



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome to our newsletter. As we move into December this weekend, we are getting very excited about all of our Christmas activities and events!

We have had a beautiful tree kindly donated by one of our Reception parents, Cameron Brittle, who works for Newburgh Priory Christmas Trees. Our Mini Leaders will be decorating it on Monday for it to take pride of place in the library for everybody to enjoy. We would like to thank Mr Brittle and his company for their generosity.

It will soon be time for the Christmas postbox to come out and the Christmas Post will start on 9th December! Children can write and post cards to their friends up until 18th December. Please make sure surnames and classes are written on envelopes so it gets to the right person. Children love receiving and opening their cards each afternoon, their faces when the post arrives are a joy to see.

One of our longest standing ECPS Christmas traditions is our Secret Santa event on 6th December which raises much needed funds for school. EPIC are hoping to raise enough money this year to pay for a new projector in the hall. Please make sure children bring their money in a purse, wallet or sealed envelope with their name on so that if they misplace it, it can be easily returned. We can't wait to see the excitement as they do their Christmas shopping!



Christmas dinner and jumper day will be another highlight on 12th December. Children love having dinner with their friends and staff and having a sing along to the Christmas tunes.

We are looking forward to inviting Reception and KS1 parents into school over the next few weeks to see the children perform some Christmas songs and poems or to do some Christmas crafts. Please arrive promptly and turn phones onto silent before you enter the building. Photos must only be taken in the classroom and must be for personal use only, not to be shared on social media.

Children will be making some homemade decorations to put up in their classrooms and will also make a Christmas card and calendar to take home during the last week.

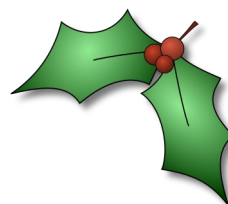
Some children will also be getting the chance to represent our school and take part in the United Response Christmas church service and the blessing of the crib service in the market place.

On the last day of term, we will be holding a church service which is a very special time to come together as a community and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Throughout December, the Open the Book team will be leading some assemblies telling the Christmas story.

Finally, on the last afternoon of term, children will get to enjoy a Christmas film with their class and be given some sweets to enjoy whilst they watch it.

We love celebrating Christmas at ECPS and have many wonderful traditions. We do however acknowledge that it can be an overwhelming time of year for children and we try wherever possible to stick to normal daily routines to support this. You can help by trying to keep routines and normal bedtimes at home as children can be very tired at this time of year after a very long term.



RBL POPPY APPEAL:

Thank you so much for your support with our recent Poppy Appeal sale - we are so pleased to say that the school raised an amazing £336.30!



FEAST - REDEEM YOUR VOUCHERS:

On Monday 25th November vouchers were issued to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

Don't worry if there's a waiting list - it doesn't always mean that an activity is full. To ensure that a wide range of families get to take part in FEAST, providers are asked to wait a number of days after vouchers are issued before accepting any bookings. Please request a place and you should receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).



Holiday activities across North Yorkshire.
FREE places and a FREE meal for eligible children and young people.

READING AMBASSADORS:



Our Year 6 reading ambassadors have been doing an excellent job of taking care of the school library. They have been working with Mrs Scott-Mills and Mrs O'Neill and have been doing an excellent job with the Reception and KS1 children at lunchtime, sharing stories and their love of reading.

YEAR 3/4 YORK TRIP:

Children from two of our Year 3 and 4 classes visited York this week to support their learning in Geography. The children were incredibly well behaved, with members of the public stopping us to complement them on their behaviour. Children drew sketch maps of the human and physical features they could see along the River Ouse and made comparisons between a city and a town. Children learnt how to navigate a busy city and used their own money to buy their bus tickets. A highlight was definitely meeting Paddington!



GOLDEN LETTERS:

Congratulations to our Golden Letter recipients this week:

Kai B, Noah C, Benjie H and Eva S

Keep up the great work!



COOKING COURSES - GALTRES CENTRE:

Please see below details of some cookery courses which are being held at the Galtres Centre which may be of interest to you.

