



Newsletter



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Christmas newsletter 13/12/19



Hello again!

A message from Mrs Jefford

It's good to be back! I can say that I have truly missed being at school with the children and it was so good to hear that I could return to school!

I'd like to say a big thank you to Mr Manley for taking on the role as head teacher in my absence, Mrs Jones for taking on the role as deputy headteacher, and also to Mrs Thomas and Mr Cross as senior leaders for supporting the management of the school together with the governing body. Thank you also to the staff, who have continued to be committed to school improvement at this disruptive period of time, I very much appreciate their loyalty to the school once again, and their attention to the children is fantastic. They never cease to amaze me. Thank you everyone.

Thank you to Mr Clarke and Mr Prosser who have supported my recovery on behalf of the governing body. Their visits to my home and wellbeing messages lifted my spirits on many occasions. Many thanks.

Mr Manley will remain out of class for the rest of this term to ensure there is a smooth handover and also to support my absence for final medical appointments. If you have any concerns you wish to discuss please contact Mrs Johns in the office and either myself or Mr Manley will respond to your requests.

In the meantime, the staff have organised some great Christmas celebrations with the children, and I am certain that you will thoroughly enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all.

Improvements

We, at Eastern, are extremely proud of the education and the environment we provide for your children. Every member of staff and governor is committed to our vision and what we aim to achieve for your children. We are very proud that we offer a community school for families and not just the children. We are able to offer family support and just as we know our families well we know that you know staff well also. We pride ourselves on kindness, care and concern for each other. It is a wonderful place to spend the day! The school has had many compliments regarding this and our school has been chosen for these special qualities by our new families. This makes us very proud and reinforces that what we offer is unique. The progress of the school has gone from strength to strength and we are still looking forward. We have always considered your suggestions as this is your school for your child. Many thanks!

Staff News

Our wonderful caretaker Kat was offered a new job and unfortunately finished at the school whilst I was recuperating. Devastated! Her little girl is still at the school so we see Kat regularly but I would like to say a big thank you to her for all her hard work at the school. We appointed her in 2017 due to her enthusiasm for school improvements and she was always determined to solve problems with us. She helped so much in keeping our children safe in a good environment. Thank you Kat and good luck in your new job. We have advertised the now vacant post and hopefully we will have many applicants wanting to join this happy school!

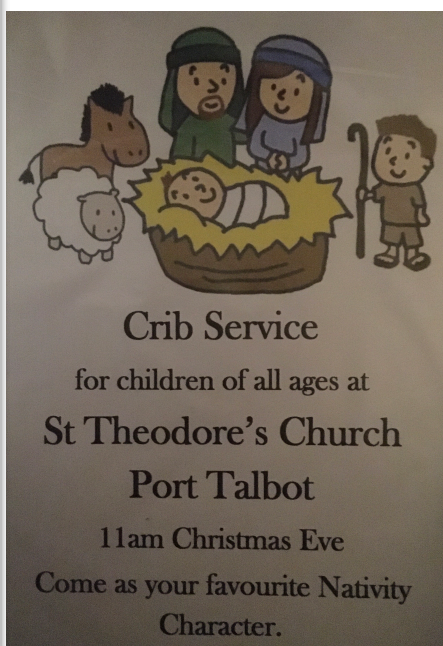
Mrs Thomas is making a good recovery and is so sad that's she is not with the children for their Christmas events. She is in contact with us and will be making a visit next week in preparation for her return.

Mrs Baker will be returning to school in January also and it will be great to see her back. She's looking forward to getting back to routine.

As you know, it will be Mr Cross's last week with us next week before he starts his management role at Cwm Brombil. Congratulations Mr Cross on your promotion! Mrs Fry is currently preparing to take over the year 6 class and we know she will do a grand job. Mrs Declaire and Mrs Sydenham will remain with the year 4/5 class for consistency.

Any queries please let us know.

This is from Father Tony who comes to the school to do assembly with the children. We think this would be a lovely occasion for you to take your child along to absorb the true meaning of Christmas at this beautiful church.



Thank you to Cavan who told me this joke on Wednesday.

"What has a tail and a head but no body?"

A coin!

Babies

It's lovely to hear that some of our mums are expecting again! We will be starting a baby group in the near future so keep an eye on the newsletter. If you know any first time mums they can also come along to the sessions. They may not know what school can offer them already.

Diary Dates

Dec 17th	Christmas concert 9.30am and 2pm school hall
Dec 18th	Christmas concert 9.30am and 2pm school hall
Dec 19th	Christmas lunch. Children can wear Christmas jumpers and hats.
Dec 20th	Trip to cinema - see letters that have already been sent home Last day of school autumn term
Jan 6th	INSET day. Staff training. No children at school
Jan 7th	Children start school
Jan 31st	Year 6 transition day to Cwm Brombil. Humanities day
Feb 17th	Half term

