



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 30 November - Fledglings visit to the Pantomime at the Marlowe Theatre



Friday, 30 November - PTA Quiz Night

On Friday, 30 November the PTA will be holding another quiz night. Tables can be booked by contacting the school office or a member of the PTA. We hope you will be able to join us on what will be another enjoyable evening.

Wednesday, 5 December - PTA Christmas Disco

Fledglings, Years 1 & 2 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 4.45pm to 5.45pm**

The PTA School disco for Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 4.45pm to 5.45pm. As well as the disco there will be a tuck shop and other festive stalls for the children to enjoy. All consent forms and payment need to be returned to school by Friday, 30 November. **Please note this is a non-uniform day for Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 only.**

Thursday, 6 December - St. Nicholas Day Service at 9.15am at St. Mary's Church, Eastry

The children in Fledglings and Year 1 will be attending the St. Nicholas Day service at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, 6 December. Parents and carers are welcome to join us there if they wish.

Friday, 7 December - Reading Workshop for Parents of Children in Fledglings, Year 1 & 2 in the New Meeting Room from 9.00am to 10.00am

Parents of children in Fledglings, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to a Reading Workshop with the aim of explaining how reading is taught in school and how to support your child at home including the use of phonics. All parent's and carers are welcome and refreshments will be made available.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Change of Time for Christingle Service

Please note that it has been necessary to change the time of the Christingle Service on Monday, 17 December to 2.15pm. The Christingle Service on Tuesday, 18 December will remain at 9.15am

Christmas Lunch

Please can we remind parents that if your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like a Christmas Lunch, consent slips must be returned by **FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER**. (All children in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 will receive a Christmas Dinner unless we are advised otherwise). Unfortunately, Whole School Meals is unable to accept any late orders.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS - cont'd

School Photographs

School photographs and order forms, which came home last week, need to be returned to the school by **FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER**, thank you.

Nativity Story Sacks – Advent Journey

During the advent season and to support their learning in school, your child will bring home a story sack over the next 3 weeks. Inside the story sack there is a Nativity Set, a reading book and an exercise book. We would like you and your child to do some of the following:

- Read together the Nativity story
- Discuss with your child the birth of Jesus
- Ask your child questions about the characters and the story
- Retell the story using the Nativity Set

We would then like your child, using the exercise book provided, to draw a character, write what they liked about the story sack, write a prayer or you might like to include a photograph. Please can you make sure that your child starts a new page in the exercise book.

In order that every child has an opportunity to take a story sack home please return this the following day.

Severe Snow and Ice

Please see the attached letter regarding guidance should we experience severe weather conditions this winter.

House Keeping

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind parents that mobile phones should not be used on school premises. We understand you may wish to take photographs or video your child's performance from time to time using your mobile phone, which is permitted, however this is for your own use and must not be published on any social media.

Late to School

Please can I remind parents of the importance of children arriving to school on time. Late arrivals cause disruption to the class and your child misses valuable learning time. If your child arrives late to school, please make sure you complete the late register at reception, thank you.

PTA News

PTA Quiz Night - Friday, 30 November

Please see previous page for further information.

School Disco - Wednesday, 5 December

Please make sure slips and payment are returned by **30 NOVEMBER** to help us with the planning of this event.

PTA Meeting - Friday, 7 December at 2.30pm in the New Meeting Room

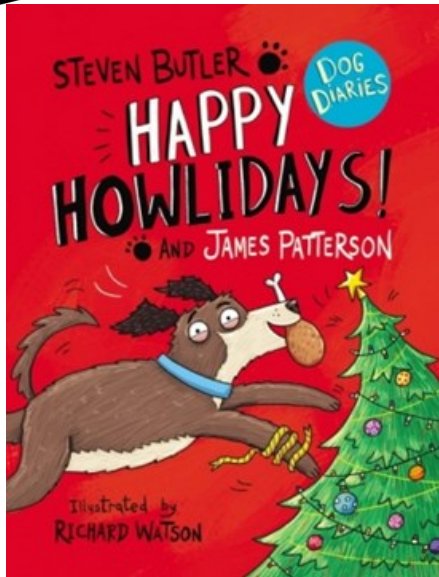
We will be holding a PTA meeting on Friday, 7 December to discuss plans for events in 2019. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend.

