

Weekly Newsletter

15.12.2023



Upcoming Dates: 3 days left...

Tuesday 19th: **Christmas Performance: 1pm onwards (all seats allocated). Bring some change for a drink!**

Wednesday 20th: **Last Day: suggested FOES donation: £2 per child:**

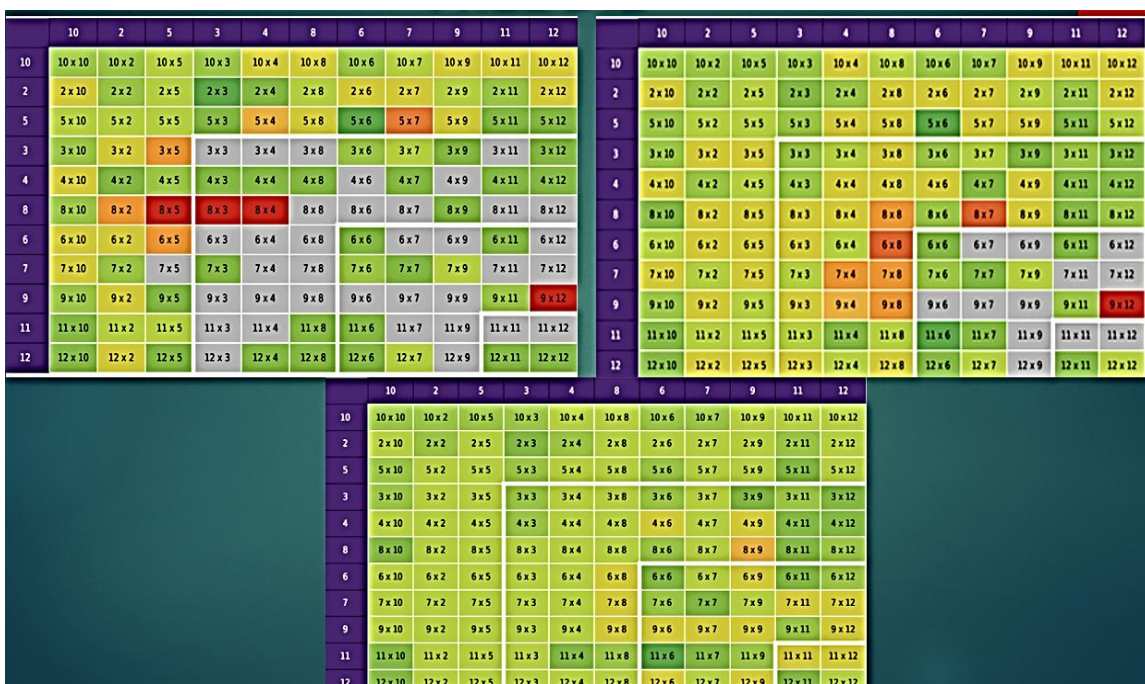
- Celebratory Assembly AM (all welcome)
- Christmas Dress/Non-Uniform
- Games/film/tv in class (timetable arranged with teachers and their class)
- Christmas Lunch
- Best Dressed Competition Assembly PM
- Cake from FOES: **no party food donations necessary!**
- Special Guest TBC (fingers crossed!)

21st, 27th-29th December: Redecoration: Phase 3: Carpets: x3 classrooms

Friday 5th January: **Children's first day back!**

Times Table Rockstars Assembly 3

Wow. What a feast for the eyes! 59 beautiful heat maps shared and 'shout-outs' given – *newcomers* & *veterans*. Year 2 to Year 6. Visually seeing the progress and the tangible enthusiasm in and around school has been a joy. When you've got your heat map to a good place, children – little and often is the key to keep you fluent and keep you sharp. Keep going!



As pupils speed and accuracy improves, our overall 'mean score' speed improves as a school. This combined score has *accelerated* Earith Primary School several places in the *nearby schools* league. We've jumped from 25th to 8th in the last few weeks, improving our overall response time by an average of more than 3 secs. Fabulous progress. Well done, Earith. Rock on!

Curriculum +

Do you want your child's reading, writing and maths to improve? Homework can have negative connotations. Try **Curriculum Plus** instead – it's a positive affirmation and sounds much cooler! Think of it as giving your child that **extra edge or boost** outside of school to **add value inside of school** and accelerate progress. And what a great **Curriculum Plus** deal we have on offer. Here's what's available:

1. Read every day: (and make sure it's good quality): arguably the *most* important thing your child can do
2. Numbots (Year R – 1)
3. Rockstars (Year 2 – 6)
4. Spelling Shed (Year R – 6)
5. **NEW: Active Learn Primary – loaded with loads of interactive maths games.** Earn points, spend on funky stuff! Year 1 – 6. Reception starting during the Spring Term.

'Homework' has never felt so exciting!

Need your child's logins for the Christmas break onwards? Call the school.

Top 10 Earith Primary School Spellers of the Week!

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Have Your Say, Children!

Please encourage and support your child to have their say in this survey, representing children across Cambridgeshire:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

FOES Jeffers Bake Sale

Thank You, parents for your contributions and your support after school last week. Nothing like a sweet treat to end the week. Thank you, FOES, as always, for your hard work and support at our Bake Sales.

School Council: Christmas Cards

Thanks to the School Council who have organised themselves to collect, sort and distribute Christmas cards from the Post-box to their peers.

