

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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Exciting news about pupil numbers: At the end of the academic year in July 2019 we predicted that pupil numbers for September would be 44. From the 1st of September we have gained a further 13 children across the school taking our number on roll (at time of writing) to 57!! We have had children join in Years R,2,3,4,5 & 6. I believe this is a reflection of the wonderful school we are, and all we offer. We still have spaces available in some year groups, especially those in KS1, if you are interested in a place please contact the school office, we are taking phone calls and emails every week for people looking for a place. If you are looking for a Reception place for September 2020 or know anyone who is, please come and have a look and if you like what you see recommend us to others.

Start and end of the school day: It has come to my attention that the number of parents who are driving past school and are momentarily stopping in the road to either drop off or pick up their children is increasing. This is not something we advocate as it is unsafe for our children and inconvenient for other drivers as it causes unnecessary congestion. Please can I politely ask that you find a safe parking space, not blocking residents driveways and bring your children into the playground or collect them from the playground.

Teachers have also brought to my attention that many parents and people picking up from school at the end of the day stand out on the road rather than coming onto the playground. It is not safe for us to send children out to you, especially our youngest children so we request that unless you have a dog with you, you please come onsite to ensure safety of the children. There have been a few close misses with children and cars lately due to them coming onto the road without an adult. We will address road safety during an assembly with all the children.

Christmas Carols and tree lighting

What a lovely start to the Christmas season. We had an evening of Carol singing, lighting the Christmas tree and revealing our stained glass windows. It was lovely to see so many families, friends, neighbours, villagers, past pupils, prospective pupils, Governors, staff and children joining together in song and celebration. Our windows will be lit each evening during December, please come and take a look. I'm feeling the Christmas spirit now, I hope you are too!

Details of our event have been sent to The Stroud News and Journal—keep a look out for an article.

Christmas Bazaar

Well done to the ESA for putting on a fantastic Christmas Bazaar. It was well attended by families and community members, who were all full of fun, laughter and Christmas cheer. There was a festive buzz in the room with people shopping, children visiting Father Christmas and children crafting. The sales of refreshments were great and we had many happy customers enjoying their first mince pie of the season!

We raised a staggering £800 and this will be used to enhance our creative curriculum.

Diary Dates

December:

Mon 9th—Swimming Gala
Mon 9th—Y6 parents workshop, arithmetic
Tues 10th—Whole school trip to Pantomime
Weds 11th—Y6 Internet Safety workshop
Fri 13th—Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13th—Piano assembly 2.45pm
Mon 16th—Start of Christmas activities week
Tues 17th—Whole school Christmas lunch
Tues 17th—Children's Christmas lunch and party
Weds 18th—Nativity, whole school at Village Hall 2pm
Thurs 19th—pm DVD treat afternoon
Fri 20th—Games day & last day of term



Diary Dates continued...

January 2020:

Mon 6th—INSET DAY
Tues 7th—Start of term 3
Weds 8th—Stemworks K'Nex workshop Owl Class
Fri 17th—Young Voices for Badgers Class (Y456)
Weds 29th—Y6 fundraiser meal at Egypt Mill



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