

Eyam C E Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 2 Issue 2

Friday 1st December 2023

| Week beginning 3 rd December 2023 | |
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| Mon 04 | Piano Squirrels Forest School |
| Tue 05 | Voice & Brass PE Owls - please wear PE kit. No shared reading |
| Wed 06 | Woodwind Running Y2-Y6 please wear trainers and bring spare socks and shoes. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit. 3.15pm - Recycled Uniform – free, on the school yard after school. 6.30pm PTFA wreath making - £35 drinks & nibbles. See Rona to book a place. |
| Thu 07 | Violin am PE Owls – please wear PE kit Wider Opps Owl class Y5/6 Gymnastics at HVC – return approx. 3.20pm Mr. Beresford's lunchtime sports club |
| Fri 08 | |

| Week beginning 18 th December 2023 | |
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| Mon 18 | Piano and Brass Soup and a Chat Y5/6 |
| Tue 19 | Voice No PE for Owls & Squirrels 2.15pm Musicians Christmas Concert No shared reading |
| Wed 20 | Woodwind Running Y2-Y6 please wear trainers and bring spare socks and shoes. PE Hedgehogs (Y1 & 2) – please wear PE kit |
| Thu 21 | Violin am Guitar pm No PE for Owls & Squirrels Wider Opps Owl class School meals Party lunch. |
| Fri 22 | INSET DAY School closed. |

Happy Advent!

The children had a wonderful morning - thanks to those who came to help.

Sunday 10th December – 11am Crib Event live nativity service Eyam Parish Church – all welcome.

Come dressed as a nativity character!

Please see the invite on page 4.

SCHOOL WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR LOVELY CHRISTMAS SONGS

| Week beginning 11 th December 2023 | |
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| Mon 11 | Piano Squirrels Forest School (in lieu of 13 th Nov) |
| Tue 12 | Voice & Brass PE Owls & Squirrels - please wear PE kit. No shared reading |
| Wed 13 | Woodwind Running Y2-Y6 please wear trainers and bring spare socks and shoes. 2.15pm & 6pm Infant Nativity in Church |
| Thu 14 | Violin am Guitar pm PE Owls – please wear PE kit Wider Opps Owl class School meals Christmas lunch Music for the Mind (3xY5/6) Mr. Beresford's lunchtime sports club |
| Fri 15 | Wear something festive – in aid of Save the Children – suggested donation £1 |





Wreath making on 6th December at 6.30pm in school. £35 which includes drinks and nibbles. We will be arranging a foraging session nearer to the time. Please see Rona C to book a place.

Easyfundraising – has raised hundreds of pounds over the last few years for our school. please sign up at and choose Eyam School PTA Derbyshire and support us whilst doing your Christmas shopping!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Parent Governor election

Please do show support by volunteering for this rewarding role. Closing date for nominations is December 5th 12.00. There is nomination information outside the Office. An example of a Governor role is their visit this week to take part in a Pupil Voice monitoring - finding out about how we teach comprehension using PROVE IT! They watched the older children use their dictionary skills and heard from Owls how visualising can support an understanding of a text. Earlier in the week we also carried out a Health and Safety audit - working with Governors to review practice and reflect on recent decoration. This week Governors also met Mrs Gilbertson to review the Solar panel quotes and finally another Governor has been in school collecting evidence of progress in the teaching of phonics at KS1. As you see there are lots of ways of getting involved in school as a Governor!

Pupil Advocacy - thanks to Claire for leading this (another Governor activity).



Squirrels had a great afternoon learning some **Karate** moves

‘It was a whole lot of fun’, ‘We learnt how to make defence, blocking and attack moves’.

‘I liked the talk about when it might be used in real life’.

‘It was good because we could pretend to hit each other!’



Bake Sales - Owl class raised £27.20 to put towards buying the circus skills equipment. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ran the sale. Squirrel's Bake Sale is on Friday 12th January at 3.15pm on the yard. Please remember to list ingredients. NO sesame NO peanuts and some lactose free, dairy free and soya free are always much appreciated as we have all these allergies amongst the children. Please contact the office if you can help set up/run.

School Council sharing the revised Anti-bullying policies. They will be sharing these with the school on Monday and reminding them that bullying is *the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.* Next week all the children will complete a friendship questionnaire, the school council will look at the summary data to find out how safe and happy everyone is feeling both inside and outside school.



The Infants enjoyed Christmas themed **dance festival** at HVC - helping to build body confidence and some groovy moves.

A BIG thankyou shout out to Dads Alan and Jamie who have spent hours digging up the old play equipment - this saved us several £100! We have finally replaced the roller with the nearest equipment we could find - the children had requested a similar activity! Can we all enforce the **3-** person rule in order to ensure it remains in place and safe for many years to come!

Advance notice –

From September 2024 we will be moving the start of the school day by asking you to arrive at 8.40-8.45. Yes, for most of you there will not be any change but we will then be closing the door at 8.45 after which you will be late.

We have to provide 32.5 hours a week which means we need to start learning at 8.45 not 8.50. We know it is busy outside school but just plan to park a little further off and walk in and you will be fine.

The late book, which is working well, will be effective from 8.45 from September - we just need to give you plenty of notice of any change to the school day.

Wanted!

Garden request - please let the Office know if you can spare a few hours to do a little digging.

MDS - Would you be interest in relief mid-day supervising occasionally or once/twice a week? Please ask at the Office for more information.

Times tables reminder!

Parents please DO help your junior child to learn ALL their times tables to 12x12 before the middle of Y4. Not only will they then pass the national online timed test but they will find maths SO much more enjoyable and easy! There are a host of free online games to help or just old- fashioned chanting and mixing up is as good. If you are not sure you are up to it then make some flash cards with answers on the back and learn them together - test each other!

Try www.timestables.co.uk for a handy range of ideas - its free!

Do start in Y2 with the 2s 3s 5s 10s - happy practising and thank you it's really worth it!

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Reading Booklet

This will be sent out to R & Years 1, 2 & 3 on Monday.

Please take a moment to read through the revised reading booklet – do come and ask if you have any questions.

We hope it gives a helpful overview of the range of activities that go towards becoming a fluent reader



You are invited to

A Crib Event

At Eyam Parish Church

Join our live nativity service and see the Christmas story on display around that church.



Launched...
at the live nativity service

on Sunday the 10th December at 11am
Come dressed as a nativity character!

Cribs will be on display 10th-22nd December.

If you have a crib or nativity character that you would like us to display, please contact Mel: revd.mel.hartley@gmail.com

School Christmas lunch Thursday 14th December & party lunch (festive party dishes with vegetable crudités) **Thursday 21st December** – children who usually bring a packed lunch on a Thursday may order a Christmas lunch and or party lunch.
R, Y1 & Y2 FREE, Y3-Y6 £3.25.
Please order by Tuesday 5th December.

Letters sent home – please ask at the office if you need a copy.

Parent Governor election information.

Look out for the Reading Booklet for R, Y1, 2, & 3 next week

Application for reception places 2024/2025 academic year

Monday 6 November 2023 – Online and telephone application facilities open.
Midnight Monday 15 January 2024 – Closing date for submission of applications.

[Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)