

Eastern Green Junior School



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RESPECT • READY • SAFE

Friday 1st December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone for your incredibly kind donations for the Christmas Fayre! I have my fingers crossed for a tombola win - there are some fabulous prizes on offer! It is so lovely to be able to ensure all the wonderful traditions at EGJS continue this year, and I am very much looking forward to seeing the children perform 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', which everyone assures me is a performance not to be missed!

This week has been busy with us moving up a gear towards Christmas; we have been making decorations, thinking about the Christian celebration of Advent and what that means for Christians, and also practising our songs for our Christmas concert too. We have not taken the foot off the pedal yet though with our learning as we still have three weeks to go - Friday the 22nd is our final day in school. Our attendance figures are looking a little sad currently however as there are lots of coughs and sneezes going around at this time of year, but if you are ok with a dose of Calpol, please do still come into school.

Next week, is set to be very exciting with many PE events coming up (see the calendar below) and Year 5 are excitedly looking forward to seeing Isabelle W skating at the Skydome this Tuesday, which was on last week's newsletter. The children are going to be cheering her and her fellow skaters on as they take to the Ice for their version of The Wizard of Oz! We are so proud of Isabelle! Year 4 are looking forward to a visit from the fire station on Friday next week. This week, we welcomed our local PCSO's Adam and Mathew, who came to talk to Year 5 and 6 about safe choices when they are out and about and what actions and consequences might occur in some situations. Thank you to both - it was a really useful, informative and eye-opening visit and our children were able to ask some pertinent and thoughtful questions.

Please be assured, that whilst we intend to provide several lovely opportunities to prepare the children for the holidays over the next few weeks, we will still be focussing heavily on our learning which is always at the forefront of our minds.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Nealon - Headteacher

Coats!

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A COAT WITH YOU EVERY DAY!

IT IS COLD! 😊



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Calendar: Autumn TWO

Tuesday 5th December - Year 5 trip to the Skydome (See info at end of newsletter) (pm)

Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics at the Xcel Centre.

Wednesday 6th December - Year 5 Values Dodgeball event final - good luck team! 😊

Thursday 7th December - Engage Rugby tournament.

Friday 8th December - Year 4 Fire Station visiting us in school.

Monday 11th December - UKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service.

Tuesday 12th December - LKS2 visit to St. Andrew's Church - Christmas Service.

Thursday 14th December - Dress Rehearsal for our Christmas Singing Concert - **bring your Christmas jumper!**

Friday 15th December - Christmas Craft Day in School.

Tuesday 19th December - 6 pm - Christmas singing concert - tickets will be sent home by end of next week

Wednesday 20th December - 2 pm - Christmas singing concert - tickets will be sent home by end of next week

Christmas School Dinner Day - our chef promises this is not a Hot Dinner to be missed!

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd - Christmas Jumper Days - Get the wear out of your

Christmas jumper before it is too small! 😊



Thursday 21st December - Christmas Performance for children to watch at 2pm - The Amazing Flower Challenge
an Italian Folk Story.

Friday 22nd December - Half Termly Star Assembly - Parents invited (invite only.) 9.05am

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January - First Day back after Christmas break



Communication:

If we need to let you know of any changes to our school day, these will come via email from our MIS system. If you haven't seen it on the newsletter or received an email, then you can safely assume there are no changes that you need to be aware of. 😊 We have had lots of positive feedback about our streamlined communication systems and are endeavouring to ensure any dates that you need to be aware of will be communicated here or via email and we are refining this all the time. Please bear with us as we refine our systems and processes to ensure communication is clear and you are not overloaded. Some feedback we have had so far:

"I used to feel a little stressed about checking all the different places like Facebook, Dojo, the newsletter, looking out for slips in the bag – knowing that I only have to look in one place or that I will get an email is great."

"The calendar dates on the newsletter are really helpful. I screen shot it as a reference and use the weekly newsletter to add updates to our family calendar."

"The newsletter is like a little mini magazine – love it!"

"Not having Dojo now makes you really think about if you need to contact school so you can reflect if it's a necessary communication. I think actually it was sometimes tempting to send unnecessary information before."

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Thank you so much to our families who have kindly provided us with some donations of books to help bolster our reading corners! If you have any that you can offer, please keep them coming. This is something we are keen to work on in our classrooms this year to enthuse our children with a love of reading! In January, each class will be engaging in a Sponsored Event to raise money to upgrade our classroom book corners, to ensure that they are full of the latest and best publications to encourage a lifelong love of reading!

Please keep your eyes open in January for our sponsorship forms which will be coming out so that each child can work to raise money to bolster our classroom Reading Corners! Meanwhile...

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED BOOKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, PLEASE BRING THEM IN FOR OUR CLASS READING CORNERS!

