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NEWSLETTER 12

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End of Term 2

Following recent Government guidance, the last day of Term 2 is now Thursday 17th December.

To make up for the lost teaching day, the INSET day on Monday 7th June has been cancelled.



Village Elf Hunt

Just a reminder that the FPTA's Village Elf Hunt is taking place this weekend. Please speak to Vanessa if you wish to take part. Further details on the poster in the newsletter.



Reminders

Just a couple of reminders:

- Please ensure your ParentPay debt does NOT exceed £10.50. Please clear it as soon as possible.
- The application for applying for Reception places in September is Friday 15th January 2021. Please see the poster at the back for more details.



Parking

Just a reminder for parents during pick up and drop off times to make the morning transition smooth for parents and village residents:

- Do not park on the yellow lines in the car park.
- Please use the parking bays past the village hall.
- Try and avoid parking on the corner—this makes crossing a lot harder for pedestrians.

Please be respectful to village residents who are trying to leave the area to get to work.



Christian Value

This term's value is:

Generosity

Stan in Year 4 says "Generosity means you are able to give time and share knowledge."

When asked for an example, Stan said "When I was in the park, some of my friends wanted to play football, so I joined in to make them happy."



Partnership News

This week, Miss Hare, Head of School at St Mary's, visited East Hoathly to meet with Miss Lewis to discuss writing strategies.

Mr Herdman has been painting the outdoor spaces at Park Mead this week.



Lunchbox Reminder

Please can we remind children to have water in their water bottles.

Please also consider healthy alternatives for lunchbox snacks.



Fun Fridays

The children and staff enjoyed the 'Fun Fridays' throughout November so much, that we have decided to continue it on for the rest of the term.

Something will be different on each Friday this month (taking part is completely optional):

This Friday's dress code was 'Characters' and we were not disappointed! Everyone had great fun spotting different characters throughout the day. From footballers to Peter Rabbit to the Mad Hatter and Elsa, there was a very impressive range of dress up going on! The staff enjoyed dressing up too!

Thank you everybody for taking part!

As we are now breaking up on Thursday 17th December, the theme is 'Christmas', the children can dress up in Christmas colours, the more glitter and festivity, the better!

We cannot wait to see how the children dress up!



FPTA

Letters with raffle tickets have been sent out. Should you wish to purchase the tickets you've been sent, please fill in the information needed and return them to the school office with payment. Please keep an eye out for tickets that will be sold outside school from next week.

Prizes up for grabs include;

- * Sensational Sweets hamper
- * Terrific Toys hamper
- * Christmas Goodies hamper

Of course, the Barrel for Booze is up for grabs and there are several prizes in the form of vouchers to be won too.

If you do not wish to buy the raffle tickets, please return them to the office.

Tea towels featuring the children's self portraits are also available to buy. Please return your order form with payment to the school office in an envelope by Wednesday 9th December. Orders for tea towels will not be accepted through the office after Wednesday. Tea towels will be available to buy from Thursday 10th December outside the school.

The FPTA have also organised a village elf hunt, please see the poster attached to the newsletter for more details!



Hedgehog's Christmas Cards and Post Office trip

All the children within school have created Christmas cards for the residents of Lydfords care home, helping to spread a bit of Christmas cheer to others.

Hedgehogs also created cards for the residents at Freshfield Nursing home in Seaford, where Miss Denney's Mum is a nurse. The residents loved their cards with one resident being moved to happy tears!

On Thursday, Hedgehog class put on their coats and hi-vis jackets to take a walk down to Lydfords Care Home to deliver Christmas cards to the residents. Once the cards were delivered, the Hedgehogs continued their walk to the Post Office to post their letters to Santa.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our first trip! Hedgehogs were very sensible walking along the road and were very excited to post their letters!



Christmas Dinner

This week, we were delighted to tuck into Christmas dinner. The children made Christmas hats for the feast and had crackers to pull with their friends, along with a treat of orange or blackcurrant juice to wash it down. Thank you Bev and Claire for the incredible dinner!



Celebration Assembly

Another Friday means another round of celebrations! We all looked rather strange today, dressed as characters for our penultimate Fun Friday!

We watched our new school video today during worship and celebrated everything that is great at East Hoathly school!

Beatrice: 'I think Catherine has shown love because she has been such a good friend to me'

Oscar: 'I showed strength when I was making a Christmas card - it was tricky to do the writing and spelling.'

Miss Denney: 'We showed love by thinking of others and taking the Christmas cards to the care home this week!'

Lotte: 'We have shown strength and wisdom by completing tests this week!'

