



Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome to the weekly newsletter. How lovely to see the children enjoying the snow this week, we have had lots of fun in school making snowballs and building snowmen, some magical memories have certainly been made this week.



LOCAL AUTHORITY VISIT:

Mrs Miller, our Senior Education Advisor visited on Wednesday. The focus of her visit was to look at reading, writing and attendance. We have received some lovely feedback about how engaged the KS2 children were in their reading and how mature the conversations about what they were reading were. She also talked to children from Years 2-6 about writing and was blown away by how enthusiastic the children were about writing, they couldn't wait to show her their books and work on the walls. During her visit, Mrs Miller also commented on how delightful, respectful and well mannered our children are.

We looked at attendance during the visit and I am pleased to share that our attendance is 1% higher than it was this time last year so we are definitely moving in the right direction.

Schools have now been set an attendance target by the DFE that they are expected to meet each year. Our target is **95.4%** Our current whole school attendance is **95.1%** so we are not too far off this target although we will have to keep working hard on it for the rest of the year.

The latest DFE national attendance data for all primary schools was released yesterday and is currently **95.4%**

Please make sure your child's attendance and punctuality is a priority and contact us if you have any concerns or need help with attendance, we have lots of things we

Here are some handy tips that may be useful:

Establish a consistent routine:

- **Prepare for the next day:** Have uniforms, lunches, and school bags ready the night before to reduce morning stress.
- **Set a consistent bedtime:** A regular sleep schedule helps children get enough rest.
- **Use an alarm clock:** Give your child their own alarm clock to help them get ready on time.
- **Limit screen time:** Avoid TV or computer games before school, or even at all, to ensure your child is focused on getting ready.

Communicate and partner with the school:

- **Talk to the teacher:** Schedule a meeting to discuss your child's attendance and any potential issues.
- **Be honest and open:** Be upfront with the school about any challenges you are facing.
- **Attend meetings:** If the school invites you to a meeting about attendance, do not ignore it.
- **Work together on a plan:** Collaborate with the school to create a personalised plan to help your child.

Make school feel important and engaging:

- **Reinforce the message:** Remind your child that school is an important part of their daily life.
- **Emphasise the benefits:** Explain the connection between good attendance, academic success, and future opportunities.
- **Support their engagement:** Encourage them to participate in extracurricular activities, which can increase their sense of belonging and engagement.

Address potential barriers:

- **Schedule appointments carefully:** Try to schedule doctor or dentist appointments outside of school hours.
- **Minimise disruption:** If an appointment must be during school, schedule it early or late in the day to allow your child to attend as much as possible and inform the school in advance.
- **Seek medical advice:** If your child has frequent illnesses, see a doctor to rule out any underlying medical conditions.
- **Address anxiety or depression:** If you suspect these issues, seek professional medical advice.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK:

Our Workers of the Week this week are:

Elosie J - Mrs Cooper's Class
Harriet P - Miss Housley
Bobby B - Mrs O'Neill's Class
Sebastian Z - Mrs Scott-Mills's Class
Isla B - Mrs Hargreaves's Class
Harper LH - Miss Rippton's Class
William P - Miss Galtrey's Class
Freddie C - Mrs Robson-Beck's Class
Halo S - Miss Mossop's Class
Grace W - Mrs MacFadyen's Class
Chloe R & Aryah C - Mr Sleightholme's Class
Gracie R - Mrs Hannam's Class



Well done to you all!

YEAR 5 & 6 HOWSHAM MILL TRIPS:

Mrs Hannam and Mrs MacFadyen's classes enjoyed their very successful - although rather wet - days at Howsham Mill. Pupils worked collaboratively to build water wheels, measured the velocity of the river and labelled the different sections of the River Derwent. They showed great enthusiasm throughout the visit despite the weather and represented the school brilliantly. Mr Sleightholme's class will now have their trip on Monday 8th December.



GOLDEN LETTERS:

Congratulations to our Golden Letter recipients this week:

Teddy K, Theo I, Antoni P and Jack S

Keep up the great work!



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

We have been busy planning what Christmas at ECPS will look like and can now share the details. Our aim is to make our Christmas about learning how Christians celebrate, sharing time together and making memories. During the last few weeks of term, children will be making decorations for their classrooms, making a Christmas card, calendar and Christmas tree decoration. Our Christmas post is back by popular demand and opens on 8th December until the 17th December. The 11th of December is our Christmas dinner day and children are asked to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. On the last day of term, we will take part in a Christmas service at St John's Church. After the service, we will come back to school and change into PJs and slippers to enjoy a film with a sweet treat.

