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**NEWSLETTER: Friday 13th December 2024**



This week has been a Christmas spectacular!

We had the final Key Stage One Nativity for the Years 1 and 2 and both of the Early Years Nativities. I was incredibly proud of all the children for their efforts in these performances.

The children in the Year R nativity blew everyone away from the very beginning with their silent walking into the hall, their ability to remember their lines and sing all of the songs they had to learn so clearly and confidently. It was an absolute joy to watch their nativities, we hope all the parents who came in enjoyed them. Thank you to the two Year 6 narrators, Alex and Freya, for their roles in these nativities - they were great.

In the final Year 1 and 2 nativity, you could see just how much the children have grown up in the short period of time since their Year R nativity, with their ability to narrate their own performance and include more individual lines. A big shout out to Bonnie, Abel, Alana and Arthur for their wonderfully clear and confident narration. If you came to see the Key Stage 1 nativity, I hope you are not having nightmares about King Herod! Chase was very fierce in character, it was great to see.

Well done to all the children in these year groups for their efforts with the nativities, they are a lot of work. And on that note, I would like to say a big thank you to all the adults involved, without you the nativities would not happen, thank you for your dedication to the children!

Also this week, the Year 5 children went to Brook Meadow to hang their Christmas decorations in the trees, they enjoyed this (even in the cold) and as you can see from the enjoyed a nice cup of hot chocolate whist they were there.

We finished the week off today with one of the highlights of the year – Christmas Market Day! The children all had the opportunity to visit the Christmas market and buy present for their loved ones and, as you can see from the photos, they really enjoyed this. Thank you to our Year 6 children who all had a Year R child each to help. They demonstrated a lot of kindness and care to the younger children and were a real credit to the school. Thank you also to EPSA and all the volunteer parents who came in to wrap and help, without you events like these wouldn't be able to happen for the children so thank you!

Next week is only three days for the children, here is a reminder of the key events:

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**Road Closure**

Please be reminded of the road closure scheduled for next Monday 16th December which will directly impact our school community. More information can be seen on the email to all parents dated Monday 9th December.

**KS2 Carol Concert (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)**

As you will be aware, the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert is next Tuesday 17th December. Your child will have received a letter inviting them along, please complete the consent slip and return to the school office on Monday. The children will be attending the church during the school day to practise, please ensure they are dressed in their uniforms as normal with warm coats, hats and gloves if needed.

**Christmas Dinner Day**

As you will be aware, our Christmas Dinner day at EPS is Wednesday 18th December. The deadline for orders was today, so if you have not ordered a Christmas dinner for your child, they MUST bring a packed lunch into school on this day as no other food will be available. This will also be our Christmas jumper/ outfit day; therefore, children are welcome to attend wearing appropriate Christmas attire.

**Lost Property**

We currently have an overwhelming amount of lost property in the school office. Please be advised if the lost property is not claimed by Wednesday 18th December it will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, we hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Mitchell
Headteacher

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**Early Years (EYFS)**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that your children have completed a whole term in school already! We are so pleased with how they have settled in to school and the progress that they are making. Miss Mingo and I are blown away by their kindness to each other and their enthusiastic approach to all that we do.

Thank you for your support and we wish you a Happy Christmas.

Dear Hedgehogs and Badgers,

We are so proud of what you have done this week. You have sung your hearts out and Miss Mingo and I think that you are all stars. There are only 12 more sleeps until Christmas and we hope that you have a wonderful time!

The Early Years Team

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**Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)**

This week in Year 1 has been a busy one with lots of exciting events happening! The children did a fantastic job of their final Nativity performance on Monday and we are so proud of the hard work they put in to each of the performances. We hope all the families enjoyed coming to watch! On Tuesday we ended our fairy tale topic by celebrating our 'Fairy-tale Day'. The children loved finding out who they were dressed as. They took part in a drama workshop where they were all given a role in a story that they acted out to the other class. They listened to fairy stories, did arts and crafts and completed a fairy tale quiz. As if we couldn't pack in any more excitement, the week ended with our Christmas Market Day. The children loved choosing and wrapping presents for their loved ones. Only 3 more school days to go until the holidays! Year 1 have almost earnt all of their marbles so we will be having hot chocolate and marshmallows on the last day with a movie. Please let us know if your child cannot have these.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all the children in Year 2. Two amazing performances! The children amazed us, learning their lines and speaking so confidently on stage. They sang beautifully and worked well as a whole year group team. Fantastic!
In maths, we have started learning about symmetry including looking for vertical lines of symmetry in shapes. The children have been using mirrors and folding shapes to help check that both sides are equal. They will be using this knowledge to draw lines of symmetry.

A thank you from us for continuing to read with your children at home and bringing in books to be changed.



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**Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)**

We have had lots of fun in our last full week of 2024 in Year 3. The Christmas festivities have well and truly started and the highlight of our week has been today's Christmas Market. Lots of presents were bought and plenty of money was spent! It was lovely to see lots of Christmas jumpers and festive headbands to bring joy to the day. In English, we have been learning how to use inverted commas for the first time and have created our own comic strips including speech. We have been really impressed with how well the children have taken to this. We are looking forward to next week's festivities! Have a lovely weekend.

This week in PSHE, Year 4 composed their own lyrics for a rap about washing your hands. We rocked off to each other's raps and danced along. In English, we learnt how to use inverted commas for direct speech using a song! We also loved perfecting our song ready for the carol concert… Year 4 have had a sing-song week!





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**Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)**

We've been enjoying a creative week in Year 5 this week. On Tuesday, the children spent time evaluating and finessing the stuffed toys that they will be making next week. They have created packaging, logos and a materials list. They are looking forward to bringing their final creations home on Wednesday.
On Thursday, we enjoyed dressing the trees with their homemade, natural decorations. We were joined by the Mayor and Mayoress, who enjoyed our rendition of Midnight and Merry Christmas Everyone. Thank you to all who joined us! Next week is set to be jam-packed with the Wonderdome workshop on Monday, our carol concert on Tuesday and then a fun-filled last day on Wednesday.

This week, Year 6 have been finishing off their work on Mythologica. They started by designing and describing their own mythical creature, god or goddess. Next, they had to create a story involving the character they created. Finally, they edited and improved their myths, which they have now published to create beautiful and vibrant double-page spreads in the style Mythologica. We are so proud of the effort and creativity they have shown this week and will be putting their work up on display shortly.

**Sport Update**

In a thrilling match against St. James' Primary School, our Year 5/6 football team emerged victorious with a hard-fought 1-0 win. From the very first whistle, the players showed incredible determination and teamwork, controlling possession and creating several chances. The St. James' defence was strong, but our team kept pushing forward, never giving up. The midfielders worked tirelessly to connect play, while our defenders were rock solid, making crucial tackles and clearances to keep St. James' at bay.

The breakthrough came midway through the second half when our striker Levi broke free from the defenders and calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner of the net. The crowd erupted in celebration, and the team's energy lifted as they knew they were just moments away from securing the win. The goal was the result of excellent teamwork and determination from the team.

In the final minutes of the match, St. James' pushed for an equaliser, but our defence stood firm. The goalkeeper made some key saves, and the whole team worked tirelessly to maintain their lead. The final whistle blew, and our players celebrated a well-deserved 1-0 victory. The win was a testament to their hard work, discipline, and team spirit, marking a memorable moment in their football season.  Well done team!

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