

Hello everyone,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable break and enjoyed the festive season. We came back to school a couple of days later than usual and I must say, I think it has made a big difference. I think the staff and children have really benefited from having a little longer to recover from what is a very hectic time of year. We have had a very calm and purposeful start to the new term.

I spoke with the children on Wednesday about 'marginal gains'; if we all improve, even a little bit, the school as a whole will improve greatly. We are certainly an improving school. In the Autumn Term I set about stabilising the staff, creating a purposeful curriculum and improving assessment procedures. I am really pleased to say that we have been able to achieve these goals and I intend to build upon them as we move forward. In addition, this term we will begin to focus more on Maths.

I am very pleased to welcome both Miss Cutri (Year 3) and Mr Pasterfield (Deputy Head) to Eastbrook Primary. They are both full of enthusiasm and bright ideas that will benefit our pupils and I look forward to working with them as the year progresses.

This week we have been able to finalise our swimming programme for Year 4 and 5 children. This will start next week. If you have a child in these year groups you will receive a letter today with full details.

Evan Hollows

Head of Primary

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 January BASCD Dental Services for a few

of Reception and Year 1 pupils.

24 January School Nurse 8:30-9:30

25 January Parents' Forum Meeting

8:50 - 9:30

29 January Parents' Evening

31 January Parents' Evening

4 February School Photographers

18 February Half Term

25 February School resumes

#### 4 February

#### LOST PROPERTY School Photographers

If your child has lost any items of clothing, please check the lost property box in the office reception.



A huge thank you to everyone that donated to Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day).

We raised £104.65p

Thank you all very much.



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#### **CHRISTMAS CUP WINNERS**

The winners of Mr Gillard's Christmas Cups were:

- Literacy Isabella (Year 3)
- Community Harvansh (Year 5)
- Effort Liam (Year 2)



#### **PUPILS ARRIVING LATE**

Please be advised that gate to the classrooms closes at 8:50am. Anyone arriving after 8:50am must report to the office reception and sign into the Late Book. The reason for lateness must be included as well as whether or not the pupil has school dinners or has brought a packed lunch. This can be indicated by (SD) or (PL). Failure to sign into the Late Book could result in a groupcall being sent and possibly an absent mark being recorded for that morning. Thank you

## This week's awards for

# going "above and beyond".

★ ☆ Name 🕁	$\Rightarrow$ $\star$ $\star$ Award $\star$ $\star$
Jaden H	Star of the Week
Taiya S	Gold Award
Tyiana S	History Award
Aiden S	Hot Chocolate Friday
Godwin K	Maths Award
Hadja K	Reading Achievement
Jacie-Li R	Star of the Week
Erdi B	Gold Award
I-Sheba L	Star of the Week
Proud	Hot Chocolate Friday
Alfie H	Hot Chocolate Friday
Jacob P	Gold Award
Aiza S	Hot Chocolate Friday
Mariama B	Start of the Week



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