

# EYE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER



20.12.24

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As we reach the end of the autumn term, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish all of our school community; children, staff, governors, parents and carers, a very Happy Christmas.

It has been a busy term full of many wonderful opportunities in school and we are continually grateful for all of your support. We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable time with loved ones over the Christmas period.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the new year ready for another term of learning as we continue to GROW together for life in all its fullness.



### ATTENDANCE (%) W/C: 09/12/24 TO 13/12/24 WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 91.58%

Badgers	92.67%
Squirrels	78.97%
Chimps	98.00%
Hedgehogs	86.21%
Dolphins	93.75%
Foxes	80.00%
Giraffes	93.23%
Jaguars	96.77%
Koalas	89.05%
Lemurs	88.57%
Meerkats	92.81%
Sharks	98.33%
Tigers	93.57%
Wombats	94.67%
Zebras	96.67%



The Salvation Army, Peterborough wanted to pass on a big thank you to everyone who contributed donations of new toys for their toy appeal. These toys are already being distributed to families where they will be greatly appreciated.

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

### December

**20th-** Children's last day of term

### January

**6th-** Inset Day for staff

**7th-** Children's first day back in school

**10th-** Level 3 Bikeability

**13th-** Clubs resume

**17th-** Level 1 Bikeability

**31st-** Level 3 Bikeability

### February

**14th-** Children's last day of half term

**17th-21st-** Half term holiday

### March

**WB 3rd-** Spring Term TLC Week



## GROWING BEYOND SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM THE FOREST



Last Sunday, Dylan took part in his 6th Junior Park Run. Each week, Dylan has scored a new personal best and this week he went through the 10 minute mark and came 6th overall. This is greatly deserved after all of the training that he's been doing at school for cross country.

A big well done, Dylan!



This week in the forest, we have been tidying up ready for our Christmas break. We have been clearing up all the Christmas decorations and checking all of our equipment to see if anything is broken or unsafe, throwing it away or adjusting it, if needed.

We have made sure our leaves have been spread around our forest so they can mulch down adding nutrients to the soil, which intern makes it good for growing when we come back. Supervised carefully by forest school adults, some of the children were making their own fires out of materials around the forest and using the flints to set light to them.

We certainly have had lots of fun and learning happening in the forest this term. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas,

From Forest school 🎄



Good luck to Phoebe, who is part of this year's Cresset pantomime- Cinderella! A big well done to Phoebe for being part of this. What a wonderful experience to have! We are very proud of you, What a star!



Huge congratulations to Milo, who was awarded 'man of the match' for his football team, last weekend. A super achievement! Well done, Milo!



Thank you for all of your donations for Christmas jumper day last week. We raised £220.45 for Save the Children. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.



## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

### **Caterpillars Class**

This week we have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts and activities. Some of us ventured over to the school to watch the EYFS nativity, which we really enjoyed. They did a great job! We had a lovely parent gathering, we made some reindeer food to help guide the reindeers on Christmas Eve, we did some Christmas colouring and have enjoyed lots of Christmas baking! We wish all our parents and children in Caterpillars Class a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We can't wait to make more memories in Caterpillars in the new year.



### **Butterflies Class**

This week in Butterflies, the children have been practicing their turn taking skills and re-enacting their personal experiences whilst playing in our very own Santa's grotto. They have taken part in a baking activity where they have made mince pies, and they have also completed some foam crafting sets where they took their time to create some lovely Christmas coasters. Overall, the children have had a very exciting week with lots of new experiences. On Monday, some of the children watched the school nativity and, in the afternoon, we all visited Field House to spread some festive cheer and to sing our favourite Christmas songs to the residents. We also held an afternoon family gathering where the children and their families joined us to decorate biscuits and make reindeer food, etc. We then concluded our very busy week with the Butterflies Christmas party where the children had fun doing lots of dancing, playing party games such as pass the parcel, and at the end they were even surprised by a visit from Father Christmas himself!

## **BRILLIANT BREAKTIMES**

Some of our staff team have worked hard over the autumn term to develop the breaktime provision for children in school. We have spoken to the children and asked them what they would like to be able to do whilst on the playgrounds. This has been greatly aided by donations of toys from our school community. We aim to give the children resources that will inspire them to play and use their imaginations as well as develop their social skills whilst playing alongside each other. Here's a little look at some of the things the children have been enjoying.





## ROCKSTEADY

We loved joining with our pupils who have been learning an instrument with Rocksteady for their concerts this week. They were amazing, playing and singing so confidently in front of a big audience. Thank you to parents, carers and relatives who joined us for these concerts.



## EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITIES

It really has been a week full of events and performances. The children in EYFS and KS1 all did an incredible job of performing in their respective nativities. They sang with joy and enthusiasm and spoke any lines with confidence. It was lovely to have such a full hall with family members and friends coming to enjoy and support the children. We want to thank you, once again, for the time and effort given to providing costumes for the children. They all looked wonderful.



## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES



This morning, we had a wonderful time at St Matthew's church for our Christmas service. We enjoyed singing some excellent Christmas songs together as well as enjoying a poem read by children in year 4 and prayers from year 2 children and the church ambassadors.

Reverend Ann took us into our imaginations to wonder what it would be like to experience the manger scene and meet baby Jesus for ourselves.

Thank you to the parents, carers and relatives of year 4 who were able to join us.

## AND FINALLY...

On behalf of all the staff in school, we would like to say a sincere thank you for all of the kind words that have been shared in cards and the gifts that have been received this Christmas time. We love working with the children of Eye C of E Primary School and never expect to receive anything from children, parents and carers for this. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

