeding families in need at Thanks Giving. This has now grown into a worldwide phenomenon, with many Basket Brigades providing baskets of food and household items for an estimated 4+ million people annually in countries all over the world. This year in London 3000 baskets were delivered, making it the biggest worldwide basket brigade event ever!! We are so proud to have been a part of it!

