



# Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery Family Newsletter



**Friday 15th December 2023**

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Tuesday 19th December**

Last day of the Autumn term

#### **Thursday 4th January 2024**

First day of the Spring term

#### **Thursday 18th January 2024**

Trip to Colchester Castle — Year 4

#### **Tuesday 23rd January**

Step into STEAM Activity Session at Clacton Town Hall - Year 6

#### **Thursday 25th January**

WW1 Flight Simulator Day at Great Clacton Junior School - Year 6

#### **Tuesday 30th January**

Swimming Lessons begin — Year 5

#### **Wednesday 31st January**

Home Safety Workshop — Year 3  
Cyber Safety & Respect Workshop - Year 6

#### **Dinner Menu—w/c 1st January 2024**

Week 1 of the NEW Spring Menu

#### **Dinner Menu—w/c 8th January 2024**

Week 2 of the NEW Spring Menu

### **St Michael's Church**

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 5pm

#### **Candlelit Carol Service -**

Followed by refreshments and mince pies

Saturday 23rd December at 4pm

#### **Christingle and Blessing of the Crib**

Everyone is welcome.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of the Autumn Term and Christmas is just around the corner.

Our final two weeks of term have been jam-packed with Christmas festivities. Reception and KS1 children gave an amazing performance of The Big Little Nativity and hopefully you now have your DVD of the event if you ordered one. We welcomed the pantomime in to school; everyone wore their Christmas jumper on Tuesday, when we also celebrated with Christmas dinner. Thank you to the Lifehouse Spa and Hotel for donating the Christmas crackers. The children sang beautifully at our KS2 Christmas Carol Service yesterday and it was lovely to hear the soloists and readers guiding us through the Christmas story. There was lots of excitement in Nursery as they celebrated at their Christmas party with a special visitor joining them - Father Christmas.

Many thanks to the RSA for their continued support at this time of year and for organizing a fantastic Christmas raffle.

This is a special time of the year and we hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back to school in January.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Jones and Miss Herbert



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**Integrity**

**Fellowship**

**Endurance**

## Rolph Sport News

### Mud Run

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, some Year 5's and 6's took part in an Adventure Mud Run at Birch Hall. It was very wet and muddy but enjoyable at the same time. Well done to all 37 children who competed on the day. Four pairs of runners made it to the finals on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December to compete against other schools. It was even muddier and colder than the previous run but still enjoyable. Well done to Emili and Jenson for coming 4<sup>th</sup>, Madison and Billy-Ray who came 8<sup>th</sup>, Lottie and Archie who came 10<sup>th</sup> and Phoebe and Oliver who came 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Mrs Williamson and Mr Perren for organising, Birch Hall staff for hosting and parents and carers for taking us.

by Madison and Phoebe

### Santa Dash

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, children in Year 1 to 6 took part in the National School Games Santa Dash at TTC. We walked three times around two of their playgrounds. We were joining lots of other children across the country in trying to walk the distance from England to Lapland. Thank you to all the TTC staff who let us use their playgrounds and well done to everybody who took part.



## RSA News

**Christmas Raffle** — A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part in the RSA Christmas Raffle including the companies/parents who have donated prizes for the raffle. We have raised an amazing £1607.60!! Congratulations to all the winners. Please claim your prize by Tuesday 19th December.

**Fundraising** - Please continue to use Easy Fundraising (**searching for Rolph School Association**) when purchasing everyday items to help raise funds for the RSA: [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk)

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**Next meeting** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th January - 9.15am at the Rose and Crown, Thorpe. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Celebration Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates demonstrating excellence in the curriculum or our school values.

### **Nursery**

Arlo and Delilah

### **Reception**

Alanna, Evan and Bethany

### **Year 1**

Maya, Lola, Jacey and Jenson

### **Year 2**

Stanley, Ronnie, Ben and Emily O.

### **Year 3**

Maddie, Dottie, David and Dexter

### **Year 4**

Archie, William, Leo and Mya

### **Year 5**

Elsie, Harrison, Sophie and Joe

### **Year 6**

Charlie, Lincoln, Darcy and William H.

Well done everyone for your hard work!

## Marvelous Me Badges



Ravenclaw— 241

Slytherin— 281

Gryffindor— 224

Hufflepuff— 217

Well done to **Slytherin** for being the winning house this week.

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit [www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings](http://www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings) for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online. #StaySafe

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