

## Newsletter 7/11/2014

What a fantastic start to a new half term – If Santa is checking his list, then Estcourt will be in for a bountiful stocking this year! There is a definite buzz in the school and the children are excited about their learning. Year 6 have had a tremendous week learning about life in the trenches and creating our own trench art sculptures.

The Butterflies have been very busy creating firework pictures and making hot dogs this week for bonfire night. The Penguins and Rhinos have been thinking about 'cold places' and have looked at animals living in cold climates using the ice age film as a stimulus for their topic. Both the year 1 classes are very excited about their forthcoming trip to the deep on Monday. The Meerkats have been working very hard on their explanation writing, learning all about how caterpillars become butterflies and the foundation children have baked some yummy buns.

The Lions text for literacy was “One Snowy Night” by Nick Butterworth which provided the perfect launch for their frozen topic. They have been focussing on descriptive writing, which has unearthed 23 potential authors!

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### Upcoming Key Dates:

12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Photo Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Enterprise Day
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Christmas Concert
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre

More dates will be added onto future newsletters.

Frogs  
94.2% 6 lates

Spiders  
93.8% 0 lates

Lions  
97.8% 2 lates

Penguins  
96.8% 1 late

Butterflies  
93.7% 8 lates

Rhinos  
95.0% 6 lates

**Attendance and Lates**  
**Whole School: 95.8% 35 lates**

Meerkats  
94.1% 5 lates

Sharks  
97.1% 4 lates

Ants  
96.7% 1 late

Tigers  
97.4% 2 lates

Panthers  
95.6% 0 lates

Leopards  
98.9% 0 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%  
Year to date is 97.2%



Behaviour - Traffic Lights

At the Academy we use a 'Traffic Light' system to warn children if their behaviour is not of the acceptable standard. The aim is for the children to stay in green. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.



This week 296 children have stayed in Green.

Well done!

Frogs	Spiders	Penguins	Rhinos	Lions	Butterflies	Meerkats	Ants	Sharks	Tigers	Panthers	Leopards
26 /26	26/26	25 /25	22/22	24/24	27/27	32/32	30/30	21/21	28/28	18/18	18/18