School Council: Books

Thanks to Skeeles charity; a small amount of commission from school photographs, as well as a private donation, the school has £300 to spend on some new books. Thanks to all children who fed back their views on the books they would like to see more of. Mrs Matthews will use this as a basis for some wonderful new titles – she's *rubbing her hands with glee!* And I'm sure our avid young readers will be equally keen to *snap up* some new titles soon.

Open the Book

On behalf of the school community, a Merry Christmas and thank you to all the team at Open the Book. Our children really enjoy and look forward to their interactive Wednesday assemblies with you all. Merry Christmas & Best Wishes.

FOES Christmas Bazaar 2023

Once again, an exceptionally well-organised and led Christmas Bazaar courtesy of FOES. An array of stallholders, interspersed with some wonderful games; exciting prizes and of course, gorgeous crafts made by our pupils. A real sense of community with young people at its heart. We look forward to sharing with you just how much has been raised in due course. Thank You, All – for your hard work, charitable donations and above all else, the most precious commodity of all: *your time*. [LINK HERE](#)

Christmas Reading & Singing Legend

Reading the lyrics to five popular Christmas songs as part of taught reading sessions in school in Year R – 6.

Then, enter stage left: one *very* talented parent: professional pianist and music Teacher, Louisa Gard. Louisa plays, we sing. Such fun.

Thank You, Louisa. We loved it! Can't wait to see you back in school soon. Watch this space...



Learning Highlights of the Week

Highlight Jeffers & Shireen:

This week, Jeffers and Shireen classes joined together to take part in a multi-skills festival. The children took part in different activities, using all of the techniques and skills they have been working on during PE lessons this half term. They competed in houses, earning points for teamwork and sportsmanship as well as demonstrating the techniques they have learnt. It was wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger members of their house. The children enjoyed the morning and have already asked to repeat the experience. The winning house with 147 points was Bridge.



Highlight Riddell:

In Riddell Class this week, we have been designing and making beautiful Christmas decorations as part of our DT project. We have also been reading the poem 'Talking Turkeys' by Benjamin Zephaniah, and designing our own settlements in Geography.

Highlight Gold:

Children in Gold Class have been busy crafting decorations for sale at the Christmas Fair. They have utilised their abilities in estimation, understanding ratios and measuring, to bring their individual designs to life.

Curriculum Champions



No Awards this Friday.

Head Teacher Awards and Active Leaders, Learners, Citizens awarded in Assembly on Wednesday.

Attendance Matters



100% Attendance = 100%

Winning class for week ending 08.12.2023

Jeffers Class: 99.13%

Whole School: 94.81%

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK:

To be announced on Wednesday.

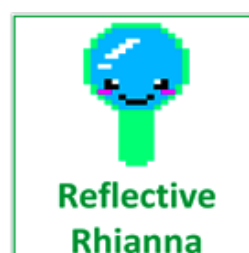
[Community News and Events this week](#): - click [HERE](#)



Please see Sid the Cygnet on his website page – click [HERE](#)

Reading Blog [HERE](#)

Celebration Awards Assemblies - click [HERE](#)



New in green; Emphasizing/Revisions in yellow

Autumn 2

19th December: Christmas Songs/Class Performances

20th December: Award Assembly, Special Guest (fingers crossed), Lunch, Movie, Games, FOES Best Dressed

20th December: Redecoration: Phase 3

Spring 1

12th January: Riddell Class Assembly

19th January: Disco **TBC**

w/c 22nd January: Year 6 Assessments

w/c 29th January: Year 3 4 5 Assessments

6th February: Safer Internet Day 2024

Spring 2

w/c 26th February: Year 1 & 2 Assessments

w/c 4th March: Year 6 Assessments

7th March: World Book Day Legend (dress as any character you like!) Book Club Event **TBC**

8th March: Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

11th March: Queen Mother Handwriting Competition

12th March: DT Day: British Science Week

15th March: Big Red Nose Coin Drop (assembly)

15th March: Science Day: British Science Week

19th March: Parents Evening 3

20th March: Parents Evening 4

23rd Maths: World Maths Day (Saturday) – celebrating 22nd March in school

26th March: PM Egg Rolling Competition

27th March: PM: Egg Decorating

28th March: Assembly & FOES Egg Hunt **TBC**

Summer 1

22nd April: Pool Opens **TBC**

26th April: Year R Class Assembly

w/c 13th May: KS2 SATS Week (Year 6)

17th May: FOES Disco: **TBC**

20th May: Healthy Week

w/c 20th May: Year 2 Assessments

24th May: Sports Day

Summer 2

w/c 10th June: Phonics Screening Check & Assessments (Year 1)

w/c 3rd June: Year 3, 4, 5 Assessments

Between 3rd – 14th June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

21st June: World Music Day

1st & 2nd July: Bikeability (Year 5 & 6)

4th July: Sid the Cygnet's 4th Birthday: Geography Fieldwork & FOES Sponsored Walk: **TBC**

8th – 10th July: Hilltop Residential (Year 5 & 6)

15th -19th July: Transition Week: **TBC**

17th July: EOY Reports released

19th July: Head's Award, Badges, FOES Best Dressed Summer Theme, Leavers Assembly

19th July: Year 6 Enterprise funded lunch: **TBC**

19th July: Year 6 Pool Party PM: **TBC**