



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 9th December - Year 5 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.



Friday, 9th December - Eastry School Choirs will be singing at Eastry Village Hall at 11.00am



Monday, 12th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 2.00pm in the School Hall

Parents, carers and family of children in Year 1 & 2 are invited to the first performance of their Nativity play. This will be held in the school hall at 2.00pm and we expected the show to last around 40-45 minutes.



Tuesday, 13th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play 9.15am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and family of children in Year 1 & 2 are invited to the second performance of their Nativity play. This will be held in the school hall at 9.15am and we expected the show to last around 40-45 minutes.



Thursday, 15th December - Class Christmas Parties

Children will have their Christmas parties during the afternoon of 15th December with their class. Children may wear non-uniform to school but please make sure this is warm enough. There may even be a visit from a very special guest!

Thursday, 15th December - Open Classrooms 3.00 to 3.20pm

Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's class from 3.00 to 3.20pm to see some of the work they have done this term. You are then asked to leave the classroom at 3.20pm and wait on the playground for the children to be dismissed at 3.25pm

Thursday, 15th December - Last Day of Term 2

Friday, 16th December - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

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Welcome to our New Parent Governor

I would like to welcome Darren Mullins as our new Parent Governor. We look forward to working with him and for the skills and knowledge he will bring to our governor team.

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The Children's Society

Children's Society Collection Envelope

As you may be aware the school supports The Children's Society at Christmas time through our Christingle Service, Nativity Plays and Christmas Jumper Day. . **Please return envelopes/collection candles by Monday 12th December** so that we can forward this to The Children's Society before the Christmas break.
Thank you for your support.



Christmas Card Post Box

Children may post their Christmas cards in our special school Christmas post-box. The cards will be emptied, sorted and delivered by Year 6 children until 14th December. Please remember to add the name and year group to the envelope so it can be delivered to the correct recipient.

Applications for a Place in Reception 2023

Applications for a place in Reception 2023 have now opened. Applications are made on-line at; <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the admissions process.

First Aid Course for Parents

We have arranged a free first aid course for parents to take place in Term 3. The course will run for 3 weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 1.15pm to 3.15pm on 3rd, 10th and 17th January. If you would like a place please let Mrs Inglis or the school office know **by Monday, 12th December at the latest**. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough parents sign-up for this, course we may have to cancel.

Early Morning Club - Registration for Term 3 & 4

The register for Early Morning Club for Term 3 & 4 is now open. Please can **ALL PARENTS** let us know if they wish to book any dates for the next two terms by emailing office@eastry.kent.sch.ok or telephoning 01304 611360. Places need to book and paid for in advance, thank you.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Social Media and Mental Health

It is estimated that a third of children have social media accounts, so it is important that trusted adults know what content young people are posting and interacting with. You may be daunted by how best to keep them safe but here are some useful tips to help;

1. **Understanding Algorithm** - Algorithm uses previous searches to recommend and send future feeds with similar content
2. **Avoid Main Feeds** - Avoid using the default settings on the social media app. Use settings to restrict content or prevent content not suitable for your child.
3. **Discuss what they have seen and learn how to hide content** - Chat to your child about what they are viewing and use the hide options to prevent inappropriate content
4. **Set Daily Limits** - Use the apps or phone settings to set daily limits
5. **Monitor Activity** - Keep a discreet eye on how your child is using the account and occasionally ask to see what they're looking at.
6. **Turn Off Push Notifications** - It's tempting to check messages as soon as they are received. Switch off push notifications, they'll still be there later!
7. **Encourage Other Activities** - Mental health professionals highlight the importance of exercise and time away from screens
8. **Talk about Peer Pressure** - Talk to your child about peer pressure and listen to their concerns

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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If you miss Thursday's email, or want to look back at a previous version of the School News, these are available on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

PTFA NEWS

Christmas Present Wrapping

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this year's Christmas present wrapping which raised an amazing £359.99. A special thank you goes to Mrs Evans for organizing this event. We hope everyone enjoys their gifts on Christmas Day!

Disco

Thank you to everyone who came to the discos, and to those who helped out on the night. I am sure the children had a lovely time. We will bring the total amount raised to you shortly. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Erasmus for organising this event.

Reindeer Food and Reindeer Hot Chocolate

We have some reindeer food and reindeer hot chocolate cones left from the school disco. These will be on sale at the Year 1 & 2 Nativity plays next week for a suggested donation of £1.00.



Thank you to Tesco for donating Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas Dinner yesterday.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 12.12.2022	
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
Dance Club (3.30-4.15pm)	NO
Home Learning Club (with parent) (3.25-4.00pm)	NO
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	NO
Netball Club (3.30-4.15pm)	NO
THURSDAY	
Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)	NO
Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)	NO
FRIDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	NO



Eastry Christmas Services 2022

Sunday 18 th December	Holy Communion 10am
Tuesday 20 th December	Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Christmas Eve	Children's Crib Service 4 pm Holy Communion 11.30 pm
Christmas Day	Family Communion 10 am
New Year's Day	Benefice Holy Communion 10 am