BENEFITS OF READING



As you know, we are continuing the process of extending and improving the selection of books we have in school to ensure all children can access and enjoy a wide variety of texts and authors throughout their time at EGJS. Last year, we began the process of updating our school library with newer copies of well-loved books and purchasing new, modern texts covering a range of themes and topics. We have made inroads, but our library is still quite sparse - filling a library as you can imagine is a mammoth task and to complete it, we are asking once again for the invaluable help of our Eastern Green community. We know from times past that our school community recognise the importance of reading and your support has been invaluable. Thank you. We are asking this Christmas, for anybody who is able and willing, if they would be able to make donations of children's books to our school. There are two ways that this can be done:

- Donations of children's books which are in good condition as stated above.
- You can purchase a new book for the school through our Amazon 'Wish List'. Each item bought will be sent directly to us and can be read by children straight away. We have listed a large selection of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and picture books. Please use the link below if you can make a book donation. We will be so very grateful. www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1MEFOVHTEOLFI?ref_=wl_share

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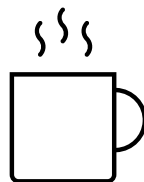
In Celebration Assembly each week, two pupils from each class are chosen to receive a Headteacher's Award and a Values Award. These awards are for pupils who consistently demonstrate our school values, or demonstrate to the teacher something exceptional that week that deserves recognition.

Our school values: RESPECT • READY • SAFE

This week's Headteacher Award and Values Award Winners are:

Year 3	3C		3PS	
	Barney	Jack	Benjamin	Jacob
Year 4	4L		4C	
	Keira	Isla	Grace	Sophia
Year 5	5M		5C	
	Caitlin	Skyla	Isabelle	Finley
Year 6	6AC		6L	
	Sophie	Jack	William	Megan

Hot Chocolate Friday



At Eastern Green, teachers are always on the lookout for our children who go, '**Above and Beyond**' - children who always demonstrate, our school values of:

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This includes their behaviour, their attitude to learning, their willingness to give their all to life at Eastern Green and their work ethic in the classroom.

This week's Hot Chocolate Crew are:

3C	3PS	4L	4C	5M	5C	6AC	6L
William	Niamh	Toby	Mila	Lucia-Mae	Ruby	Olivia O	Finley

Well done to these wonderful ambassadors for our school - we will share our hot chocolates on Monday next week, due to the Christmas Fayre today! 😊

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I know many of you will remember EGJS hitting the headlines 5 years ago, when our previous Headteacher, Mrs Aston, wrote to parents to lament the huge amount of money that school was having to allocate every single month to subsidise hot dinners in school. Sadly, this remains the case, and our school dinners are still being heavily subsidised by school funds. This is due to not enough children having a hot dinner option each day. If all our families look ahead in advance at our school dinner menu and perhaps choose a day, or even a few days, to opt for a hot dinner, this would be so helpful for the school as we really do not want to be in a situation where we cannot continue to offer the option of a hot dinner. Please do support us by choosing even just one day a week where your child will take a hot dinner. **We would be so grateful. You can decide on a day-by-day basis if you want a packed lunch or a hot dinner and this is great if you are in a rush, and you forget to prepare a packed lunch the night before – the hot dinner option is always available even at short notice!**

The hot dinner options run on a 3 weekly cycle and change regularly throughout the year. Last year, we held taster sessions which received a big thumbs up from the children, but we still sadly do not have enough children opting for a hot dinner. Thankyou in advance for your support!



Merry Christmas

MAINS
Roast Turkey OR
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry
Slice

SIDES
Roast Potatoes
Pigs in Blankets
Stuffing & Gravy
Carrots & Broccoli

DESSERT
Festive Chocolate & Vanilla
Ice-Cream Pot

**IMAGINATION READING CAFE
STORYTELLERS PRESENT...**

**CHRISTMAS
AROUND THE WORLD**

Storytelling
with live musician, puppets and
percussion instruments for children

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER
12-1PM

CALUDON LIBRARY

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COVENTRY**

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Mobile Phones: Please can I remind parents that we only allow children to bring mobile telephones into school if they are arriving or leaving school without a parent / carer and therefore need their phone. If you bring your child to and from school, there is no need for your child to bring their mobile phone into school. Please help us by ensuring your child only has a phone in school if they will need it on the school run. Thank you.



This year, we are participating once again in 'Active Advent.' These are fitness related fun activities to count down to Christmas! Saturday and Sunday activities are 'Rudolph Run' and 'Throwing Snowballs.' If you join in at home, please do send in some pictures or videos to: pe@easterngreen.coventry.sch.uk.

2nd

It's a Cracker Rudolph Run

How to play:

- You have two minutes to collect as many red items as you can and bring them back to your start point.
- Rules: you can only collect one red item at a time.
- At the end of the two minutes, count how many items you have.
- The next part of the challenge is to see if you can put all of the items back in the same time. You can only carry one item at a time.

Playing with someone else? Who can find the most items in the time?
Then, play the game again with a different colour!

#ActiveAdvent

3rd

It's a Cracker Throwing Snowballs

What you need: 3 pairs of socks (snowballs) and 3 or more pots or pans.

How to play:

- Place pots or pans at different distances away.
- Begin behind a line.
- Score one point for each pair of socks (snowball) you throw that lands in the pot.

Make this harder by labelling each pot or pan with a different number of points and seeing how many points you can score.

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