



Newsletter



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Autumn Term - December 1st, 2017

Christmas Market

It was a very successful meeting with PTA. What an enthusiastic group of parents! No negativity and lots of laughter. It was great and there are lots of plans for everyone to enjoy the Christmas market.

So ... here's what's happening...

- December 12th. Doors open at 2.30pm. Teachers will release children to you at 2.30pm for the market.
- Entry fee - £2 per adult and this includes a free mince pie and drink.
- Santa's grotto.
- Rainbow stall
- Jewels, scarves and Christmas gifts
- Sweets and drinks
- Tombola
- Nice and nacs for children
- Lucky dip
- Mince pies and drinks
- Christmas cards
- Wooden gifts
- Bellorama shop gifts
- Osbourne books
- Pre loved toys
- Personalised baubles
- Children singing Christmas songs

Parent meetings

If you attended you will have received your child's brief summary report. If you did not attend please contact the school as soon as possible so you know how to help your child. Thank you.

Year 3 trip

Apologies that this was cancelled at short notice. We understand your frustrations. This will be avoided in future.

Inspection report

School has contacted Estyn about the expected report. We were informed that there is a back log of paperwork and the report will hopefully be with us next week.

Dodgeball

Year 5 & 6 thoroughly enjoyed these taster sessions! It was lovely to see their enthusiasm! Very competitive too.

Parents have your say meeting

A positive meeting indeed. Thank you for those who attended and we understand that you felt comfortable having your say. We are pleased to hear this. This is a partnership and we are delighted that this appears to be the case. I

Topic raised	Parent view / action	School view / action
Year 3	Concerns about teacher leaving	Teacher and plans in place ready. Letter coming soon.
Reading	Parents would like a reading evening	School must ensure they fulfill this promise.
Christmas carol service	Happy with service but would like a nativity / whole school event	Agree. Once the school is out of special measures this can become a bigger event .
Newsletter	Good communication	Parents need reminding how they can access, including paper copies.
PTA	More parents would like to get involved	Meetings to be arranged at different venues and at different times to ensure all parents have an opportunity to attend. School to ensure PTA news is sent out once a month.
Charity events	Mixed views. Some feel that school should make big event of national events. Others feel that events have an effect on family finances and School should consider this.	School to consider the nature and amount of national events and expense for parents.
Attendance	This is a parent responsibility at primary school. School to consider rewards for classes without identifying pupils with poor attendance.	Open to suggestions and will consider reward system.
Reasons for absence	Why are parents requested for medical evidence?	School explained that this is due to parents giving many medical reasons for absence. When a child is ill on many occasions it is important that their health is investigated. School ensures that the child is seeing a doctor and parent is seeking medical advice regarding health. Most children who enjoy a healthy lifestyle are present most of the time.
Punctuality	Shocked about the amount of pupils that are late arriving. Again a parent responsibility. Suggestion that parent are invited to meeting at the school.	Open to suggestions. School will initiate parent meetings
Reading books	Not all classes are ensuring that books are sent home.	School to remind teachers. Books to be sent home daily. Parent to return daily.
Homework	Variety of views in this issue	School to consider, putting emphasis on how homework meets the needs of all pupils.
Behaviour	On the whole - positive though particular times were identified	School to address this. School keen to finalise Behaviour policy.
After school clubs	Request for more maths, reading and writing clubs. So successful that more is needed. Children are seeing the benefits and enjoying the clubs.	School to consider how this can be addressed.
Suggestion box	For parents to voice their views. An alternative option.	School considers this a good idea and will act on this.

Newsletter

This is available for parents via the following means:-

- Text
- Twitter
- Website
- Paper copy at main entrance
- School notice board

We think we have covered all parents and carers. If not, please let us know!

Reading

If there is one thing you do every day, please make sure you read with your child. It is one of the most valuable and beneficial times you can have with your child. Reading is the key to unlock many doors for them! Make sure the teacher sends their reading book home every day!!

Christmas decorations

Do you have any spare tinsel, lights and decorations that you could donate to the school please? We want to decorate the room for Santa's grotto and classrooms. If you have any spare please send them into school with your child.

PTA Facebook and website

There is a PTA Facebook page that is protected, secure and monitored by a parent. Please join for further information. There will also be a website page very soon.

Diary Dates

De 4th - Dec 8th	3.30 til 4pm. Book fair open to parents. Half price books.
Dec 7th	PTA meeting - final arrangements for Christmas market and disco plans 9am in school
Dec 11th	Whole school school council day
Dec 12th	Eastern's Christmas market
Dec 13th	KS2 Christmas carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 14th	Foundation phase carol service 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Dec 15th	Christmas jumper day. Proceeds towards Save the Children.
Dec 18th	Year 1 trip to see Santa
Dec 19th	Reception trip to see Santa
Dec 20th	Year 2 trip to see Santa
Dec (last week)	Years 3,4,5 &6 trip to cinema to see Christmas movie. Date to be confirmed
Dec 21st	Christmas lunch. Children can wear Christmas hats and jumpers. School disco. Foundation phase 4.30pm, KS 2 5.30pm.
Dec 22nd	Last day of term

What a great week!

So much has happened! So much to share! So hopefully we can get it all into this week's news! Where to start?