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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are already three weeks into the new term, and what a brilliant start it has been. There is so much to celebrate and even more to look forward to. A huge well done to everyone who took part in our Christmas Reading Challenge. Winners of our photo categories were: Dougie, Oscar, Harry C, Sophie, Maisie, Evie and Alicia. Congratulations to Sophia whose name was drawn as the overall winner. She takes home a £10 book voucher to enjoy.

Over the past few weeks, Miss Rayner has been leading the introduction of our new School Council. We were genuinely impressed by the thoughtful and confident presentations from pupils explaining why they should represent their peers. Many children spoke passionately about getting the Trim Trail up and running again and exploring further outdoor provision. We absolutely echo this enthusiasm, and if you would like to support these ambitions, please don't forget to sign up for the Friends of Fordham Quiz!

We were also delighted to welcome **Joan**, our much-loved lollipop lady, into school this week to enrich the children's learning about road safety, community roles and about village life. You can view more of this kind of learning and enrichment on our Instagram page, where we regularly share snapshots of school life.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Best Wishes,

Mrs Carla Dale

Head of School

Term Dates

Spring

Tuesday 6th January — Friday 27th March

Half Term 16th-20th February

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

28th—KS1—Parents Phonics Workshop

31st—FOF Quiz Evening

FEBRUARY

11th—Internet Safety Day

26th—Y5 STEAM experience at Colchester Prep and High School (details coming soon)

MARCH

2nd Y6—Resilience Workshop

5th—World Book Day (details coming soon)

Weekly Attendance

OAK 96.7% ELM 97.3% HAWTHORN 99% SYCAMORE 94.3%



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School Council



Congratulations to our Fordham School Councillors! The Councillors were introduced to the whole school at the end of Collective Worship on Wednesday.

We are looking forward to having our first meeting very soon. And to make positive changes reflecting the views of the children.

Congratulations Joan

Our very own Joan Barfield who has been working as a School Crossing Patrol Officer for nearly 30 years, 25 of which have been at Fordham Primary School has been recognised by The King. This is following a nomination by her children, who brought together heartfelt testimonials from parents and school staff. Joan has been awarded a British Empire Medal for her services to the Colchester community. We could not be prouder of Joan!



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FRIENDS
OF
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CHARITY
**QUIZ
NIGHT**
SATURDAY
31ST
JANUARY

Doors open at 7.30PM
£5 pp | Teams of up to 6
Bar provided but feel free to BYO snacks

Email friendsoffordham@hotmail.co.uk
to book your team

ALDHAM VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, CO6 3QT

There are still spaces available for teams to join the FOF quiz on Saturday 31st January. Please book by emailing: friendsoffordham@hotmail.com

**Free
Family
Fun Day!**

Blow away those winter blues!

Join us in the Kingsland building and car park with a whole day of community fun!

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Bouncy Castle
- ★ Games
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Dance Performance
- and much, much more!

Saturday 21st February
11am - 4pm

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Fordham All Saints! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It is the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school!

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

There is a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call **0330 113 0330** (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

or email info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

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