



# ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 13 - 8th December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been lovely to start our December events calendar this week with the Reception and KS1 discos on Monday. The children had a wonderful time and huge thanks to all staff who gave up their own time to allow these events to take place. Thank you to all our parents too, it really helps us when they are collected on time as it allows us to clean between events and for staff to have a 10-minute break before the next one!

We also have held 4 of the nativity performances this week. We are hugely proud of the children and thank you to parents for supporting our Covid measures so that we can hold these events in person rather than via Zoom.

Please remember to check details of dates below for further events before we break up.

Take care and stay safe. Sue Ferguson

## December Events Information

### Event Calendar

Below are all the dates and times of events taking place in December.

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times & details
Friday 10th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Guppy 1 parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Guppy 2 parents) <b>Please remember to mask</b>
Monday 13th	KS2 Discos	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6) 
Tuesday 14th	Y2 Nativity	Year 2	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Starfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Jellyfish parents) <b>Please remember to mask</b>
Wednesday 15th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day, Christmas lunch and crackers will be supplied for all the children. £1 donation for Save the Children 
Thursday 16th	Last day nursery	Nursery	<b>Normal times</b>
Friday 17th	Last day R to Y6	Reception to year 6	<b>1 pm finish for children</b>

## General Information



### IMPORTANT - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child is in years 1 to 6 you can now apply for next terms after school clubs. **PLEASE NOTE YOU NEED TO RE-APPLY - NO CLUB ATTENDANCE IS CARRIED OVER.** This is to ensure that all children have an opportunity to try new things and because some of the clubs may have changed. Attached to this newsletter is the information letter with

the clubs that are available next term. To apply please use the link below

<https://forms.gle/PAqhipJVROVGLavf8>



### Accessing the newsletter - Handy Hint

If you use your mobile phone to read our newsletter you may want to check if the phone's document lock feature is turned off and then the phone is turned sideways. This would allow the newsletter to be read in landscape, enabling text to be larger and should avoid the need for having to scroll left and right. Alternatively, please contact the main office to arrange for a paper copy to be sent home each week.



### Toilet update

Unfortunately, the portacabin toilet blocks have not yet arrived on site, but we are hoping this will happen towards the end of this week. In the meantime, we are having contractors in daily during the week to flush the drains through so we can still use our toilets.

## Learning Tips



### Reading

#### **Encourage your child to be the author**

Build writing and drawing into your routine at home by helping your child tell a story. When telling stories, children are practising important language skills. You can model this, by telling them stories. Children love to hear stories about your childhood or other experiences, and it gives them inspiration for telling their own stories.

### Maths

#### **Family Maths Toolkit**

We all use maths every day, often without realising it. Every child can develop the skills they will need, both at school and throughout their lives. Helping your child feel confident about maths now gives them a head start. The link below has lots of information for parents on how to do this.



<https://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/advice-for-families>

### Well-being

#### **Looking after your mental health at Christmas**

This can be a very overwhelming time of year. Your family's mental health (and yours!) does not need to be put on hold. Click on the link below for some simple ideas to support you all at this time of year.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-at-christmas/>

### E- Safety

#### **Inappropriate age content**

'Inappropriate' means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group isn't for another. To help parents know what to look for a guide is attached which includes information about social media, streaming, gaming, and adverts. The guide will also shortly be put on our website in the parents' tab / e-safety tips.



# Community, Wellbeing and Support

## Free School Meal Vouchers

We are delighted to have confirmation today that we will be able to arrange food vouchers for the Christmas and February half term holidays for all families already in receipt of free school meals. Details of arrangements will be sent out to those eligible by the start of next week.

### **Eligibility for free school meal applications**

Your child may receive free school meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



If you think you may be eligible we would urge you to apply by using the link below

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2>

## COVID advice of the week-

### **How will the school know if there is an Omicron covid case?**

If a positive case has been identified as Omicron then the individual will be contacted to be informed of this. As part of the test and trace system the school would be identified as a potential contact and would therefore be contacted and would receive specific guidance. However, we would also ask families to let us know as well if this is the case.



