

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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What a wonderful week we are having!

This week the school is full of joy, laughter and end of term cheer. Every class is working hard to create Christmas crafts and there is the usual glue and glitter everywhere!

The Christmas tree looks lovely on the playground and is the perfect accompaniment to this year's stained glass windows. If you have not walked by the school in the evening to see them lit up, then maybe include this in your festive holiday plans. It is worth a special walk past.

Film night and the Christmas hamper raffle has raised a fantastic sum of money for the school. Well done to our winners and I hope you enjoy the special treats! The ESA are being creative with their fundraising ideas to overcome the restrictions we are facing. Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when purchasing online to help continue to raise funds for our school. You can also use 'easy fundraising' when purchasing online to raise money for our school using the following link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> Thank you to our ESA committee members for their hard work, and to you all for your support.

Thank you for your continued support during what has been the most difficult of years. Community spirit and kindness radiates from you all and it is much appreciated. All that is left for me to do is wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope 2021 brings us all health and happiness.

Mrs Jones

Office News

- All children return on Monday 4th January
- Thank you for contributing to our Christmas activities week. The children are having a lovely time. If you would still like to make a contribution then please use Parent Pay.
- Thank you to those who have already paid for swimming via Parent Pay. There is still time to make a payment if you have not done so already.
- Those of you who have not returned your lunch menus please remember to send children with a packed lunch in January.

Diary Dates

January:

Monday 4th—Start of Term 3
Monday 11th—Years 3-6 Swimming
Monday 18th—Years 3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 19th—School beat officer in for Owl Class
Thursday 21st—ESA meeting 8pm
Monday 25th—Years 3-6 Swimming

February:

Monday 1st—Years 3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 2nd—School Photos
Tuesday 2nd—Young Voices virtual 'Big Sing'
Monday 8th—Years 3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 9th—Y5 to watch 'In The Net'
Friday 12th—Last day of term
Monday 22nd—Start of Term 4

Spring Term

Class teachers are not only making sure the children are having a memorable time this week their thoughts are also on next term. We have swimming plans in place, the Year 5 children will watch a virtual performance about internet safety, the School Beat officer will visit to teach the children about keeping safe and the older children will join in 'Young Voices, the big sing' a virtual event. New topics will be introduced in each class and our catch up curriculum will continue. Mrs Leese will change to working the beginning of the week and Miss Gibbard will teach the end of the week. We are looking forward to a new term and year ahead.

Nativity

Our youngest children have once again amazed us all with their Nativity performance. Sadly, this year we have had to film the performance and share it online with parents and other classes rather than having our usual afternoon at the village hall. Rest assured the magic ingredients for a perfect performance were still there; beautiful singing, clear narration, enthusiastic dancing and memorable moments. I hope Squirrel Class parents enjoy the recording. Thank you to the staff in squirrel class for making this happen despite the difficult circumstances.

Well done to all our performers, you are all stars!



“Aim high, believe and achieve”