Adult Learning
North Yorkshire
at
THE GALTRES CENTRE
EASINGWOLD

Fun with Food
Essential Skills for Cooking
(includes vegetarian & other dietary options)

Christmas on a Budget
2 December 2024, 10:00 - 12:30
Make your food budget go further with delicious seasonal, affordable recipes.

Using Christmas Leftovers
9 December 2024, 10:00 - 12:30
Explore using leftovers to make exciting dishes and avoid food waste.

Scan to book

www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning
Tel: 01609 536066
Email: adultlearningservice@northyorks.gov.uk

ECPS ARE TAKING OVER JUNIOR PARKRUN!

Junior Parkrun is a 2km course run at Millfield park every Sunday morning starting at 9am. All children aged 4-14 can take part, running, jogging, walking, skipping, however they want to get round!

ECPS will be taking over the event on Sunday 1st December, so the course will be marshalled and run by our Governors, EPIC volunteers and maybe even a teacher or TA or two sneaking in! We would love to see as many children as possible supporting the event. There will be a little treat afterwards for all the children taking part.

All you need to bring is a barcode per child. You can get this by registering here

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

This is not a race, it's a way of meeting new friends, having fun and getting a bit of exercise. Parents and carers are all very welcome too, you can run/walk the course with your child but you can't cross the finish line!

Why not come and give it a test this Sunday? Anyone who hasn't been before should aim to be there at 8.50am for the new starter briefing. We look forward to seeing you all there!

WORKERS OF THE WEEK:

Our Workers of the Week this week are:

Benjamin E - Mrs O'Neill's Class
Maggie L - Mrs Cooper's Class
Jessica S - Mrs Scott-Mills's Class
Ava G - Miss Housley's Class
Zander T - Mrs Wass's Class
Zoe F - Miss Ripton's Class
Emily S - Miss Galtrey's Class
Grace W - Mrs Hargreaves's Class
The whole class for excellent learning behaviour on their trip into York! - Mrs Teasdale's Class
Joshua B - Miss Mossop's Class
Alice S - Mrs Robson-Beck's Class
Gracie R - Miss Potter/Mrs Hannam's Class

Well done to you all!



WIDER OPPORTUNITY MUSIC LESSONS:

I was blown away this week when Miss Potter and Mrs Hannam's class invited me to see their brass instrument performance. They have been learning to play a variety of brass instruments for only 10 weeks and performed two songs as a whole class with such confidence. Mrs Robson-Beck's class start their 10 week block next week and have a hard act to follow! after that, it will be the turn of Miss Mossop's class. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the children - and at no cost to parents!



Don't forget that if you'd like your child to learn to play an instrument, you can sign them up for lessons. If you receive Universal Credit, the lessons are free. Please see Mrs Hamill for more details if you are interested in a new opportunity for your child in the new year or follow the link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-music-service/music-lessons-and-instrument-hire/information-about-music-lessons-available-schools>

You can also contact Easingwold Town Band who are always looking for new members to learn with them.



MUSIC AMBASSADORS:

The new Music Ambassadors have made a great start to their work. They are asking classes to vote for their favourite song to be played in Friday assemblies. The choices, so far, are proving very popular. What a wonderful start to our Friday mornings to hear the children singing so enthusiastically. The ambassadors announce the class choice and give some information about the singer or group. See the Music section of our website for details. Alongside this, their next project is asking classes to choose songs for Singing Assembly.



PTA NEWS:

Secret Santa

Secret Santa for the children is next week on Friday 6th December. For new parents, this day is an opportunity for children to do their shopping for family while in school. Children need to bring their money in a named wallet/purse with a note to say who they are buying for. Gifts are £2 each. Children can buy for more than one person but will need to bring the correct money to match. All gifts will be wrapped and sent home that day. Children will be supported by their teachers and parent volunteers on the day.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, whether this is through donating/sorting the gifts/transportation and the running of the day. This event is magical and we couldn't do it without everyone's support.

