



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to see so many children at our Christmas Disco last week and huge thanks to all the staff that made this possible by giving up their own time. This week Year 4 has visited the Natural History Museum, Year 6 visited the Science Museum & Reception and Little Ellies went to watch Sleeping Beauty at the Stratford Theatre. Meanwhile, Years 1 & 2 and Reception and Nursery have been busy rehearsing for their nativity performances. I look forward to seeing many of you there and please feel free to join us for a hot drink and mince pie!

Sue Ferguson

Reading Tip 2: Buy a book for Christmas!

At this time of year children often have long lists of what they would like for Christmas. Is there a book on their list? If not why not use this as your stocking filler or ask a friend or relative to do so when they are asking for ideas.

REMINDER – LAST DAY OF TERM



The last day of term for Reception to year 6 is **Friday 21st**. Please note school finishes at **1 p.m.** on this day.

- Please collect your child from their classroom as usual (the main playground gate will be opened at 12.55).
- Children may bring in toys and games for the last day but please note this is at your own risk. Please no electrical or handheld game devices.
- Children should be wearing normal school uniform.

Nursery last day is Thursday 20th at normal time.

Nativity performances



Listed below are details of our upcoming nativity performances. Please note that some timings have been slightly adjusted due to the length of the performances.

Times given are when the performance starts, mince pies and teas and coffee are available before each performance, so come and join us for some festive cheer!

Thursday 13th December – Reception & morning nursery @ 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 13th December – Reception & afternoon nursery @ 2.30 p.m.

(For both performances please use main pupil gate in the playground which will open at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then come to the hall).

All performances will start promptly on time please ensure you come early to enjoy some mince pies.



Playground Update

We are pleased to inform you that the works to address the subsidence in the playground are progressing well and this stage should be finished next week. Today we were able to open up our new scooter rack so if your child is scooting to school please use this one to store it in future. The larger rack is for bikes please. We are also pleased to announce that the small play equipment will also be reopening this week. Thank you for your patience during this time.



Pen License

Congratulations to Jogaile and Sumaiya from Dolphin class who have been awarded their pen licenses by Mr Kimberley due to the consistent high quality handwriting they use in all their work. Well done!



Basketball Competition

Last week 7 children from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a basketball competition at the UEL Sportsdock. There were 12 teams competing and I am delighted to report that Ellen Wilkinson came 3rd! The children have been learning basketball skills their PE lessons and in after-school club and all their hard work has really paid off. A big well done to all that took part.

Mrs Ellis



Christmas Cards

We are more than happy for children to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends which they can post in our school post box for delivery. However can you please make sure that when they are addressing the envelopes they put the child's name and class clearly on the front as it helps our year 6 'posties' make sure they get to the correct person! Thank you.



Christmas Arrangements

Date	Details
Thursday 13 th	Nativity – Nursery and Reception Times Reception and AM Nursery 10.30-gates open, 11.00 -performance starts Reception and PM Nursery 2 pm- gates open 2.30 – performance starts
Wednesday 19 th	Christmas Dinner (with crackers) Wear a jolly jumper day (all children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours – we request £1 donation towards our charities)
Thursday 20 th	LAST DAY FOR NURSERY CHILDREN
Friday 21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 1PM Children can bring in toys, but still need to wear school uniform. Please note we are not responsible for the safekeeping of toys bought in from home.

Christmas Disco Report

Children in year 2 have been looking at magazine articles. As part of this work they have asked if one of their articles could be published in the school newsletter.

“The people of EWPS went to a Christmas disco on the 6th of December.



The disco was spectacular and lots of people were involved. Everybody was dancing and some children bought glow sticks, wristbands and finger lights so they could have fun. Children who went to the disco were dressed in party clothes and if someone was hungry, they could buy drinks and crisps.

Some of the teachers danced all night, like Ms. Johnson, Ms. Davidson and Mr. Hart. Everyone's favourite song that was played was 'Baby Shark'.

Everyone who was there enjoyed the disco.”

By Olivia Samuel



Free Services for families with children under 5

Please find attached to this week's newsletter the Children's Centre programme for January to March. These are FREE services and groups for families of children under 5. We operate out of 4 different sites so please take some time to look through what is available. Please note that some sessions are oversubscribed and therefore will need to be booked in advance.



E-Safety - 4 things to consider when buying a smart toy

If you are planning to buy a smart toy that can connect via Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or a mobile app, here are a couple of things to think about to keep children safe.

1. How does the toy interact with your child and other devices?

Make sure you understand what key things your child can do with the toy and if it can connect to any other devices, for example, can it send messages to a phone or connect to a smart TV?

