

Dear All,

This is the final newsletter of the term - I cannot believe how quickly it has flown by!

Occasionally, I look back to September, when I first took up the leadership of the primary school and reflect on just how much progress we have made.

Some of what we have done is very visible and obvious, such as the relocation of Key Stage One in order to open up the Reception playground; the large investment in playground equipment and a new approach to homework.

In addition, there are several changes that have been made more 'behind the scenes' that are far less obvious to family members. From January, we will have permanent teachers in every class as well as Mr Pasterfield joining us as my Deputy - these appointments are a big step forward during a time of difficulty in teacher recruitment. I have been formulating plans to improve the outdoor areas of the school in order to provide more seating and shade- this was a real concern for me when I first visited Eastbrook last summer. We also have a new and more rigorous approach to assessment that is allowing all staff to monitor pupil progress more closely. Next half term we will be holding Parents' Evening where staff will be able to discuss what our assessments are showing as well as children's work.

Today has been such a wonderful day in school, as we took part in Christmas Jumper Day. It was a lot of fun, but also provided us with opportunities to appreciate what we have and take for granted as well as to discuss how our donations can be used to help children who are suffering around the world.

I am very sorry that Parents' Forum was shorter than usual today, however, it was lovely to see you all and enjoy a mince pie!

On that note, I would like to thank you all once again and most sincerely, for welcoming me to Eastbrook.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy new year.

Evan Hollows
Head of Primary



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LAST DAY OF TERM

We finish this term on Thursday 20th December at 11:45am. This means there will be no lunch provided.

School resumes 7th January at 8:45am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th December Primary Christmas Concert & KS1 Play at 9:30am

7th January School resumes 8:45am



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

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

It was great to see all the children dressed in their wonderful Christmas jumpers and raising money charity.

Thank you all very much.



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This week's awards for going "above and beyond".

 	Name	 	 	Award	 
	Chloe			Art Award	
	Daniel			Art Award	
	Kiani			Art Award	
	Alex			Art Award	
	I-Sheaba			Maths Award	
	Jacie-Li			Maths Award	
	Samuel			Homework Award	
	Aiden			Gold Award	
	Erdi			Gold Award	
	Perez			Hot Chocolate Friday Award	
	Aiza			Star of the Week Award	
	Jorgie-Jay			Hot chocolate Friday Award	
	Larissa			Maths	
	Alessia			Home Reading Award	
	Jessica			Star of the Week Award	
	Jovi			Star of the Week Award	
	Tyler			Star of the Week Award	
	Isabella			Hot Chocolate Friday Award	
	Kian			Science Award	
	Tyiana			Reading Achievement Award	

Christmas Dinner with Mr Hollows the Head of Primary

Congratulations to the below pupils who had the privilege of having Christmas dinner with Mr Hollows on Wednesday.

This was for achieving the outstanding behaviour – Well

Done!

Jessica
Erdi
Aiza
Isabella
Maxwell
Riley

GOODBYE & WELCOME

Next week we are saying goodbye to Mrs Gaisie. We would like to thank her for the work she has done with Year Three and wish her well for the future.

From January, Year Three will be taught by Miss Cutri who joins us as a permanent member of staff. We extend a warm welcome to her.

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