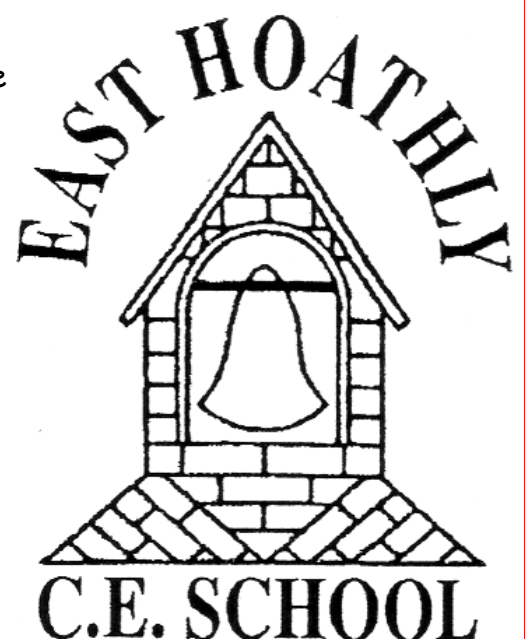
Dawn: 'We showed strength in singing our nativity song!'



Our Church School

This week, we began filming for the school's Nativity. The children have been amazing at rehearsing their lines and practising their songs. We hope to be able to show you the final product soon! Thank you to Mrs Thatcher for filming and editing the play.

As we are now finishing the term on Thursday 17th December, the Christingle service will take place on Thursday morning at 9.30am—we look forward to be able to share photos of our service with you.



Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is:
97.4%

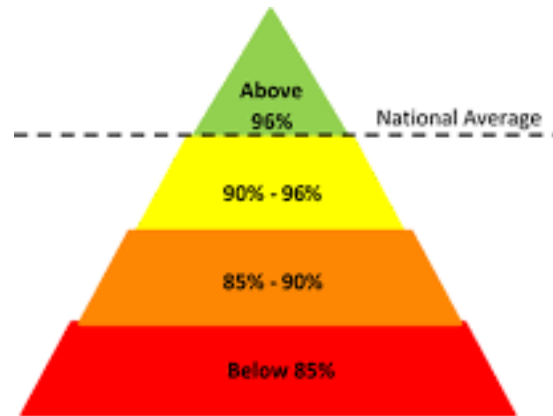
This week's attendance: **98.6%**

Hedgehogs - 100%

Squirrels - 97.2%

Foxes - 99.1%

Owls - 98.7%



Lunchtime Awards

The Diners of the Week will now be awarded to one child from each bubble rather than each class.

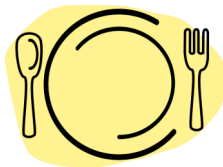
Hedgehog and Owl Bubble

Kamilla Buzder

Squirrel and Fox Bubble

Ned Thatcher

Well done!



Learning Powers

This week, the learning powers went to:

Hedgehogs:

Joseph Frizzell

Squirrels:

Emily Zorn

Foxes:

Catherine
Campbell-Stephen

Owls:

Jessica Ruff



Headteacher Awards

This week, Headteacher's awards have been awarded to:

Dennis Robertson for creating an amazing collage of a city in art.

Jacob Goff for designing and making a fabulous collage in art.

Luke Stacey for showing great strength when taking part in the Nativity.

Well done Dennis, Jacob and Luke!



Birthdays over the last week:

Happy Birthday to **India Stark** in Year 5!

Happy Birthday to **Sorrel Becvar** in Reception!



Pen Licences

There have not been any pen licences awarded this week.

Keep up the hard work!



Nursery News - Week commencing 07/12/2020

Messy Play/Independent Learning Indoors

This week we have been getting ready for Christmas. The children decorated the Christmas tree. They have been writing letters to Santa and we even had an elf in Nursery! The children have been working hard, practising our Nativity song 'Little Donkey.'



Outdoor Learning

We have been looking at numerals and seeing if the children can correctly identify them. They have also been busy making dens using lots of different materials - working together and taking turns.



Superstar of the Week

The superstar of the week is:

Harriet

for recognising and beginning to write the sounds in her name.



Learning for the Week

What are Nursery learning about this week?

Sound	n
Number	4
Colour	blue
Shape	diamond
Book	The Jolly Postman

Miss Lewis' Story Time

This week Miss Lewis read some more of the Christmas story and the wise men came to visit baby Jesus. The children really enjoy listening and learning during these sessions.