Questions to ask

- Is there a chat function that allows children to communicate with others?
- Are there apps that can be used with the toy which may contain ads and in-app purchases?
- Does the toy require information about your child's location?
- Where is the interactive data stored and processed?
- Are there any add-ons to purchase to get the best experience?
- Is there a digital version of the toy that does the same thing which would save on cost?

2. Does the toy require your child's personal information?

Some toys ask for your child's name, their age and a parent email address to work. To ensure your child privacy and data are kept safe make sure the toy company is reputable and check out their data privacy policy so you are aware of what their procedure is, in the event of a hack on their systems.

Things to do

- Read reviews about the toy and see if there have been any other concerns raised
- Put the minimal amount of information about your child required
- Read the terms and condition and privacy policies

3. Are there any features such as a camera that might put a child at risk?

Carry out a series of checks before buying a toy with such features as they may be vulnerable to hackers such as a camera or built-in microphone that connects to the internet. Be clear on how the toy can be played with to ensure it doesn't encourage them to put themselves at risk, for example, Pokémon GO and road safety.

Weigh up whether these features are worthwhile having to help your child have the best experience. If you do decide to buy it, make sure to switch these off when not in use and only enter minimal personal information if required to reduce risk to your child's privacy and security.

4. Is there a monthly subscription to access new content with the toy?

Some smart toys may feature an additional subscription service to access new content to help children get the most out of the toys. If you choose to opt-in make sure to read the terms and conditions on cancelling the subscription as you do not want to be paying monthly charges when your child is no longer playing with the toy. Also, assess other costs like the requirement to buy batteries.



House Winners

House winners for the week ending 7th November are **Albert Einstein**



Attendance Winners

Attendance Winners for the week ending 30th November = **Whale 98.85%**



Punctuality Winners

Punctuality winners for the week ending 30th November = **Whale, Seahorse, Turtle, Jellyfish and Starfish – 0 Lates**

Attendance and Punctuality Reward Trip

Winners of this terms Attendance and Punctuality are **Whale and Starfish**

Stars of the Week

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	Matthew	Successful (For changing his attitude to be more focused and having a successful week in Maths)
6 Whale	Rodrigo	Resilience (For having a wonderful attitude to improving his Maths work. He is getting better and better.)
5 Dolphin	Bianca	Heard and Cared For (For always helping and being kind to everyone in our class)
5 Stingray	Amina	Inspire (For taking time out of her break to help another child)
4 Octopus	Mate	Inspire (For inspiring the rest of the class with fantastic descriptive language in his story writing)
4 Seahorse	Agota	Inspire (For a stunning performance in the assembly)
3 Lobster	Rhea	Resilience (For being resilient in all of her lessons this week)
3 Turtle	Milena	Resilience (For not giving up in Maths with time even when she finds it challenging)
2 Jellyfish	Peter	Heard and Cared For (For always offering a helping hand to his peers)
2 Starfish	Melissa	Inspire (For inspirational singing and dancing at every nativity rehearsal)
1 Clownfish	Aliyah	Resilience (For her resilience in her Maths work and for helping others)
1 Lionfish	Daisie	Respect (For always showing the right behaviour and trying her best)
Guppy 1	Sofia O	Successful (For knowing the Nativity Story and helping others with it)
Guppy 2	Nojus	Successful (For always trying hard during Phonics. Well done!)
Special Mention	Seahorse	For a great performance in their self-written assembly. Well done.

Upcoming Diary Dates

DECEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 13 th	11.00 a.m. 2.45 p.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	YES
Weds 19 th	TBC	All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)	NO
	12 p.m. TBC	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	NO
Thu 20 th		N	LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)	
Fri 21st		R-6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.	

JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
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Mon 7th	8.55 a.m.	N-6	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
Thu 10th	2.45 p.m.	2S	Starfish class assembly(REARRANGED DATE)	YES
Wed 16 th	2.30 p.m.	1	Parents meeting – Year 1 Phonics	YES
Thu 17 th	2.45 p.m.	2	Jellyfish class assembly	YES
Fri 18th		All	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
w/b: 21st	N/A	All	STEM Week - Science & Technology (x2 days)	NO
Wed 23rd	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting – Parent’s Coffee Afternoon with SLT	YES
Thurs 24 th	9.00 - 10.15 a.m.	R	Stay & Play	YES
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		YES
	12.45 – 2.00 p.m	N (p.m.)		YES
Thu 24 th	2.45 p.m.	4	Octopus class assembly	YES
Thu 31 st	2.45 p.m.	1	Clownfish class assembly	YES