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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

My goodness - I cannot believe that it is December already! The children have been working hard all week completing assessments so that we can see how much progress they have made since September. We assess so that we can plan for areas that may need further review, but we aim to make this as child-friendly as possible, putting in support and reminding children that these are low-stakes assessments as we do not want them to worry. Once these are done we will be moving on to Christmas - where our little ones are already rehearsing for their nativity. Until we are into the last week of term, please can we request that the children's uniforms remain un-Christmas-ified - it is quite a challenge getting 90 children to all focus at the same time when there are sparkly bits of tinsel adorning some children's hair! Many thanks for your understanding - and these are more than welcome to return in the final week of term.



You may have seen on the news about the water issue in Tunbridge Wells, and the following 'Boil Notice' that is in place. The postcodes advised to do this spread beyond those who were without water, but we are pleased to share that we are not affected, so please do not worry. This incident has been the basis of our 'Quality of the Week' as we talked about volunteers who gave up their time to hand out water, essentially caring for others - making a difficult situation a little bit better. We do hope that our praise of such individuals will encourage our children to go on and carry out similar selfless acts in the future.

Wishing you wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elliott

★ Stars of the Week ★

In our Friday Celebration Assembly we have been celebrating children who have been caring for others:

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Macie F	Eva C	Katie R	Harley M	Nicky - Jenson LR	Tommy H	Joe F

Many thanks to **Kaelum S** for joining me to present assembly today.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are very important and we have class targets of 96%+. Please make sure that the children attend every day to ensure their class can achieve their targets. Holidays during term-time will not be authorised, this includes those where we are notified both before and after they occur.

Lemurs	Otters	Meerkats	Rhinos	Penguins	Lions	Dolphins
Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	94%	97%	97%	96%	92%	97%
😊	😞	😊	😊	😊	😞	😊

Carol Singing at The Bush, Blackbird and Thrush



Thank you to everyone who joined in with the carol singing on Tuesday - such a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit! We hope you enjoyed singing and dancing with us; our ladies danced magnificently and there was some impressive leaping from the lords! Many thanks to Mrs Bawden for rehearsing with us in school, and to Miss Simpson and Mrs Duffield for joining to ensure we all remained in tune!

On the final Friday of term (19th December) we will be having our normal Celebration assembly, where we will be handing out the usual certificates for reading and Star of the Week, and acknowledging all birthdays up until that day (holiday birthdays will be celebrated in the new year), as well as announcing the attendance prize winner, but we will finish by singing some festive songs, so if you are free to join us then please do. There will not be a special presentation from any of the classes, so please do not feel the need to take time off of work to attend - but if you are free then you are more than welcome, as always.



Meerkats have been making Chairs for Bears!

As a part of their DT project, the Year 2 children have been making chairs for bears! First they made their own chairs just by using paper and cardboard. These were a prototype that they then tested them out to see which ones were strong enough to hold a teddy bear. They had great fun - and a great way to recycle old cardboard boxes - the Eco team would be very proud of them!



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Times Table Rock Stars - England Rocks



Well done to our top scorers in the Times Table Rock Stars 'England Rocks!' event - who all received a certificate in assembly this morning - **Ambrose A, Lucas F, Phoebe G, Lily J, Eliza LH, Scarlett M, Shyla M, Eduard P, Eddie R and Jake S**. As we have shared in a previous newsletter, we came in the top 25% of participants, which is an enormous effort for a 1-form entry primary school - well done to everyone who contributed!



Drumming Concert



Well done to all of the children who performed in the drumming concert this week - **Noah A, Leo C Luca D, Eli F, Lucas F, Geoffrey G, Monty H, Joey T and Thomas W!** There will be another performance next week for the other group of drummers - this group will be a hard act to follow!



Using Our Words

What have you been learning about this week?

Jude K, Dottie P, Flo N and Esme W (Y4) - In French we have been learning about how to present ourselves; learning about how to say our name, our age and where we live so that we can speak when we go to France. We have been learning about verbs too. When Madame Duffield says '*Je peux danser*' I [Dottie] get up to dance! '*Je peux patiner*' means that Jude gets up and pretends to skate. '*Je peux sauter*' means Shyla gets up to skip, and '*Je peux chanter*' makes Felicity sing - this week she sang 'Let it go!'. We never need to say '*Je ne peux pas parler français!*'.

Geoffrey G (Y3) - This week we were learning about Arica in Chile. It is the driest inhabited place on Earth which is different to East Peckham where it has been all rainy.

Flo W and Arlo A (Y2) - In maths, we have been learning about missing numbers. In RE we have been learning about candles as we have been looking at a story and how the light guided them home.

Finley E (Y1) - We were throwing beanbags in the hoop in PE. To get better I needed to focus on where the hoop was and look at it when I threw.

Macie F and Jasper B (YR) - I learnt the Nativity so I can practise to sing! And the tricky word 'she'.



Eco News

THANK YOU! We gave out the call and we are so grateful that you answered. We now have so many lovely Christmas jumpers to help our children understand the importance of recycling our clothes. We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair - where we will be selling the jumpers as well as some school-made tree decorations where every child has made one for their parents to purchase.

We have such dedicated Eco Warriors at East Peckham. This week one of our Eco Warriors presented us with an entire booklet of work that she had worked on at home, all about the importance of litter picking. Well done **Luciana D** and thank you so much for your hard work and thoughtfulness.

Reminder: The Christmas Fair needs you!

We are busy organising the Christmas Fair for Saturday 13th December - but we need your help! While we have organised all of the activities and stalls we need some parents support for the tasks below:

Christmas Baking: We would love to have donations of Christmas baked goods (cakes, biscuits, mince pies, yule logs etc) that we can sell at the Christmas Fair. If you fancy putting on your apron, please can you bring all donations to the school on Friday 12th December (or bring them straight to the Fair on Saturday 13th @ 12pm). If you could include an ingredient list that would be great - and if you fancy turning your hand to a vegan/dairy free/gluten free bake then that would also be appreciated. Please can all contributions be nut free.