Here are links for our local churches so you can find out about their Christmas events, services and celebrations:

<https://easingwoldraskelfanglican.org/>

<https://stjohntheevangelisteasingwold.co.uk/>

<https://www.easingwoldmethodists.org.uk/>

We will also be taking part in community events such as the Easingwold Crib Service and Light up a Life celebration.

YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW:

On Thursday, the Year 6 children visited Carlton Lodge for an afternoon focused on developing essential life skills (Crucial Crew). During the visit, pupils took part in a series of engaging workshops covering fire safety, water safety and how to stay safe online. They also learned about the risks and effects associated with tobacco and drugs.

Throughout the workshops, the children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and showed great maturity. They returned to school with a wealth of new knowledge to support them in making safe and responsible choices.



PTA NEWS:

Secret Santa

We are looking for one or two more volunteers for our Secret Santa event on the 5th December. Please contact a member of the PTA if you are able to help. The event is really magical and the kids and adults always have a great time. If you can spare a morning or afternoon, please let us know (Kim Knowlson or Devon Wells).

If you are also able to help repack the gifts on the 25th November we will be at the cricket club from 6pm.

Christmas Cards

Please don't forget to return your Christmas card order to the school office on or before the 24th November.

Christmas Raffles

Are you attending your child's Christmas performance over the Christmas period? If you are able to help run a raffle please let Devon Wells or Faye Kraemer know and we can give you the prizes and raffle book.
Devon Wells - PTA Chair



CHILDREN IN NEED:

Thank you so much for all of your donations and for support the after school sweet sale for Children in Need - we are delighted to say that we raised an amazing...

£369.93!



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:

This week I would like to give special recognition to:

Ellie L & Mia L for being super polite, happy and positive.

Ivy M & Freddie S for excellent answers in reading lessons.

Archie J for super manners.



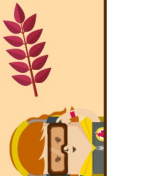
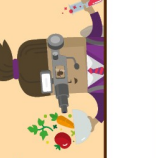
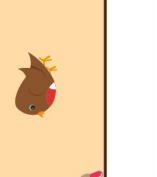
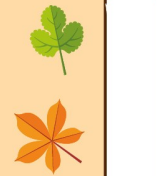
Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A Parratt'.

Mrs A Parratt
Headteacher

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone?

Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the school office, together with holiday forms and permission to administer medicine forms. Tel: 01347 821282 email: admin@easingwoldprimary.co.uk.



Autumn/Winter Menu Week 3

WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal	Beef Burger with Herbie Diced Potato	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Savoury Mince & Mash Potato and Yorkshire Pudding	Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Main Meal	Roasted Butternut, Pepper & Tomato Dhal with Mixed Rice & Flatbread	Vegetable Sausage Hotdog served with Home-baked Wedges	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Vegetables & Sunny Rice	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Sandwiches/Wraps	Ham or Cheese Bap	Tuna or Cheese Baguette	Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Tuna or Cheese Wrap	Ham or Cheese Sandwich
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, & Broccoli	Green Beans & Cauliflower	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Mixed Veg	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Apple & Cinnamon Rolls	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Portion(s) of fruit or veg
 Source of wholegrain
 Contains plant-based proteins
 50% fruit
 Oily fish
 Vegan
 VG

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
 Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
 On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

Christmas Card Order Deadline: Monday 24th November

Photo Order Deadline: Monday 1st December

Reception Christmas Show: Tuesday 2nd December 2.30pm

Reception Christmas Show: Wednesday 3rd December 2.30pm

Secret Santa Shopping Day: Friday 5th December

Howsham Mill - Mr Sleightholme's class (new date): Monday 8th December

Year 2 trip to Flamingo Land: Tuesday 9th December

Year 1 Nativity: Wednesday 10th December 2pm

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day: Thursday 11th December

Year 1 Nativity: Thursday 11th December 2pm

Year 2 Christmas Play: Tuesday 16th December 2.30pm

Year 2 Christmas Play: Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm

SPRING TERM DIARY DATES:

KS2 Young Voices in Sheffield: Friday 30th January

Year 6 Bewerley Park Residential: Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

Year 5 Liverpool Residential: Monday 23rd March - Wednesday 25th March

Year 4 East Barnby Residential: Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May

Easingwold Library Visits

Date	Classes visiting
Monday 24th November	Mrs Hargreaves & Mrs Hannam
Tuesday 25th November	Miss Mossop
Thursday 27th November	Mr Sleightholme & Mrs MacFadyen