



# MARKET FIELD SCHOOL

*Respect, Excellence, Friendship*

## Upcoming Dates

19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – School finishes 12:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Back to School
9 <sup>th</sup> January	New Starters coffee morning
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent Forum 5pm
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Feb half term
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Forum 5pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Non pupil day

## Headteacher message

The Christmas Tree is up, the Performances are well under way! Our children have enjoyed trips to the pantomime, the zoo, elf hunts at Tesco, the Presidents Sporting Dinner and Crown Pools in Ipswich. Christmas season is well under way!

As we reflect on a busy term, which included a visit from Ofsted, I am filled with immense pride for our students, our staff and thankfulness for the support we receive from our amazing families.

I wish all of you an enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing all of our children again in January.



**Warm Clothes** – Now the cold weather is here, please can you ensure children are coming into school with warm clothes to include coats, gloves and hats. We also kindly ask that all items of clothing are labelled to avoid items getting lost. Lost clothing leads to less money for you due to replacements but also lost learning time within school as staff try to find missing items. Please help us recapture lost learning time by labelling all clothing.



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## School DOJO -

Please can we remind you that class DOJO is for parent/carer use only. It is not acceptable to share access with extended family members.



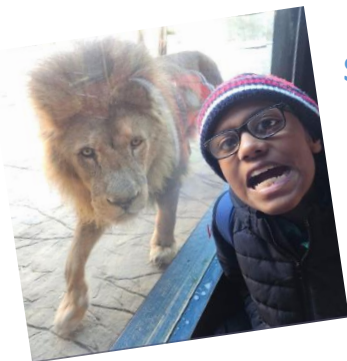
## Pearson National Teaching Awards – Voting deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

The Pearson National Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of education, recognising the work of teaching communities across the UK. There are 16 award categories covering the primary, secondary and further education sections for schools and colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. If you feel you would like to vote for the school or a member of staff within the school we would be delighted if you would kindly vote following the below link. The staff at Market Field School work incredibly hard to ensure our students are happy and thriving and we would be most grateful for any votes.

<https://www.teachingawards.com/the-2024-pearson-national-teaching-awards/>

## Year 12 certificate assembly

We welcomed our former year 11 students back on 7<sup>th</sup> December to receive their certificates for accredited courses taken last academic year. It was so lovely to see them all and catch up with them about their journey since leaving Market Field School. Special awards were given to Frankie McClure, who won the Gary Smith achievement award for huge progress over his many years at Market Field School and Patrick Clark, who won a special signed football shirt from Chelsea Football Club for personal triumph over adversity.



## Spotlight on Autism Bases – Beech Class

Beech and Hazel classes enjoyed a day out at the Zoo as part of their Christmas Festivities. Fun was had by all and the children had a meaningful experience which included sensory time.



## Spotlight on Primary – Holly Class

Holly class – Holly Class have been on a lovely trip to Tesco, which included a festive fox hunt, Gingerbread decorating and practising their fine motor skills by wrapping Miss Bere in wrapping paper!

## KS3 – Mars, 7C and 7W

Our youngest children in KS3 took a visit down the A12 to Chelmsford for a special preview of the Chelmsford Pantomime. They all had a great time and exemplary behaviour was shown by all. Well done Mars and Year 7!

## Reminder – Healthy Schools

We are a Healthy School and fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in packed lunches or as a break time snack. Whilst we would all say there is a time and a place for a treat, we ask for your support in not sending these into school.

## KS4 – 10G, 11H and 11L

Whilst the lower school was listening to the wise words of Sir Elton John and was step(ping) into Christmas, students on our exam pathway sat their first exams of the year with Functional Skills exams in English and mock GCSE Art. To carry on working hard when the rest of the school have been excitable and having fun has been hard and I am so proud of these students. Their hard work now will hopefully show in their results next year.

## Staff Updates

In the next few weeks we will be saying goodbye to Kirsty Jane and Mr Cornell. Kirsty Jane is leaving us to pursue a dream to go travelling and Mr Cornell is leaving us after receiving an offer he couldn't refuse which will progress his career back in his former school.

We will be welcoming Mrs Samuels to Pine Class. Mrs Samuels will be joining us from Tendring Primary School and comes with plenty of experience

## Wraparound care

Thank you to those of you who took the time to fill in our survey on Wraparound Care. We will be analysing these carefully over the next few months and will feedback to you in due course.

## Santa Dash/Festive Fun Run

Whilst Christmas Dinner is cooking next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be taking the children for a walk/run. We will be taking our older students or those who are able to, down to Elmstead Church and back whilst our younger students or students who will struggle with the distance will have a walk on the field. We would love students to wear fancy dress this day, it does not have to be Christmas themed. The aim is to join in and have fun!



If the weather does not cooperate, we will still dress up but will not do the run.

### End of term arrangements

A reminder that we close for the Christmas Holidays at 12:30 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Transport has been ordered for the children who have transport.

A packed lunch will be provided for all children in receipt of Free School Meals, which they will eat before going home. All other children are encouraged to bring in a packed lunch to eat at school at 12 before going home.

**Please note, our kitchen will be closed on this day and we will not be providing meals to children who are not in receipt of Free School meals.**

### And finally

Thank you for your support in providing decorations for our Christmas Tree. It is beautiful and the decorations are safe for all our children to enjoy.