

# Eastcombe News

## Foreword from the Head

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### Staffing News

I am delighted to announce we have filled both our vacancies. From January 2021 Narelle Gibbard will join Squirrel Class as Class Teacher, job sharing with Mrs Kayleigh Leese. We also have Mrs Tanya Webber joining our team as a Teaching Assistant in Hedgehog class. We are very lucky as both new staff members are in school each week up until Christmas settling in.

### Office News

- 1) Data collection sheets will be sent home again to any families who have not returned them yet
- 2) Please return Christmas dinner slips
- 3) Advanced notice—packed lunches may be available to order from January as part of our lunchtime offer
- 4) If your child is absent or you are running late please ring the school office to let us know by **9am**.

### PE Kits

Since my letter last month I am disappointed to note that we still have many children wearing PE items that do not adhere to our dress code. Please can I remind you that we have a specific PE kit which forms part of our school uniform. We have noticed that some children are wearing football strips or different bright colours, especially hoodies. **Our PE kit is a white or blue polo shirt or t-shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy tracksuit/hoodie and trainers.**

## Christmas at Eastcombe...

2020 might have thrown us the biggest curved ball ever, however we are trying our very best to keep things as normal as we can here at school, whilst staying safe.

This year, more than ever before, our children deserve a real treat at the end of this very long term. They have all worked so incredibly hard, settled back into school routines well and are keen to try their best and achieve their potential. We are exceptionally proud of them all. Our annual Christmas activities week will look a little different to normal but we will still celebrate the end of term with style! I will send a more detailed letter next week, however I thought you might like to know a few of the activities we have planned.

## Christmas continued...

- 1) We are going to the Panto, Oh yes we are! Well, sort of. We look forward to a virtual panto, livestreamed into each classroom, plus edible treats donated by the ESA.
- 2) Christmas tree and stained glass windows
- 3) Seasonal crafts
- 4) End of term quiz
- 5) Christmas lunch and party
- 6) Christmas jumper day
- 7) ESA Film nights



We can't wait for glitter, glue and lots of fun!

## Diary Dates

### December:

Friday 4th—Piano lessons potentially re-starting?  
Tuesday 8th—Schools beat Police visit for Y5&Y6  
Mon 14th—Fri 18th—Christmas Activities week  
Friday 18th—Last day of term

### January:

Monday 4th—Start of Term 3  
Thursday 21st—ESA meeting 8pm

### February:

Tuesday 9th—Y5 to watch 'In The Net' at Bussage  
Friday 12th—Last day of term  
Monday 22nd—Start of Term 4

Fingers crossed we can plan more things for your children and re-book missed events once lockdown is over and there are new guidelines to follow.

## Year 6 Responsibilities

Each year we encourage our Y6 children to step into a role of responsibility. They are advised to follow their interests and think about their skills and experiences. This role enables them to develop their confidence, learn new skills, and find out about leadership. This year our children have chosen the following roles:

Nico— Sports Captain  
Isabelle- Sports Captain  
Mia- House Captain for Scott  
Bella- Drama Ambassador  
Raha- Art Ambassador  
India- House Captain for Morris  
Jamie- English Ambassador  
Ava- Charity Ambassador  
Hattie- Dance Captain  
Jayden- House Captain for Grace  
Esmee- Charity Ambassador  
Elsa-Mae- Dance Captain  
Amy- Art Ambassador



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