

# **School News**

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#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



## Friday, 13th December - PTFA Christmas Gift Shop from 12noon to 1.00pm in the School Library

Friday, 13th December is the last day children can purchase small gifts for friends and family at our PTFA Christmas Shop being held during lunchtime. Please can children bring money in a labelled purse/wallet and, for the younger children, perhaps consider including a list of who they are buying for and the age of the recipient if appropriate.

#### Friday, 13th December - Year 3 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.



Monday, 16th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 2.30pm in the School Hall



<u>Tuesday, 17th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Play at 9.30am in the School</u> Hall

#### Tuesday, 17th December - Christmas Craft Workshop 2.30 to 4.30pm in the School Hall

We have our Christmas Craft Workshop for those parents who have signed up for this event.

#### Wednesday, 18th December - Christmas in Malawi

On Wednesday, 18th December we have Chris from Starfish Malawi visiting the school to talk to the children about Christmas in Malawi.

Friday, 20th December - Last Day of Term

<u>Sunday, 22nd December - Family Christmas Service at 3.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Eastry</u>



#### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**



#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are holding a Christmas Tree Festival this year where local clubs, schools and business have been invited to decorate a tree to be displayed in the church. We were very excited to have been asked to decorate one of the trees which will be dressed by some of the decorations made by the children for our own school Christmas tree. The Festival starts on Saturday, 14th December from 11am and on the

first day there will also be a free children's craft stall where children can make a Christmas decoration to take home. The church will also be open as usual in the week from 9am until dusk if you would like to see the festival but are unable to make it on opening day.



#### **Easy Fund Raising**

There is a great website called Easyfundraising to help raise money for Eastry Primary School PTA - simply by shopping online.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 7,500 brands such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com.

Brands then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and Easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this link – just click sign up - <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=227445&invite=DTYOV0&referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=s2s&utm\_campaign=web-referral-campaign=web

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, Easyfundraising will double it!

#### **PTFA Christmas Cards and Gifts**

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The PTFA Christmas cards and gifts have arrived and can be collected from the school office. Any items not collected from the office after school today will be sent home with your child tomorrow. This fundraising event raised an amazing £177.00 for the PTFA.

# HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### <u>Latest Online Safety Advice from Kent</u> Police

Please see below latest online safety advice and information from Kent Police. A link to these websites is also available via the Online Safety page of the school website.

Kind regards

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Mrs Sarah Moss Headteacher No Clubs Running on the Last Week of Term

Details of clubs running for term 3 will be sent out shortly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Week commencing 16.12.2024	
MONDAY	
MONDAY	
Poetry Club (3.30-4.00pm)	NO
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	NO
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	NO
Dance & Gymnastics Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	NO
THURSDAY	140
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	NO
FRIDAY	

#### **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Free Fun Family Breakfast**

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are holding the last of their Free Fun Family Breakfasts before Christmas on Saturday, 14th December 9.00 to 11.00am in the church hall. As well as breakfast there will also be some extra crafts and the Festival of Trees to enjoy in the church.

### Online safety information for parents and carers

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school.

All of our pupils are taught how to be safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work together.

It's important that as adults, we take an active interest in our children's online lives and show a willingness to engage in the digital world with them.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 for police assistance.



Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

The National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (NCA-CEOP) have a website which is suitable for children aged 5-16 and has a section just for parents/carers with advice and information.



NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

The NSPCC have produced resources for parents. Their website covers excellent advice for parents about issues such as online grooming, nude image sharing and cyberbullying, as well as specific advice for children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Childline: www.childline.ora.uk

The Childline website has a wide range of information and advice on both online and offline safety for children. There is information about online gaming, grooming, and the Zipit App which helps children feel empowered when confronted with inappropriate chat online. They also provide a helpline for children to get advice over the phone: 0800 1111



UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre provides a wide variety of advice and guidance to help you discuss online safety with your children. There are useful checklists for privacy settings on social networks and suggestions to consider before buying devices for your children.



Childnet: www.childnet.com

Childnet has resources, including videos and storybooks, to help you discuss online safety with your children. It includes advices on setting up parental controls, cyberbullying and setting up a family agreement for safer internet use.



Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org

Internet Matters bring you all the information you need to keep your children safe online. It has a tool which guides you through how to set up parental controls on all the different devices in your home to protect your children.