Milk Bottle Tops

Please continue to collect milk bottle tops for future PTA events. The collection box is situated on the shelves outside the school office near the used batteries collection box.

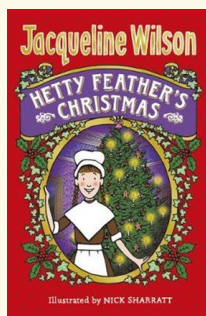


BOOK REVIEW



Dog Diaries: Happy Howlidays! It's a dog's life at Christmas

Irrepressible young dog, Junior, is back with a dog's-eye view of Christmas, or as he knows it Crisp-Mouth. This will be his first Crisp-Mouth, but he's heard all about it from one of the old dogs at the dog's home, and now settled with the Khatchadorians is very excited at the prospect of filling his mouth with canine crispy crackers! His enthusiasm knows no bounds, and it proves a real struggle to be good, especially as Junior consistently gets things **WRONG**... Junior's breathless narrative style and Richard Wilson's illustrations make this super-readable, and newly confident readers will love this funny story and its bouncy, endlessly optimistic narrator.



November 2018 Book of the Month

This special adventure for Hetty Feather plunges young readers into a Victorian Christmas celebration, and introduces them to or reunites them with some other favourite Wilson characters too, including Clover Moon and Rose Rivers.

Hetty's Christmas at the Foundling Hospital seems set to be horrible: she gets into a fight with arch enemy Sheila and is locked into a cupboard for the day as punishment, but the new governor, kind Miss Smith, rescues her and takes her to tea with her friends the Rivers – a setting Hetty feels is straight out of *The Arabian Nights*. The afternoon's activities will delight readers too, while Hetty, of course, is fiercely herself, commenting astutely on everything around her. A festive treat!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Please see below some further comments from our recent Anti-bullying week.

Year 5 Family Worship

'Amazing, you all did brilliantly. Important and powerful message. Thanks so much'

Parent Comment

Year 5 Family Worship

'Brilliant performance Year 5! A very important subject to speak about - with your wonderful message you may have made it easier for other children to get help or speak out. Well done!'

Parent Comment

Pupil from Year 5

'Really good topic and presented in a really informative way. Well done.'

Parent Comment

Year 5 Family Worship

'Great way to share an important message. We could hear every word - Great job Year 5'

Parent Comment

★ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ★	
★ 'WORKER OF THE WEEK' FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2018 ★	
Fledglings	Leni Redman
Year 1	Obie Rayner
Year 2	Harry Skinner
Year 3	Neve Wilson
Year 4	Oliver Skinner
Year 5	Callum Roberts
Year 6	Jacob Wood

Yours sincerely,

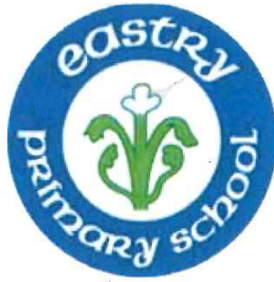
Tim Halling
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 3.12.18	
MONDAY	
Netball Club	Yes
TUESDAY	
Golf Club	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
Kurling Club	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club	Yes

If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you.

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Dear Parents,

Severe Snow and Ice

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.

We recognise that it is important our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Eastry Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways and clearing access points.

How will we let you me know if the school is closed?

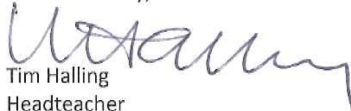
If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, I may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website. To determine whether Eastry Primary School is open or closed please visit www.kentclosures.co.uk. Search for the school in the search box. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as nurseries, children's centres and libraries. We also recommend parents sign up for SMS/Email alerts on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an SMS or email alert to let parents know if Eastry Primary School is closed. Local Radio will sometimes provide information of school closures.

What can you do to help?

- Sign up for SMS/Email alerts on the Kent Closure website.
- Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.
- Check with the school to see whether you need to provide a packed lunch from home in case school meals cannot be provided.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping Eastry Church of England Primary School to remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Halling
Headteacher

