



The Head Teacher's Fortnightly Newsletter Monday 10th December 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come towards the end of the Autumn Term and into December, things are busier than ever with lots of **exciting Christmas events** coming your way! The Christmas trees have gone up and Christmas ELVES have once again landed into some of our classrooms! You should now have a copy of our **Christmas event dates** so please get them in your diary so that you don't miss out. Dates can also be found on the APP and website.

The '**12 Days of Christmas Attendance**' started last Wednesday. This has proved very popular with the children over the last few years. Over the 12 days, children in school are given the opportunity to win Christmas prizes in their classrooms and at the end of the twelve days, any child that has been in school for all of the '12 days' will be entered into a prize draw for a fantastic family Christmas hamper! **Good luck everyone!**

Best Wishes
Mrs D Linacre



Attendance

Week Beg: 26/11/18 and 03/12/18.

The information below tells you the attendance % for each class, for the last two weeks.

Class	%	%
1	96.4	98.2
2	95.3	96.3
3	95.5	94.2
4	95.8	100
5	93.2	92.3
6	97.0	95.8
7	96.6	97.4
8	92.2	97.4
9	96.9	95.2
10	95.0	98.3
11	95.6	90.0
12	90.9	96.5

The classes have been coded against the national average.

Red – Way below average
Yellow – Below average
Green – Average or above

Punctuality

The information below tells you how many times a child has been late at each Key Stage in the last two weeks.

Rec/KS1	KS2
19	24
13	25

Please make sure your child comes to school on time!

Admissions Policy 2020 / 21

This policy is now out for consultation on our website until the 25th February. Any queries need to be made to:

admissions@eltacademy.org



School Lunches

As from January 1st 2018, the catering staff at Easterside Academy will TUPE over from Middlesbrough Council and become employees of Easterside Academy and The Enquire Learning Trust (ELT). This means that school lunches will no longer be provided by the local authority but will instead be provided by ourselves with the support of Mellors an external company that helps to manage all the school meals across ELT's schools. To begin with children and parents will not see much difference but over the year we hope to look for ways in which to improve the meals we provide; educate our children better about food and living a healthy lifestyle; and invite parents in to try some of the new dishes we introduce! There will also be opportunities for children to design their own school meal for everyone to try! There will be no changes to the cost of meals this academic year.

Christmas Jumper Day! – 21st December
Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school, or add some tinsel to their uniform!



Staff and governors are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all the children in their care.