

update

East Farleigh Primary School



School events

We have had a very busy term with a multitude of different events taking place. We have recently had a visit from the Kent Fire Service, visited Maplesden Noakes school, Sport Leaders training, Athletic events and the Family Trust assembly. Thank you to those of you who attended our successful open afternoon and parents evenings.

We are looking forward to our Christmas events, the details of which are included in this newsletter. You are all welcome to attend our Infant Nativity play and Christingle service.

The produce collection for our Harvest service was generously supported and we have received a letter of thanks from Maidstone Christian Care, all of your donations have now been distributed to needy families and individuals. Once again the Book Fair was a popular event with over £800 being raised and as a result new books have been added to the library.

Children in Need Day (including class 6's fantastic cake sale) raised over £500. We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful contributions and support for the school. Thanks to the Friends for an enormously successful Macmillan coffee morning (raising over £325) and the Quiz Night. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre.

Important Diary Dates

Friday 24th November - Non-Uniform Chocolate Donation Day & Junior Disco 7.00pm

Saturday 2nd December - School Christmas Fayre 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Week beginning 4th December clubs finish this week

Thursday 14th December - Nativity for parents 2.00pm

Friday 15th December - Nativity for Parents 9.30am, Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th December - Class Parties

Tuesday 19th December - Christingle Service at East Farleigh Church 2.00pm (see page 4). All Welcome. The children may be collected at the end of the service.

Wednesday 20th December - School Panto *Aladdin* **END OF TERM**

SCHOOL RETURNS Thursday 4th JANUARY 2018



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Primary Admissions

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you need to apply now for their place at primary school.

You must submit one application per child, **even if they have a sibling at the school.**

Applying online is quick and simple, go to www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Important dates to remember

Monday 15th January - closing date for all online or paper form applications

Monday 16th April - emails are sent to those who applied online and letters sent to those who made a paper application.

Selection criteria applied according to Kent County Council Determined Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary Admissions Academic year 2017/18

Healthy Eating

For your information you will find a leaflet about healthy eating and packed lunches attached.

If possible please try to avoid sugary break time snacks and remind your child to drink plenty of water.

Christmas Lunch / Jumper Day Friday 15th December

As mentioned in Parentmail, Christmas Lunch day is also Christmas Jumper day. For a small donation, Christmas jumpers may be worn in school to replace our usual school sweatshirt. Donations will be used to support gifts for Demelza House.

Class Party - food donation

Our Christmas class parties will take place on Monday 18th December. We would be most grateful to receive small donations of food which can be shared at the party. Remember that we have some children with serious nut allergies so **no** nut based products please.

If your child has any special dietary requirements please make sure you discuss this with your child and speak with the class teacher.

Food donations for your child's class can be brought into school on the morning of the party on the 18th.

Christmas cards

Our usual Christmas card delivery box for the children will be available from Monday 4th December. Please make sure all cards have a Christian name, Surname and class number.

We are very sorry but this is not a delivery service for family cards - just for the children amongst their classmates



Christingle Service

Our Christingle service will take place at East Farleigh Church on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. Please be aware that this is a very busy service and can lead to congestion around the church. Please use the village car park and walk down to the church.

We do not have permission to use the car park at The Bull. Please do not use it unless you have the express permission of the Landlord.

Due to the particularly crowded nature of the church at this service we have decided that for safety reasons we will not be using 'real' candles with the younger children this year. Unfortunately the success of the service means that the children are standing so close together that we cannot be assured of their safety near the naked flame. An alternative will be provided which should be equally impressive. Year 6 will continue to use candles in the choir area of the church.

VERY IMPORTANT BAD WEATHER WARNINGS / SCHOOL CLOSURE

We always make every effort to keep the school open in the event of bad weather. However, this is not always possible. Our most likely option will be to delay opening until we check the safety of the site and ensure we have sufficient staff to open the school safely.

The system for reporting the status of the school is operated through a KCC website.

This will be our first point of contact with parents.

Information about whether the school is open or closed will be posted on

www.kentclosures.co.uk

If you register you can receive email and SMS alerts as the information is updated.

We will continue to post information on the school website and by Parentmail however please be aware that these can ‘crash’ during periods of heavy traffic.

Whenever possible “Snowy Weather Work” will also be posted on the website as it has been in the past.



November

Mia F
Max G
Albert G
Oliver P
Jessica S
Sofia S
Kezia B
Finley D
William E
Oliver I
Bethany P
Olivia B
Madeline E
William A
Louie J
Evie LD
Kyle F
Danny D
Dylan L
Florence S

December

Henry C
Zoe R
Holly I
Kylan R
Archie J
Millie J
Freddie C
Zachary M
Lila– May G
Lillian C
Matilda W
Mitchell S
Jade D
Sarah M
Joshua G
Domas D

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the Kent Cross Country Championship event at the Kent showground on Saturday 18th Nov.

‘I had a fantastic time, but it was really hard because there were 160 people racing. It was really cold but we warmed up when we were racing’.

Ted Y6

‘It was really hard this year, they added extra so it was even harder. Now we are year 5 we had to go twice. Afterwards we were exhausted but we felt pride’.

Thomas and William Y5

‘I thought it was hard work and fun’.

James F Y3

Indoor Athletics

On Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st October, several children from years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in an athletics multi-skills competition at Mote Park. They participated in track and field events against a number of other local schools.

All the children represented the school brilliantly and were complimented on their behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done.



Parents Notice Board

Emergency contact details - it is very important that you notify the office if your emergency contact details have changed. We have had instances recently when we have been unable to contact parents in an emergency.

PLEASE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF SOMEONE ELSE IS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF THE DAY.

If you are waiting on the patio area, either at the beginning or the end of the day, would you please try to leave a gap on the path so that the children can easily pass through.



The Friends of East Farleigh School

Please try to support the School by attending the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 1.00pm

There will be a multitude of stalls, games and raffles.
The school choir will be singing at 2.00pm

We will be holding a non-uniform chocolate day to collect chocolate items for the chocolate tombola on Friday 24th November.

If you are new to all this, in return for the donation of a chocolate item for the Christmas Fayre Chocolate Tombola, the children will be able to take part in a non-uniform day on the 24th!

Parking and events

In the coming weeks we have a number of events taking place at the school. Can we please ask everyone to park sensibly and with consideration for our neighbours. The village car park is available next to the school.

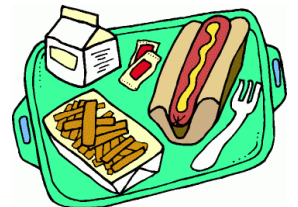
Please avoid parking on Vicarage Lane if possible.

Please do not park on the zig-zag yellow lines, across the school entrance or in the driveway along the side of the school. Parking in these places can be extremely dangerous, especially when children are coming on and off site.



Please try to use the footpath around the school. It is extremely dangerous to walk in the middle of the Lane.

If your child is going to be late can you please inform the office if they will require a school meal. Meals need to be booked by 10.30 am at the latest.



Playground and after-school safety

As the evenings grow darker please make sure you supervise your children closely at the end of the day. Once the children have been handed over to you or dismissed from their classroom it is important that they are supervised whilst on the playground, in the recreation ground or in Vicarage Lane. You may wish to consider some sort of high visibility clothing.

Please make sure they clearly understand any collection arrangements you have made.

