

# Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Learning for the Fullness of Life

TRUST – RESPECT- LOVE

Dear Parents & Carers,

The last three weeks have certainly been busy with many festive celebrations and events taking place in school. There are not many schools who can boast putting on three separate Christmas performances, but here at Ettington the Staff and pupils pulled it off remarkably well this year. Our Reception Nativity 'Oops a Daisy Angel', was simply heart-warming and the children brought the nativity to life with a slight twist on the traditional story. Seeing our youngest children perform with such confidence is a testament to the wonderful work the staff do. The KS1 and Lower KS2 performance of 'Superstar' certainly lived up to its title; our children simply sparkled as they acted and sang their hearts out at the Community Centre. It is a delight to use such a great space to perform and the pupils worked incredibly hard to entertain so many. Finally, I would like to congratulate the Upper KS2 children who led our Christmas Carol Service at Ettington Church, they reflected on the true meaning of Christmas and sang with such vigour that the rafters in the church rang!

This week has been a little less hectic, with a range of Christmas activities, all of which were entwined with the clear message to our children that we should all be grateful for everything we have, and as a result they have reflected lots on those who are less fortunate. Donations towards the local food bank have been plentiful through our 'Reverse Advent' initiative and generous gifts of toys and books have been donated to support local families from Afghanistan. What is so apparent when you spend any time with our children is their compassion and empathy. It also worth noting here that the children raised £160 for Children in Need in November and a further £149 for this year's Poppy Appeal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the FoES who (as always) have been very generous with their support; the Christmas Fair was a great success, support was strong and furthermore, their kind gift of the Chaplain's Panto 'Aladdin', brought the festive celebrations to a crescendo!

I'm sure for many of you, Christmas will be a little different this year; we are all mindful of the expenses and challenges our celebrations may bring financially. This is why it is important to keep remembering what Christmas is truly about; love, friendship, generosity and reflection. As a child so wisely said this week 'With very little, we can still be grateful for so much!'

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that you find time to relax, have fun and spend time with those who mean most to you. I thank all the staff for their unwavering commitment to educating the children and encouraging them to be well-rounded human beings. I also thank you, our parents, for the work you do to not only support your children but the school.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2023.

David Johnson – Headteacher.

Working in partnership with the community

## END OF AUTUMN TERM 2022 CELEBRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Literacy** - Reception -Edward Hollins

**Maths** - Year 6 – Caillen Burton

**Science** – Year 4 – Barnaby Whitfield

**Creative Arts** – Reception – Phoebe Johnson

**KS1 Role Model** – Year 1 – Amber Long

**Christian Values** – Year 3 –Arjun Dhesi

**Computing** – Year 6 – Hattie Collins

**Courageous Advocate** –Year 3 – Jensen White

**Creative Curriculum** – Year 2 – Hannah Eccleston

**Sports** – Year 5 – Evangeline Harris

**Learning Habits** – Year 1 – Harry Craig

**KS2 Role Model** – Year 4 – Harrison Grant

**Lunchtime Role Model** – Theo Clifford

**Tidy Class of the Term** – Year 5

**Healthy Class of the Term** – Reception

**Attendance of the Term** – Class 2 – 97.2%

**Winning House Points of the Term** – BLUES -570 Points

## Rewards and Recognition

We are totally committed to promoting positive behaviour and purposeful learning in our school. To recognise children's efforts and achievements, there are a variety of special awards to aim for.

### Special Assembly Awards

#### PRIDE AND RESPECT STARS:

Reception:-Lucas Hyde

Year 1:- Ernie Martin

Year 2:- Fit4Schools activity

Year 3:- Trip

Year 4:- Amelia-Rose Sanders

Year 5:- Evangeline Harris

Year 6:- Issy Sylvester-Holton

Star Writers:- Billy Perry-Pearce

**Well done to all our Stars!**



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## Calendar

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Teacher Training Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
School re-opens to all pupils (Spring Term)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 3 Trip to St Johns Museum in Warwick.  
Prospective parents (Rec 23) tour of the school at  
9.15am.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Monster Phonics Themed Day for whole school.  
Dress up as favourite Monster! Details to follow.

**13<sup>th</sup> January**  
Closing date for Reception 2023 applications.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 4 Parent Meeting about Multiplication  
Checks 3.30-4.15pm in Class 4.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**  
Schools' Mental Health Activity Week.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
Fire Safety Talk with Stratford-Upon-Avon Fire  
Station with Year 1

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
Fire Safety Talk with Stratford-Upon-Avon Fire  
Station with Year 5

*Please refer to the School Webpage for the most up  
to date School events and future events*

<http://www.ettingtonprimary.org/calendar/>

## Calendar cont'd

**Break up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Return to school Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
World Book Day  
Dress up - details to follow.

**Our current School Value is:**

**Generosity**

'There is more happiness in giving than  
receiving'  
Acts 20:35