Raffle Prizes: If you own/work for/know of a company that would like to donate a raffle prize then please contact the school office. We will happily promote the generosity in our newsletter, Christmas Fair publications and social media. Many thanks in advance.

Hampers: We would love for each class to organise their own hamper for us to raffle off as prizes. If a few

parents per class would be interested in pulling this together then we would be really grateful. Please email the office to let us know if you are able to help. The parents helpers so far are:

- Year R - Lemurs - Robine Dunlop
- Year 1 - Otters - Vanessa Hook
- Year 2 - Meerkats - Rachael Moore
- Year 3 - Rhinos - Louise Reynolds
- Year 4 - Penguins - Chloe Kerton
- Year 5 - Lions - Sally Swift
- Year 6 - Dolphins - Esther Leigh-Hollands

Covering Stalls: Although all of the stalls are prepared and resourced we need parent volunteers to run stalls. We will be allocating a stall per class, so please keep an eye on the class WhatsApp group to see if you can lend an hour or two (the whole event runs for only 3 hours).

Selling Raffle Tickets: Please encourage sales to all of your friends, family and colleagues! We will let you know the prizes once confirmed (please see the hamper information above!).

Many thanks in advance - and don't forget to save the date!



Reminder: Christmas Arrangements

Please find below the arrangements for all of the Christmas events that will take place later in the term:

Saturday 13th December - **Christmas Fair**

- Please join us at the Christmas Fair in the school hall from 12pm-3pm. There will be:
 - Raffle



- Chocolate/Bottle Tombolas
- Parent gift room
- Snowman Alley
- Teacher Festive Fruit Machine
- Lucky dips
- Bake off - more details to follow...
- Reindeer Hoopla
- And most importantly, FATHER CHRISTMAS!
- We would be really grateful for any offers of help to cover stalls.
- See information above about help with the raffle.

Monday 15th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - dress rehearsal in-school

- There will be an in-school dress rehearsal for the other classes to watch. This performance is not for parents. Please can we ask that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are in school on this day.
- As you are aware, holidays during term-time are never authorised, however if you are planning to not bring your child to school this week, please make sure that you let the school know. Nativity performances are inevitably short of a few children due to winter coughs and colds, but if we are aware of children being absent for holidays then it means we can arrange parts accordingly. Organising a performance for 90 children is challenging enough as it is for the EYFS/KS1 team, so please support us by ensuring we know who will be in attendance.

Tuesday 16th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - younger siblings welcome

- Parents and family members are invited to watch their children's nativity at 9:15am.
- It will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend this performance - however if they become restless please can we ask that you step outside so as to not disturb the children while performing.
- If you attend this performance, please can you not also attend the one tomorrow so that we have enough space to fit everyone in the school hall.
- Grandparents and/or extended family are welcome, but please be mindful of our limited hall space.
- You do not need to book places in advance.

Wednesday 17th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - adults only

- Parents and family members are invited to watch their children's nativity at 2:00pm.
- It will last for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- Children can be collected and taken home as soon as they are changed back into school uniform.
- Please do not attend this performance if you have already attended yesterday's performance so that we have enough space to fit everyone in the school hall.
- This is an adult-only performance, please do not bring any younger siblings.
- Grandparents and/or extended family are welcome, but please be mindful of our limited hall space.
- You do not need to book places in advance.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner while wearing Christmas Jumpers

- Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper today (with their own clothes on the bottom half).
- There is no payment required in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper.
- Christmas dinner will be served today - please order via Arbor (the option on the app may not have changed, but the meal will definitely be Christmas dinner).



Reminder: Attendance Prize for Term 2

We are very pleased to share that we have been gifted a £35 Family Ticket voucher to [Mulligan's Dino Golf](#) in Tonbridge and we will be offering this as an attendance prize, to award at the end of Term 2. A reminder about how our attendance prizes work - every child who attends for a full week from



Monday to Friday will

have their name entered into the draw to win. If a child is off, they will still have a chance of re-entering the following week, but obviously the more full weeks of attendance mean more entries into the draw! Good luck - and many thanks to Tim at Mulligan's for his kind donation - please do support this local business if you fancy a fun day out in Tonbridge!

Reminder: PE

Please find below the dates and times for PE:

	Term 2
	PE
Year R	Formal PE begins later in the year.
Year 1	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (indoor)
Year 2	Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)
Year 3	Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 4	Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Year 5	Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (indoor)
Year 6	Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)

Dates for your diary

New dates added are in **red**. More information about the events will be shared nearer the time.

Saturday 13th December	Christmas Fair	Whole school
Monday 15th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the afternoon - all children to be in school please.	Whole school
Tuesday 16th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - siblings welcome - 9:15am	EYFS/KS1 parents

Wednesday 17th December	RockSteady concert - am	Parents welcome
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity - adults only - 2:00pm	EYFS/KS1 parents
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Dinner Day - children can wear Christmas jumpers too!	Whole school
Friday 19th December	End of Term 2	Whole school
Monday 5th January	Start of Term 3	Whole school
Tuesday 6th January	Zoolab Visit	Reception & Year 1
Friday 16th January	Winter Disco (more details to follow)	Whole school
Friday 6th February	Bingo! (more details to follow)	All parents welcome

Designated Safeguarding Team

Mr Atkins - Mrs Elliott - Miss Ray - Mrs Sinden - Miss Worrall

Please notify any of the team if you have any concerns via dsl@eastpeckhamprimary.org.uk

Contact us

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