



## Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our KS1 nativity today, thank you for coming and supporting your children. I would also like to thank the KS1 staff who have worked so hard to produce such a lovely event and to our support staff and year 6 ambassadors who made sure everyone had a cup of tea to keep them warm and a mince pie! We are looking forward to our Early Years productions tomorrow and welcoming more of our parents to join us! Finally a reminder that children will be having Christmas dinner on Tuesday next week and all children are encouraged to wear a winter or Christmas jumper. We are asking for a £1 donation on this day with all monies going to our 5 house charities.

**Sue Ferguson**



### REMINDER – LAST DAY OF TERM

**The last day of term for Reception to year 6 is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> (apologies for the typo last week!). 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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at normal time.



### Staff Update

We have a number of staffing changes taking place at present. Firstly we are pleased to welcome back Mrs Ellis who has re-joined the school as a cover teacher for the rest of the academic year.

We have two members of teaching staff who are due to go on maternity leave during next term. Ms Macfarlane starts her leave at the end of the first week back after Christmas and hopes to come back in July. Ms Feeney starts her maternity leave at February half term and is aiming to come back next year.

To cover these vacancies we are pleased to confirm we have recruited two permanent members of teaching staff – Mrs Akhazzan who will be in year 5 and Miss Binion who will be in Reception. Both members of staff start in January so that there is a proper handover and children and parents get to meet them.

We are also pleased to welcome Ms Khan who joined us on a permanent contract in December. Ms Khan is supporting in year 6 as Mrs Husain will be supporting in year 5 after Christmas.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I have to tell you that unfortunately Mrs Salahuddin has had to retire early on ill-health grounds. I am sure you join me in thanking her for her many years of service not only to Ellen Wilkinson but to the children and communities she worked with prior to joining us. We are fortunate to have had such a respected and experienced colleague as part of our EWPS family. We will be working with the children over the coming days to create thank you cards so that we can show her how much her dedication has been appreciated.



### Building Work

We are pleased to confirm that the final phase of the window replacement work has now started. This will mean that both year 3 classes and Octopus class will each work out of the studio for one day next week. Work on replacing windows in the central area and hall will take place during half term in February.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & morning nursery @ 10.40 a.m.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & afternoon nursery @ 2.30 p.m.**

*(For both performances please use main pupil gate in the playground which will open at 10.10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then come to the hall).YOU.*

## Christmas Arrangements



Date	Details
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nativity</b> – Nursery and Reception <b>Times</b> Reception and AM Nursery 10.10-gates open, 10.40 -performance starts Reception and PM Nursery 2 pm- gates open 2.30 – performance starts
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Dinner (with crackers)</b> <b>Wear a jolly jumper day</b> (all children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours – we request £1 donation towards our charities) <b>LAST DAY FOR NURSERY CHILDREN</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – CHILDREN FINISH AT 1PM</b> 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.



## Reception Applications

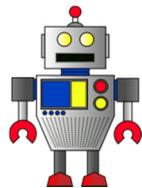
**Please remember that if your child is due to start Reception in September you must apply for their school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you need any support with this please contact the nursery or the main office. Thank you.**

## E-Safety - Tip of the Week

**Subject:** The 12 ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices (ICO)



Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Planning to spend a couple of hours in a Christmas Market or online? This Christmas there will be more tech toys than ever before, and many of them will use bluetooth or wifi to link to apps and the wider internet. Some of these toys will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth looking at:



<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

Which? Magazine have also surveyed many connected toys and found that, without appropriate safety features, they can also pose a big risk to your child's safety. Find out more by looking at the video they have produced.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/>



## Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Value(s)
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**Stars of the Week**



<b>6 Shark</b>	<b>Kris</b>	<b>Respect</b> (For always being respectful to adults and his peers. What an amazing role model)	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.
<b>6 Whale</b>	<b>Isra</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For huge success with reading this term)	
<b>5 Dolphin</b>	<b>Asfi</b>	<b>Respect</b> (For always showing respect to her classmates and adults around the school)	
<b>5 Stingray</b>	<b>Chloe</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For successfully writing a rap, using figurative language)	
<b>4 Octopus</b>	<b>Aishah</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For having an excellent attitude towards her work)	
<b>4 Seahorse</b>	<b>Omotara</b>	<b>Resilience</b> (For showing great progress in her resilience from last year. Well done)	
<b>3 Lobster</b>	<b>Kerell</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For continuously making fantastic progress in P.E)	
<b>3 Turtle</b>	<b>Angel</b>	<b>Respect</b> (For always showing respect to other adults and children in school)	
<b>2 Jellyfish</b>	<b>Gabriela</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For overcoming stage fright and confidently delivering her lines during our practice Nativity performances)	
<b>2 Starfish</b>	<b>Leilas</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For learning the times 'quarter to' and 'quarter past' in Maths)	
<b>1 Clownfish</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Resilience</b> (for showing progress in her work and for her dedication to her role in the Nativity)	
<b>1 Lionfish</b>	<b>Maya</b>	<b>Successful</b> (For her work on whole and half of shapes in Maths)	



## House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **Evelyn Glennie** House for having the most house points this week



## Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> December are: **Clownfish = 99.33%**  
There were no punctuality winners this week as every class had at least one late mark recorded.



## Upcoming Diary Dates



### DECEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
11th – 15th	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	<b>NO</b>
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.40 a.m. 2.30p.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	<b>YES</b>
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>		All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)	<b>NO</b>
	12 p.m.	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	<b>NO</b>
		<b>N</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)</b>	
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>R-6</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.</b>	