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Dear Parents,

Class Worship Thank you to Y21P for a fantastic Class Worship this week. They took our value **GENEROSITY** as their focus. They really challenged us to think about how we can show generosity in our daily lives and in supporting good causes. Well done Y21P for a super Class Worship!

Link to Hope Thank you for all the boxes sent into school. They are now on their way to Whitstable to be load up and delivered to the families and elderly in need. We keep them and the volunteers at 'Link to Hope' in our prayers at this time.



Parent Tea Afternoon Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes and joined us on Wednesday afternoon. It is always lovely to see you in school.

Children in Need 2017 We have had an exciting week raising money for Children in Need. I will let you know how much we have raised next week. Please send any remaining sponsor money into School early next week. It has been an excellent week with everyone joining in the fun - I am certainly seeing spots before my eyes today. My thanks go to Mrs Morum for organising us all!



Christmas Fair is next week - Wednesday 22nd November!

Thank you for all the donations that have already been sent into school. As part of the Fair, there is going to be a 'Soft Toy Tombola' - so any donations of soft toys will be gratefully received via the school office.

Thank you also for all the lovely raffle prizes which have already been sent into school. Any further donations for raffle prizes will be much appreciated, again to the school office.

Please support us on the day. This is an important fundraising event for the School and a great chance for you to start preparing for Christmas. In addition, it is a good chance to meet with other parents and enjoy each other's company. I look forward to seeing you.

Cake competition at the Craft Fair The highlight on Wednesday will, of course, be 'The Great St Thomas' Bakeoff' - an event to compete with the better known television version although, for this event, you can do your baking in the privacy of your own kitchen! Please bring your entries to the school office on the morning of Wednesday 22nd November. All competition cakes will be sliced and sold after the judging, so that lots of people can enjoy these outstanding delights! If children would like to join in with the competition their entries will be very welcome and judged in their own category.

Targets - Reception are in your children's green target books - please remember to support your children in these important areas of learning. I look forward to seeing what the children have been up to in their targets books over the next few weeks.

Key Stage 1 have been sent home earlier this week - please take time to talk to your children about their individual targets. Your support in working with your children is much appreciated.

School Meals We will be on week 1 of our menu next week, with the all-day breakfast on Monday.
Nativity Plays Letters will be coming home next week for you to order tickets for the KS1 and Reception Nativity Plays - please keep an eye out for these - KS1 on Monday and Reception on Friday.

Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 17th November

Y2C Nicholas Mercioniu
Y21P -Y2 Sophia Macklin
Y1NT Alice Rockute
ROF Jack Reynolds
RG Laura Oliveria

Y2N Nellie O'Brien
Y1 Casey Doyle
Y1G Will Tasker
RMN Dylan Reece

Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y21P with 99.3%.



Punctuality Bear This week's winners are St Luke's and St Matthew's with 99.5%.



A message from the School Crossing Patrol Service about a body camera pilot scheme Essex County Council's school crossing patrol service has seen a noticeable rise in the number of safety issues reported at various school crossing patrol sites across Essex. These include dangerous driving (e.g. creeping, not stopping, speeding), verbal/physical abuse of school crossing patrol officers, and inconsiderate and illegal parking.

The council takes the safety of children, families and its school crossing patrol staff extremely seriously, and is very clear that it will not tolerate dangerous behaviour.

In response to the recent rise in safety incidents, a pilot scheme is, therefore, being launched at the school crossing patrol site in Sawyers Hall Lane, where body cameras will be worn by the school crossing patrol officer. Similar schemes have already been successfully introduced in other areas of the UK and have led to a dramatic improvement in road safety.

The trial, which is expected to start on Monday, 27 November 2017, has the full support of Essex Police and is initially expected to last for a few weeks.

Any video footage recorded will be handled appropriately and only accessible to authorised staff. If footage of an offence is captured, it could be passed onto police. Recordings will be promptly deleted if no incidents are reported.

Temporary signs will be displayed to advise people that recording is in operation.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to ensure pupils can travel as safely as possible to and from school.

Think of a Question is our family challenge!

Thank you for all the fantastic questions sent into school this week. We have received some really interesting questions including:

'What are they talking about?' Rohan, Y2N
'Why have they got tags on their coats?' Yossy, Y1NT
'Are these children going to boarding school?' Henry, ROF
'What are they sitting on?' Lila, RMN

If you have not yet sent in your question, there is a speech bubble at the end of the newsletter for you to do so. Please send any questions that you think of at home into school next week and they will be added to the whole school display.....



I hope that everyone has a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

C B L'Estrange

Caroline L'Estrange
Headteacher

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Children's Health Project - Recipe of the week - Fruity Pizzas!



This week, why not make some delicious after-school snacks - Fruity Pizzas!

Simply slice up some watermelons, add a dollop of yoghurt on the top (plain yoghurt is best - you can always add a drop of honey for extra flavour) and then top with berries!

These are best to eat after you've been doing some movement - exercise, yoga, sport or walking!