# Congratulations

## House Winners

Every child is in one of our 5 houses. They can earn points for their house by showing our 5 school values and by supporting other children in the school. Each week the House with the most points becomes House of the Week. They have a star added to their chart in the hall. The House with the most stars at the end of the year gets an afternoon at the park with ice lollies too!



Last week's House winners who earned the most house points were

**Creole Katherine Johnson**





## Assembly Special Mentions

Congratulations to the following people who had a special mention in assembly this week

**Seahorse Class** -For an amazing assembly after only 1 full run through. You gave your parents an amazing snapshot of all of the great things you have achieved so far in Year 4 and you have made us all so proud. What a fabulous way to end 2021! Keep up the hard work guys!!

**Precious** - for helping younger children with their cereal and pouring drinks in breakfast club.



## Certificate Mentions



Congratulations to the following people who achieved a certificate this week.

Certificate	Name & Class	Level
<b>Lexia</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Ayden	2
	Elias	4
	Jonathan	1
	Dziugas	6
	Simon	7
<b>Maths in a flash</b> <i>(New levels completed)</i>	Matas, Rexhep & Muhammad (2J)	1
	Deborah, Jonathan, Zain S & Ester (2S)	1
	David (2J)	4
	Raphael (2J)	6
	Daniel M (2J)	7
<b>Times Table Rockstars</b> <i>(New speed record!)</i>	Oyelakin & Majus (2S)	
	David (2J)	
	Nuelf, Precious, Naglis, Daisie, Diamond, Miley, Nicoleta, Paulina, Henryk, Daria, Yasin, Kesar, Deniz, Jake, Oluwafisayomi, Meer, Ulliel, Armani, Artjoms, Alatz & Afia (4S)	
	Jasmin, Eliza, Camilla & Enrikas (5D)	
	Lily, Ermal, Aleeza, Rafan, Arijus & Radoslav (5S)	
	Any (6S)	
	Marli (6W)	
<b>Mathletics Bronze</b>	1L -Mia	
	2J -Rexhep, Matas, Abeera, Daniel M & David	
	3L -Michael	
	3T -Minahil	
<b>Mathletics Silver</b>	2J - Eric	



Our stars are awarded in our Friday virtual assembly to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you they also get 3 House Points and a star of the week pencil to use in school or take home.



<b>House Name</b>	<b>Creola Katherine Johnson</b>	<b>Malalah Yousafzai</b>	<b>Michael Rosen</b>	<b>Ade Adepitan</b>	<b>Marcus Rashford</b>
<b>Value</b>	<b>Inspire</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>Successful</b>	<b>Resilient</b>	<b>Heard &amp; Cared For</b>
Guppy 1	Esther Elizabeth	Layla	Khadija	Darjans	James
Guppy 2	Matrix	Hafsa	Charissa	Noah	Masheedat
Lionfish	Genesis	Oliver	Anderson	Isabelle	Tanya
Clownfish	Elena	Nicole	Sofia S	Darius	Sarah
Jellyfish	Matvii	Muhammad	Daniel L	Natalie	Jayden
Starfish	Farwa	Elizabeth	Joel	Majus	Aroush
Turtle	Joshua	Tahmid	Ruby	Olivia	Micheal
Lobster	Evie	Sneeha	Jay	Rejus	Jason
Octopus	Daisie	Diamond	Nuelf	Dijana	Christopher
Seahorse	Kotryna	Artjoms	Liam	Kajus	Fisayo
Stingray	Peter	Vanessa	Sofia	Precious	Daria
Dolphin	Eliza	Liliana	Kelicia	Bella	Ali
Shark	Any	Joseph	Aimee	Sara	Danyal
Whale	Gabriele	Oscar	Isabel	Grace	Junaid