

Friday 15th December, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have nearly reached the end of term and I hope events over the past two weeks have helped you get into the Christmas spirit. This week we have celebrated the Christmas story through the children's nativity plays. Their singing, enthusiasm and enjoyment was very apparent.

A **HUGE** thank you to FoES for organising such an amazing Christmas fair. There was a tremendous amount of time and thought that went into the planning to make it such and enjoyable event. A special thank you to the committee members and in particular, Vicky, Rebecca and Katy and their team of able helpers!

The fair itself raised an impressive £2000. Thank you for your generous donations and for supporting the event.



Last week Will and Sally-Ann organised a social event at the Wilkes Head and raised over £800, which they have donated to school funds. Thank you to everyone who came and joined in the retro rock with Rockin' Colin and our very own 'Eastergate Royalty'!

Looking back over the whole term there has been a wonderful community spirit in the things we have achieved: welcoming our new reception class, achieving a 'good' Ofsted, our family planting day, several fundraising events and the Christmas nativities. I hope next term we will enjoy more events and strengthen our community further, so the children of Eastergate and their families:

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I am sure you would join with me in thanking the staff for all they have done this term to support the children in their learning and to make Eastergate CE Primary School, a such a special place!



Goodbye On a slightly sad note, we will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Richards at the end of the term. She has decided to take a job at a school nearer to her home for family reasons. Mrs Richards has been a great support in Chaffinch Class this term, helping the children to settle. We wish her all the best for the future.

Christmas Discos On Tuesday 19th 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. Pay on the door.



Lost Property Please check the 'lost property' box that will be set out at the beginning and end of each day next week. Any items left at the end of term will be donated to FoES or given to charity. If you are buying new uniform over Christmas please don't forget to make sure it is clearly named.



Messages at the Beginning of the School Day If you have any messages that you wish to pass to class teachers could you please ring school and leave a message, ring after 8.30am and speak to Mrs Russell or speak to me on the gate. We will pass on any messages to the class teachers. Please do not come into school to see class teachers. We feel it is important for class teachers to be able to welcome all of the children into the classroom in the morning and give all of the children the attention they need to set the day off to a good start! If you wish to speak to your child's teacher please try to see them at the end of the school day or ring after school.

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Rainbow Boxes The winning tickets for the Rainbow Boxes were drawn yesterday evening after the Key Stage 2 Performance. One of the winning tickets just has 'MARIE' written on the back. It is a white ticket, number 659, the serial number is AB 694541. If you know this person please have them come to the school office to collect their box.

The other two boxes were won by Asha in Heron Class and Mrs L Edney. Please come to the office to collect your prizes.

Celebration Assembly We are holding our final celebration assembly on **Wednesday 20th December at 10.10am**. Please join us for our last gathering of 2017. There will be no stars of the week this week, but we will share any good news, birthdays, house points and sing a few Christmas carols!

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!



All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018. We look forward to seeing you all next term.

CM Ward

Catherine Ward
Headteacher



Diary Dates

December 2017

Mon 18 th	Choir to Abbey Dean Nursing Home
Tue 19 th	Christmas Film Day School Christmas Lunch Christmas Disco EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm KS2 6.00-7.30pm
Wed 20 th	Last day of Term

January 2018

Thu 4 th	First day of Spring Term
Mon 8 th	Clubs Start
Mon 15 th	Application Deadline for New Intake Sept 2018
Thu 18 th	FoES Meeting – Wilkes Head 7.30pm
Wed 31 st	Parent Consultations 3.00-5.30pm

February 2018

Thu 1 st	Parent Consultations 5.00-7.30pm
Mon 5 th	International Week

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Half Term