Christmas Cards

We are pleased to say we have raised £275.50 from the sale of Christmas cards. Look out for your order coming back in the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Raffle

We will be holding a small raffle at the Reception/KS1 Christmas sessions in school, if you can volunteer for the raffle please let me know and if you are attending don't forget to bring some change. Dates of these sessions are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Many thanks

Devon Wells - PTA Chair

AND FINALLY...

Mr Neville and the Open the Book team were super impressed with how the children came into their assembly this week and how well they listened. I felt very proud receiving this feedback, well done everybody and keep up the good work!

Enjoy your weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Cottrell'.

Mrs A Cottrell
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.

Primary Menu Week 1	'Green Earth Monday'	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Tomato & Baked Bean Pasta Bake with Bread	Homemade Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips with Ketchup
Vegetarian Main Meal	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Hash Brown	Veggie Korma with Sunny Rice	Quorn Grill with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable pasta Bolo- gnese with Garlic Bread	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips with ketchup
Grab & Go Offer YEARS 5&6 ONLY	N/A	Main or Veggie option as above	N/A	Main or Veggie option as above	N/A
Vegetable Selection	Carrots, Sweetcorn	Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Carrots	Green Beans, Cauliflow- er	Peas, Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato Option	Freshly Baked Jacket Po- tato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayon- naise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Po- tato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayon- naise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Po- tato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayon- naise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Po- tato with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayon- naise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans	Freshly Baked Jacket Pota- to with your Choice of Toppings: Tuna Mayon- naise, Grated Cheese or Baked Beans
Sandwich Option	Freshly Made Baguette with a choice of Cheese or Ham	Freshly Made Wrap with a choice of Cheese or Tu- na Mayonnaise	Freshly Made Sandwich with a choice of Cheese or Ham	Freshly Made Wrap with a choice of Cheese or Tu- na Mayonnaise	Freshly Made Baguette with a choice of Cheese or Ham
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse & Orange Smile	Homemade Jam Bun	Surprise Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Jelly & Man- darin	Vanilla and Cherry Cake & Custard



AUTUMN/SPRING TERM DIARY DATES:

Miss Galtrey's visit to York: Monday 2nd December

PTA Secret Santa Shopping Day: Friday 6th December

Year 1 Christmas Songs and Crafts: Tuesday 10th December 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Year 2 Christmas Songs and Crafts: Thursday 12th December 2.30pm - 3.15pm

United Response Carols - **Mrs Robson-Becks Class**: Thursday 12th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 12th December

Crib Service (Mini Leaders & Community Ambassadors): Friday 13th December

Reception Christmas Songs, Poems and Stories:

(Parents are invited to attend one date only - please see email sent)

Monday 16th December 2.45pm - 3.10pm

Tuesday 17th December 2.45pm - 3.10pm

Wednesday 18th December 2.45pm - 3.10pm

Christmas Service at St John the Baptist and All Saints Church:

Friday 20th December -

Reception and KS1: parents/carers please arrive at 9.10am

KS2: parents/carers please arrive at 10.40am

Last day of term: Friday 20th December - Normal finish time

Training Day: Monday 6th January

School Reopens: Tuesday 7th January

Year 6 Bewerley Residential Parent Meeting (online): Thursday 9th January 6pm

Year 6 Bewerley Residential: Monday 10th - Friday 14th February

Year 5 Liverpool Residential: Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th April

Year 4 East Barnby Residential: Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th May

Autumn 2024 club timetable

Day	Club	Teacher	Location	Time
Mon	Drawing (Year 3/4)	Miss Galtrey	Miss Galtrey's room	12.15pm -12.45pm
	Mindfulness Colouring (Year1)	Mrs Scott-Mills	Mrs Scott-Mill's room	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Tues	Board games (Year 3/4)	Mrs Hargreaves	Mrs Hargreaves' room	12.15pm - 12.45pm
Thurs	Mindfulness Colouring (Year 2)	Miss Ripton	Miss Ripton's room	12.45pm -1.15pm
	Coding (Year 5/6)	Mrs Robson-Beck	Mrs Robson-Beck's room	1pm - 1.25pm
Fri	Forest School (Year 2)	Mrs Wass	KS1 Field	12:15pm - 12:45pm