



# Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived! The Christmas festivities have begun with preparations for the School Fair today. We have decorated the school Christmas tree and talked in assembly about the different decorations we often put on our Christmas trees and how they remind us of the first Christmas or are symbols related to stories in the Bible.

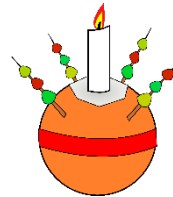


Please join us at the Fair between **5.00-7.00pm**.



**Raffle Tickets** Don't forget to bring in your raffle ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fair. Extra raffle ticket books will be on sale at the Fair.

**Christmas Performance Booking** Seats for the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances will be available to book online, through the parents evening booking system, from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm**. The login information is the same as you used for parents evening. Each family is allocated 2 tickets per appropriate performance. The online system closes at **midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like extra tickets please let Mrs Russell know and, once the online system is closed to parents, she will try to accommodate you. Please visit <https://eastergateprimaryschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your seats. (A short guide on how to add appointments is attached to this newsletter). For new parents please login with your child's First Name, Surname and Date of Birth.



Sunday.

**Christingle Service** St Georges' Church are holding their Christingle Service on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 10.00am at St Georges' Church. It is a lovely start to the Christmas season and puts you in the festive spirit at the beginning of Advent. Please come and join in the celebrations. I will be attending the service and would like help from any children who are at the service on

**Christmas Card Recycling** An advanced request! Please bring your old Christmas cards to school after Christmas and we will recycle them as part of our aim to achieve our first Woodland Trust Bronze Award. We may put four boxes in the front entrance for each of our colour teams and see which team can collect the most Christmas cards!



**Cold weather wear** Please make sure your children bring warm winter coats to school for the rest of this term and the beginning of next term. We are insisting children wear coats at break times when it is very cold. For games on Thursdays and Fridays, children may wear jogging trousers and a sweatshirt for outside lessons. Please make sure all clothes are clearly marked with your child's name.

**Family Planting Day** Thank you to everyone who came and helped to plant the saplings, bulbs and tidy up our school grounds. It was a fantastic community event and everyone had great fun. A big thank you to Hedda Wells and her husband, Chris and Miss Everett's partner, Cameron, who came and helped prepare the hedge area the weekend before. We also had some expert advice from Andrew Cossar, from 'Proforest', who advised us on how to plant the saplings and has given us instructions on how to look after them over the next few years!





**Rocksteady Concert** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm we have our termly Rocksteady Concert! Please join us for a toe-tapping treat! This will take place instead of our usual Celebration Assembly.

**Christmas 'Sparkle Day'** On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December we are having a fun Christmas making day in school. It is non-uniform and children (and staff) may wear a Christmas jumper or something 'sparkly'. **Please be aware that the children will be using paint, glitter or glue etc so please discourage them from wearing anything that is special!**



**Christmas Discos** On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we are holding the end of term Christmas school discos. This is a joint school and FoES event. The timings for the disco are as follows:  
 5.00pm – 6.00pm EYFS/KS1  
 6.00pm – 7.30pm KS2  
 Year 3 children may choose which disco they go to. The cost of the disco is £2.00 for EYFS/KS1, £2.50 for KS2.

**Please come and ask** I am around at the beginning and end of the day of most days. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

*C M Ward*

Catherine Ward  
Headteacher



**Diary Dates**

**December**

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> FoES Christmas Fair 5-7pm
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Book seats online for Performances from 5pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Online booking closes at midday
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady Gig 2.30pm
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.30-10.00am  
KS1 Performance 2.15-2.45pm
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup> KS1 Performance 9.30-10.00am  
KS2 Dress Rehearsal 1.30-2.30pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Assemblies with Father Martin  
Worthing Toy Museum Day – Heron Class  
KS2 Performance 1.30-2.30pm
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Choir to Claremont Lodge Nursing Home  
KS2 Performance 5.30-6.30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 'Sparkle' Day – non uniform  
Christingle Service
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Choir to Abbey Dean Nursing Home
- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Film Day  
School Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Disco EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm  
KS2 6.00-7.30pm
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term

**January 2018**

- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> First day of Spring Term