



Ebchester Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

As the festive season fast approaches we wanted to make you aware of some of our most recent events and plans for the final days of this term. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support, particularly over the last few weeks.

After School Sport and Art Clubs

The following clubs will run next half term:

Infants

Tuesday: Curling with Leisureworks (starting on the 15th January)

Wednesday: Colouring Club with Mrs Stavers

Thursday: Choir with Miss Rogers

Friday: Japanese club with Mr Carr

Juniors

Tuesday: Microbits (computing) Club with Mrs Askill

Wednesday: Movie Making with Miss Edmunds

Sports club with Mr Collingwood (TBC)

Thursday: Dodgeball led by a Leisureworks coach (starting on the 17th January)

All clubs start the first week back apart from the two Leisureworks clubs.

Carol Service and Christingle

Our Carol Service and Christingle will take place at St. Ebba's on Thursday at 2pm. The Class One pupils will lead the service with the Reception children forming a tableau of the nativity. You are more than welcome to join us.

Christmas Performances

Many thanks to everyone who joined us to watch our Infant and Junior performances. I'm sure you'll agree that all of the pupils were amazing. We raised £311 from the raffles – thank you.

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Class Information

Class Four

On Monday the Infants had a lovely treat because we went to Gibside for the afternoon. Unfortunately, the magic dust which Santa's reindeer need to fly had been scattered around Gibside in sacks and we needed to collect them all for Santa. Whilst we walked around the grounds, we sang Christmas songs, learnt about the wildlife at Gibside and about some Christmas traditions like when Christmas trees first came to our country. Once we'd found all the reindeer bags, we were lucky enough to sit around a campfire and toast a marshmallow. **Mr Carr**



Class Three

Over the past two weeks, Class 3 have been finishing off their Fire topic. The children have planned and written a newspaper article about the Great Fire of London in Literacy and in PSHE we have been spotting dangerous fire hazards in the home! Last week we caught up with our 'Everyday Materials' learning in Science including testing whether different materials squash, bend, stretch or twist, and setting up an experiment with lots of kitchen roll brands to see which was the most absorbent. I'm sure they will be a great help when it comes to buying it in the supermarket! **Miss Edmunds**

Class Two

Wow what a busy end to a busy term! After working extremely hard practising for our nativity it was a huge success and the children were all outstanding and I am so very proud of them. In Class Two, we've worked hard in literacy to produce our own amazing versions of George's Marvellous Medicine, poor Grandma has had a traumatic time! In science, we've been learning about the melting point of chocolate where we were very observant when melting white, milk and dark chocolate to find out which would be the quickest. In DT, we've made our own fruit smoothies following the instructions we have written. Finally, this week is going to be filled with lots of glitter, sequins (apologies to Mr Bell in advance), Christmas music and fun! Have a wonderful Christmas. **Miss Rogers**

Class One

What a busy term we have had! Class One has worked extremely hard on their topic, Private Peaceful. I am amazed at how much the children have learnt about World War one – I think this has been our favourite topic so far. In literacy, we have been writing diary entries and looking at a range of war poetry. We have linked our computing lessons to our topic too and have created a newspaper report about Archduke Franz Ferdinand. This week we are finishing off our topic by making World War One medals – children have created a soldier from the war and are awarding them with a medal for their service. In science, we have been learning all about light, including how shadows are formed and reflection. We are now going to enjoy

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the rest of our week at school with lots of Christmas activities. I hope that everybody has a lovely Christmas look forward to seeing children return after the New Year. **Mrs Askeff**

Christmas Lunch

We have enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch this week – thanks to Emma and Gemma - and it was lovely to see so many of the children wearing Christmas jumpers. The Christmas party was a great success too. A selection of photos from today have been added to our website.



Parking

Could I remind you all that waiting, stopping or parking a vehicle on the zig-zag lines around school is not allowed under any circumstances. They are in place to keep our pupils safe. The Mini Police have been out this week already to hand out leaflets to remind everyone of this important message. We have also purchased two 'parking buddies' to encourage safer parking. We are currently working with our PCSO, Julie Brown, with this issue and, for the benefit of all of the pupils who attend Ebchester, I'd appreciate your cooperation with this matter. Many thanks.



Finally, as 2018 draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our pupils, parents and staff a wonderfully happy and relaxing Christmas. School reopens on the Monday 7th January 2019.

Yours sincerely,
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