Parent Notices

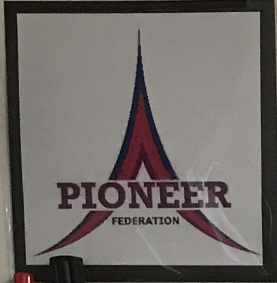
Last day of term is now **Thursday 17th December**.

Thank you for all the donkey costumes that you provided, the children looked great!



Positivity Board

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If you are a child, parent/carer, member of staff or even a visitor, please pick up a pen and write your positive comments about the school community!



Thank you to Mrs Thatcher for filming our Nativity! ☆



Thank you Bev & Claire for providing a yummy Christmas dinner this week!



The children had fun creating Christmas hats for their Christmas dinner!



Well done everyone for all of your hard work practising your parts for the Nativity!



Well done Y5&6 for assessments this week.



Thank you to the Governors for the Christmas dinner for staff.



Amazing costumes everyone! ☆



Well done Hedgehogs for making cards for residents at Freshfield nursing home and all the classes for making cards for the residents at Lydfords.



Well done Owls for working as a team during Zoneball in PE!



Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Dec 2020

15th—FGB Meeting

17th—Christingle Service—9.30am

17th—End of Term 2

Jan 2021

4th—INSET Day

5th—First day of Term 3

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

Feb 2021

4th—FGB Meeting

12th—International Day

12th—End of Term 3

22nd—First day of Term 4

Mar 2021

5th—World Book Day

9th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

11th—Parent Consultations—4-6pm

17th—Lockdown letter out

22nd—FGB Meeting

24th—Lockdown practice

31st—Parent Forum—9.00am

Apr 2021

1st—Easter Service—9.25am

1st—End of Term 4

19th—First day of Term 5

27th—Parent Forum—2.45pm

May 2021

3rd—Bank Holiday

10th—SATs Week

11th—FGB Meeting

21st—Sports Day and Picnic

26th—Pioneer Day

28th—End of Term 5

Jun 2021

7th—First day of Term 6

Dates for your diary 2020/2021

30th—Parent Forum

Jul 2021

6th—Results Day

6th—Summer production dress rehearsal

8th—Summer production—2pm

8th—Summer production—6.30pm

12th—Residential

13th—Residential

14th—Residential

14th—FGB Meeting

16th—Reports out to parents

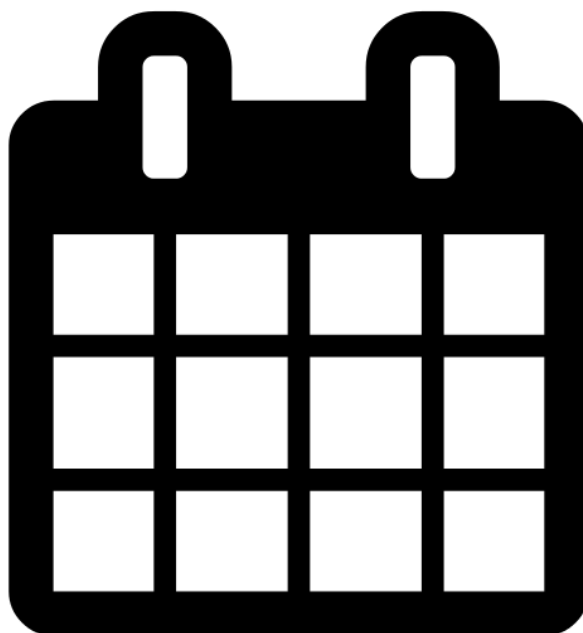
17th—Groundforce

20th—Parent Consultations—reports only

22nd—Leavers' Service—9.25am

22nd—End of Term 6

23rd—INSET Day



CHRISTMAS **ELF** HUNT

Who can see what the cheeky elves have been up to around the village?

Pick up a game card from 45 churchmarks lane on the 9th and 10th December

and have some fun.

11th, 12th & 13th

December

visit all houses to be in with a chance to win one of our three fantastic prizes.

All entrants will receive a little something for taking part. £5 per game card.





FREE Community Christmas dinner

delivered to **your** door on Christmas day

For those on their own, elderly and families or individuals in need.

There is no criteria to be met,
if you need it we'll deliver it!

Please contact us, in strict confidence,
if you would like us to deliver a delicious two
course Christmas meal to you, your family or
neighbour

Email: christmasdinner.urfc@gmail.com
TEXT: 07895 804 969

Please be assured that strict Covid measures
will be in place with PPE and social distancing adhered to
in the production and distribution of the meals.

Let Uckfield Rugby Club deliver some
Christmas cheer to your door!

