

CHRISTMAS IS ALL AROUND US!!

Week 14 and all is not quiet – if we had mice they would be singing too.

We've worked tremendously hard this week, and as well as the many Christmassy events that we've enjoyed such as the Christmas Fayre and Concert, we have also continued to develop our basic skills in Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2 the children have shown huge amounts of resilience and resourcefulness during assessment week and we know that the Meerkats, Ants and Sharks will have a fantastic time in Leeds today. Well done to staff and children alike.

The Frogs have been practicing hard for their Nativity and have also been making their own edible Christmas decorations.



Next Week will see many events taking place alongside of our learning:-

Monday – Year 2 Party at the Guildhall

Tuesday – Nativity Performances at 10am and 2pm for F1&2

Wednesday – Parties and Reward visits

Thursday – F2 Stay and Play at 9-9:45am & Church visit at 10am

The Butterflies have been preparing for Christmas by making Christmas cards and calendars this week.

I am sure you will all agree, Mr Lodge's Christmas Concert was a huge success and started off the Christmas period wonderfully. Beautiful singing by all children and some very skilled percussionists playing the glockenspiels, we really do have some very talented youngsters at Estcourt.



The Glee Club have been out and about in the town centre, bringing lots of cheer to the staff and customers at the Halifax Bank. They really were amazing ambassadors! Lots of people came in from the street just to watch and listen to the Estcourt Glee's and Choir members sing, commenting that they had never heard or seen such a young group sing with such passion. Well done everybody.

Safeguarding

At Estcourt Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Sue Conway. In her absence, you should contact Mr David Waterson. In addition, Mrs Sharon Finn, Emotional Well-Being Leader works closely with Mrs Conway. They can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

Thank-you for your continued feedback. As Estcourt Primary Academy strives to ensure achievement for all: working in partnership with our families to enable learners to develop emotionally, socially and academically within a safe and secure environment, Miss Oldroyd and Mrs Overfield will hold the Parent Voice sessions even more frequently. These will be monthly, the first one of the New Year on Friday 16th January at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 291 children out of 297 have stayed in Green.

Well done!

Frogs	Spiders	Penguins	Rhinos	Lions	Butterflies	Meerkats	Ants	Sharks	Tigers	Panthers	Leopards
26 /26	26/26	25 /25	21/22	23/24	27/27	32/32	30/30	19/21	28/28	16/18	18/18

Mrs Murray' Sharks have shown real resilience in their determination to complete their Christmas coordinates work.



This week the Penguins have worked hard to rehearse for the concert. They have read "Stick Man" and written a recount of what he got up to. In Maths they have focussed on their number knowledge and some of them have also had a go at multiplication!

They have been working hard at decorating their classroom as well.



Year 3 and 4 have been making Christmas Calendars inspired by 'Fairytale of New York'.



The academy closes on Thursday 18th December for the Christmas break and re-opens after the New Year on 5th January 2015. Breakfast Club will start at 8:00am on that day as usual and is free for all children.



Today our children wore Christmas jumpers in support of the Save the Children charity.

Attendance target for year is 96.5%
Year to date is 95.4%

Frogs 86.2% 2 lates	Spiders 96.9% 0 lates	Lions 89.2% 2 lates	Penguins 93.9% 2 lates	Butterflies 98.5% 6 lates
Rhinos 93.6% 3 lates	ATTENDANCE AND LATES WHOLE SCHOOL 96.1% 30 LATES			Meerkats 98.1% 3 lates
Sharks 99.0% 6 lates	Ants 96.1% 2 lates	Tigers 98.5% 3 lates	Panthers 98.3% 1 late	Leopards 100% 0 lates



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 Reception @EPSF2
 Rhinos @MissDavisRhinos
 Lions @EstcourtY2Lions
 Penguins @penguinsclass

Butterflies @Y2Butterflies
 Meerkats @MeerkatsYear3
 Ants @AntsYear4
 Sharks @MrsMurraySharks
 Tigers @Y5Tigers

Leopards @leopardsyear6
 Panthers @Year6Panthers
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