### **DIARY DATES**

January

30<sup>th</sup> – Drama show to school

# **February**

5<sup>th</sup> – Choir to Young Voices

6<sup>th</sup> – Basketball even in school

14<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3/4 Cross Country event

15<sup>th</sup> – F of F film night

26<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

28<sup>th</sup> – Home football match v St Johns

#### March

7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> – F of F DISCO

12<sup>th</sup> – Learning Conferences

13<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5/6 Netball Event

14<sup>th</sup> – Learning Conferences

22<sup>nd</sup> – Talent Show



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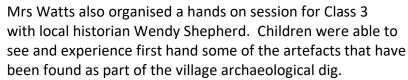
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# Our village history

This term, part of our termly topic for our younger children has been to study the history of our local village. Class 2 and 3 children both enjoyed looking at pictures of buildings from our village over the past 100 years and compared what they look like today. Both classes enjoyed a cold, crisp walk though the village to see the differences for themselves.





Throughout the term, our study of the area will widen to include Colchester and introduce the Roman period of history.





# **Sports Hall Athletics**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, a mixed selection of Year 5 and 6 children competed in an indoor athletics competition against other schools in our consortium. The first half of the event saw children competing in field events such as standing long jump and triple jump. Then it was time for the races. Whilst, naturally, this caused some nerves in our competitors, Mr Askew was so proud of how everybody showed determination and overcame this during their events. Well done team Fordham!







#### **GOLDEN TABLE**

On Friday's I have had the pleasure of eating lunch with some of our children on the 'Golden Table'.

Earning lunch on the Golden table is a privilege which is attainable by all pupils and is achieved by showing outstanding regular, or much improved lunchtime behaviours.

Well done to the following children so far.....

Class 1
George
Stanley

Class 2 Ezri Olivia

Class 3 Ruby Lillia

Class 4 Emmie Maddison

Class 5 Jonty Ashton



# **Music around School**

There is nothing I like more than children enjoying music around school. Class 4 and 5 children are



lucky to be given the opportunity to learn the ukulele on Monday afternoons this term. So far they have learnt to play chords C, F and D minor. They can play Frere Jacques and Three Little Birds by Bob Marley – pretty impressive after just 3 lessons! Thank you Mrs Crawley for giving our children this opportunity.

Our peripatetic music lessons continue to thrive and the number of children learning has significantly grown across this year which I am thrilled about. We now have 1 child learning the saxophone, 3 learning the flute, 2 learning the recorder, 2 learning the clarinet, 10 learning the piano and 11 learning the drums.

## **Governor Vacancy**

There is a vacancy on our school governing body for a parent governor, letters will be coming out shortly. If you would like to know a little bit more about the role of governor, Jackie Ray our chair of governors will be at the next parent coffee on Thursday 31st January.



## **Friends of Fordham Events**

The Friends of Fordham team have worked hard to offer a range of events for our school community to enjoy this half term. Whilst all monies raised benefits school and all children, they wanted to focus on offering events that bring our school community together. This term's fundraising will go towards new playground markings for the main playground including hopscotch and an activity trail.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Film Night
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – DISCO
Friday 5th April – Easter Tea
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Quiz night
Coming soon....'Break the Rules Day!'

# **Gold Book Winners this month**



Class I – Amelia, Lila, Frankie, Chloe, Charlie W, James & Jack Class 2 – Henry, Charlie, Anna, Sophie H, Chase & Oliver Class 3 – Morgan, Lillia, Harry T, Jesse, Finnley, Charlie & Finn Class 4 – Maciej, Molly, Nina, Jack, Joe & William

Class 5 - Cameron, Jack, Henry, Daniel, Charlotte C & Charlotte B