

NEWSLETTER



Celebrating Christmas at East Park

Covid will certainly not stop the children and staff at East Park from celebrating Christmas this year! We have found lots of great ways to celebrate the spirit of Christmas with you across the school and are excited to share them with you in our weekly newsletter.



EYFS Christmas Performances



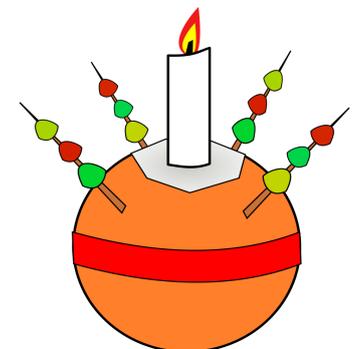
Our Nursery children have all been very busy practising songs for their Nativity performance which will be recorded and sent out to Nursery parents by the end of the final week of term.

Reception children will also perform their 'Away in a Manger' production in the final week of term; again, parents will be sent a link to the pre-recorded video.

Rest assured that both performances have been produced following strict Covid guidelines and social distancing measures to keep us all safe!

Year 2 Christingle

As we are unable to perform our usual Christingle service at the local church, the Year 2 children will instead be making Christingles during the last week of term, which they will bring home to share with you. Learning will also be captured in a short video montage of photographs and songs which will be made available to Year 2 parents via an emailed link.



Whole school surprises

Look out for a couple of whole school surprises being shared during the last week too—staff and children will be busy this week practising their singing and dancing.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget, on **Friday 11th December** we are holding a Christmas Jumper day at East Park for all children at school. Children can wear their own clothes with their jumper—school uniform does not need to be worn on this day. Your £1.50 donation (via ParentMail) will gain you entry to our **Christmas Family Hamper Prize Draw** - there are four hampers up for grabs (one per phase of the school).

We know that Year 6 children won't be here on this day but they can still wear their Christmas jumpers for online lessons at home. Year 6 will then have their own Christmas Jumper Day when they return on **Monday 14th December**.



Hearts for Homes



This year, to spread some Christmas love and cheer to the residents in our local Care Homes we have decided to take part in the national project '**Hearts for Homes**'. Children across school will be busy making Christmas decorations, writing messages and drawing pictures which will then be made into hampers and sent out in the last week of Term to show that we are all thinking about others during Christmas time.

Last Day of Term

The last day of Term will be **Friday 18th December**. It will be a party day, where children can come in their party clothes all day! Party lunch will also be provided, with games in classrooms. And a very special someone might be making a socially distanced appearance!



Also on this day, there will be an early finish. The school gates will be opened from **1.45pm**, where you will be greeted with a mince pie and carols from our staff. Children will be collected from their usual classroom doors; the gates will then close at **2.10pm**.



We know that you would love to stop and sing along with us, but please continue to follow our normal school procedures at dismissal. Please be mindful of this whilst walking around the school enjoying your festive treat.