

Eastcombe News

Foreword from the Head

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We have made it! We have come to the end of one of the longest terms in the school year. I know this term has had disruption with illness and now snow, however it has been a really successful, busy and memorable one. The children have all learnt lots, are making progress and are enjoying new opportunities. We have had different visitors in school, experienced new sports such as cheerleading and been on both class and whole school trips. The school is always buzzing with activity and the children have settled well into their new year groups and classes.

Next year we will continue to provide the children with new and interesting learning opportunities and experiences. The theme for our assemblies will be 'Respect' and the whole school motto 'Aim High, Believe and Achieve' will be our focus. We will work hard to improve our attendance figures and ensure all children receive a personalised program of support and intervention if needed. In the new year there will be a push on reading across the school and teachers will offer parent workshops on writing. We will endeavour to capture pupil voice and find out what the children think we are doing well and what we might need to improve or change.

All that is left for me to say is 'Thank you' for your support as always. This is a very special school and the school community continues to be one of its main strengths.

Have a happy, healthy and Merry Christmas.
See you on Tuesday 3rd January.
Mrs Jones



ESA news

Our newly formed ESA committee have worked exceptionally hard this term and have lots planned for the rest of the school year.

The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree event were both really successful and we raised over £1000! We have already committed to purchasing some new reading books for the children with some of this money. Your support really does make a difference.

Look out for events next year and don't forget our easy fundraising activities such as using Amazon Smile.

Office News

- ♦ Hot school dinners are always available to order in advance. Please ask the office for details.
- ♦ Young Voices—T-shirts and audience tickets are here in school ready to be sent home after the Christmas break. Final arrangements and details will be sent home in the first week of Term. If your child would like to keep practising over the holidays the songs are available online!
- ♦ Attendance texts (a new initiative) will be sent home in the first week of term.

Diary Dates

December:

Thurs 15th—Whole school Christmas Lunch and party
Fri 16th—Last day of term

January:

Tues 3rd—Start of Term 3
Thurs 12th—Young Voices trip Owl Class
Thurs 19th—Martial Arts taster session for all classes

February:

Thurs 16th—Last day of Term 3
Fri 17th—INSET Day
Mon 27th—Start of Term 4

March:

Fri 10th—Rags2Riches collection

Christmas News

Despite the snow disruption earlier in the week I am delighted we have been able to continue with our planned Christmas activities. This is always a very special time in school for all children and staff.

We started the festive season with the revealing of the stained glass windows and lighting of the Christmas Tree. This year the windows depict the Three Kings and I am sure you will agree Mr Westley and Owl class did a superb job. The trip to the Pantomime went well and Tweedy performed as well as always. Thanks to the ESA for funding this annual trip. Activities week is going well and the children are enjoying being creative and working in mixed groups, really strengthening that bond between them all.

The Nativity has been re-scheduled for this afternoon and tomorrow is Christmas Lunch and Party afternoon. Then it's Christmas Jumper day on Friday, a whole school quiz and games afternoon.

This has been a busy, cheerful and memorable term!

"Aim high, believe and achieve"