



## Information Sheet

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The weekly update video from Mr. Carter-Tufnell can be found on our YouTube, at our new address: [youtube.com/@mistleynorman](https://www.youtube.com/@mistleynorman)

Thank you!

We would like to give a huge thank you to the Friends of Mistley Norman for organising such a successful fayre last Friday. Thank you, as well, to everyone who attended and contributed towards our school community. We look forward to more events in the new year.

School jumper day

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers in place of their usual school jumper or cardigan on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

School Christmas dinner

Please note that it is now too late to order a Christmas dinner for your child: please provide them with a packed lunch on the day if you have not already booked one.

Photographer wanted!

We are looking to update the photographs on our website and prospectus. If you are a photographer able to volunteer some time and expertise, or know someone who would be willing to donate their time to take some photos, please speak to Mr. Holton or the school office.

Nursery donations

If any families are having a clear out and has any of the following available, our nursery would be extremely grateful for any donations: puzzles, boxed games, dolls, cars or trucks. Please speak to one of our nursery staff or Mr. Holton if you have anything your children no longer play with and would be happy to pass to us.

Social media

Those of you active on social media may have noticed our recent post on the Manningtree Shout Out group. As we seek to grow the profile of the school in the local area, we will be making weekly posts here to celebrate what our children have been doing and learning. Any support, through likes, reactions and comments, that you can give these posts will be greatly appreciated: and many thanks to those of you who supported last week's post.



Absence Reporting

As a reminder, our attendance policy states that if a child is absent from school the parent/carer must follow the following procedures:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence **before 9.20 am**. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or call into school personally and speak to the office staff.
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again **before 9.20am**.
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible and you provide any medical evidence if requested to support the absence.

School Uniform

[www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/mistley-norman-primary-school-201-c.asp](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk/mistley-norman-primary-school-201-c.asp)

Reception 2024

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 7 November 2022**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

**From 7 November 2022**, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above

Dates for your diary

Event	Date
School Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas worship at the church <i>10:30am – all parents welcome</i>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Break up for the Christmas holidays <i>3:05pm</i>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Return to school <i>8:30am</i>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Santa run

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school took part in our first ever Santa run. Everyone was dressed in their Santa hat and competed for their school teams. They had to complete as many laps of the Santa run course as they could whilst singing along to Christmas music. There was also a surprise snow shower which the weather men had not forecast. It was lovely to see smiles and laughter on the field from the whole school. Well done to everyone but special congratulations to our winners.

The overall team winners for the Santa dash were House Attenborough! (Green)



Mrs. Billings



# Golden Awards

<b>Aristotle</b>	<b>Emily</b>	For her observational skills in art.
<b>Aristotle</b>	<b>Zac</b>	For thinking carefully about food groups in RHSE.
<b>Plato</b>	<b>Deon</b>	For his increasing confidence and willingness to contribute to class discussions.
<b>Socrates</b>	<b>Finley</b>	For creating a fabulous sculpture out of mud roc.