

Week 14 — Newsletter 14/12/2017

Behaviour – Traffic Lights

As an 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. For children to display green behaviour; they would be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing. The totals below show many children have achieved this each week.

This week **342** out of **344** children have stayed in Green.

Well Done!



Pandas	Frogs	Butterflies	Bears	Spiders	Penguins	Ladybirds	Dolphins	Eagles	Sharks	Giraffes	Tigers	Lions
43/43	26/26	25/25	22/22	22/22	23/23	21/21	30/30	29/29	33/33	30/30	21/22	17/18

Frogs	90.4 % 0 lates
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Butterflies	89.0 % 2 lates
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Attendance and Lates
Whole School:
94.7% 10 Lates
Our attendance target for the year is 96.5%
Year to date is 95.2 %

Dolphins	97.5 % 1 late
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Eagles	97.0 % 0 lates
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Bears	86.9 % 0 lates
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Spiders	97.2 % 2 lates
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Sharks	96.2 % 0 lates
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Giraffes	96.7 % 3 lates
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Penguins	98.9 % 0 lates
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Ladybirds	98.8 % 1 late
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Tigers	94.3 % 1 late
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Lions	91.0 % 0 lates
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Festive Singing

A super well done to the amazing children who took part in our Christmas carolling this year. We are super proud of their singing voices and the fantastic performances. The children worked super hard and thoroughly enjoyed their time singing. A big thank you to Asda, Halifax, St Stephens and Gravity for all their help and accommodation!



Upcoming Key Dates

Every Mon 8.45am-9.00am	Stay and Read Years 1 to 5
Every Wed 2.30-3.00pm	Parent Drop in with Mrs Finn & Mrs Leslie
Every Fri 8.45am-9.15am	Phonics Friday for F1&F2
Performing Arts Performances	Mon 18th—Sharks and Giraffes—10.30am
Fri 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner
	Christmas Fayre 1.45pm
Tues 19th December	Christmas Disco KS1 3.30pm—4.15pm,
	KS2 4.30pm—5.15pm
Wed 20th December	School closes for Christmas Break
Mon 8th January	School reopens

Stars of the Week!

Pandas AM - Whole Class	Spiders - Brooke	Dolphins - Brooklyn	Giraffes - Sophie & Rihanna
Pandas PM - Whole Class	Bears - Chanelle	Eagles - Haydn	Tigers - Danny C
Frogs - Whole Class	Ladybirds - Oliwia	Sharks - Jake	Lions—Maizie
Butterflies - Whole Class	Penguins - Caitlyn		





Wow! What a busy week. The children have worked really hard this week, as well as two dress rehearsals, and two concert performances (which were amazing) they have found time to make snowmen cakes. The children joined the rest of the school at the Church for a Christmas service and they will finish the week wearing their Christmas jumpers, eating a Christmas dinner and having fun at the Fayre.

F1 - @EPAF1

What an amazing week F2 have had! They have been busy writing letters to Father Christmas, making Christmas cards and creating calendars. The children have also been extremely busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance which was on Wednesday. Well done to all the children who performed wonderfully, the staff are all so proud of you. Thank you to everyone who came and watched us, it was fantastic to see so many people there.

F2 - @EPAF2



What a wonderful week in the Spiders class. As Writers, the children have been retelling the story: The First Christmas. In Mathematics, they have been learning all about shapes and making their own repeating patterns. As Scientists, the children have been investigating materials and why we use different fabrics for different jobs.

Y1 - @EPAYear1



As Writers, the Bears have been getting better at using verbs and adjectives alongside upper and lowercase letters in their narratives of the Christmas story. In Maths, they have been looking at length and height. They have enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between the objects around the classroom. The children's hard earned credits paid off as they enjoyed their Experience. Also, the children took part in a fantastic Christmas service at the church.

Y1 - @EPAYear1



The children in Ladybirds have had a brilliant week. In Maths, they have learnt all about odd and even numbers and have applied their knowledge when answering worded problems. In Writing, they have edited their Christmas report by including lots of exciting features such as adjectives, conjunctions and adverbs. I can't wait to read their fabulous Big Writing on Friday.

Y2 - @EPALadybirds



This week the Penguins have continued with their dedicated and resilient learning attitudes as they tackled tricky problem solving and investigation questions in Mathematics. In Writing, they have improved their Christmas-themed non-chronological reports ready for Big Writing on Friday. They have also been entrepreneurs as they created cards to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Make sure you come and see our stall!

Y2 - @EPAPenguins



On Monday, the Dolphins finally had the opportunity to present their Performing Arts and Music performance to their parents, carers and friends. The children have worked extremely hard on this and were ecstatic with how well it went. Their confidence in performing has increased dramatically over this term. In Maths, the children have increased their understanding of finding the perimeter of simple 2D shapes as well as drawing 2D shapes with set requirements.

Y3 - @EPADolphins



The Eagles have had a thrilling and exciting week in the run up to Christmas. They started off by performing their Musical Showcase to parents, representing the school with pride and displaying resilience and confidence throughout. Elsewhere, they have been showing off their artistic talents, using various mediums to create festive collages. In Writing, they have been learning about different features that they could use to enhance a job application to become a Christmas Elf! We are also sad to see Mrs McGrath leave for an amazing new opportunity at a school in Grimsby. We have loved every minute learning from a dedicated, caring and enthusiastic teacher and will miss her very much. We wish her and her new class all the best of luck for the future.

Y3/4 - @EPAEagles



What a busy week in Sharks! The children have been looking at a range of 2D and 3D shapes before comparing and classifying them according to their properties. Furthermore, they have been completing their explanation texts titled 'How to be an Elf' - just in time for Christmas. Finally they have been creating a range of posters ready for their stall at the Christmas Fayre on Friday—see you there!

Y4/5 - @EPASharks



This week, the Giraffes have worked hard in Maths, identifying and labelling angles on a line and have also developed their skills when using a protractor. As Writers, the children have improved their writing of explanations even further and have created a job advert for those little elves wanting to apply for a job with the man in red!

Y5 - @EPAGiraffes



A super busy week leading up to Christmas but that has not hindered our efforts to improve. Lots of focussed learning across many areas. In Reading they have unpicked juxtaposition looking at the differences between two characters and their feelings about their Nazi Commander's son. As Mathematicians, they have focussed on co-ordinates, plotting, translating and reflecting. As Writers, they have taken inspiration from the traditional nativity story and written recounts with a modern twist, taken from the point of view of Joseph. Our Church Service and Christmas Jumper Day ended a superb week.

Y6 - @EPA_Tigers

As Authors, Lions have been writing a non-chronological report about sport in Hull. It was obvious who supports the various teams and the rivalry between the teams.

As Mathematicians, they have been learning about shapes, their properties and how to classify them. They found this challenging but have been resilient and tried their best.

Y6 - @EPA_Lions



Staffing Changes

As with certain times of the year, there are changes to staffing. At Estcourt Primary Academy, we are proud of how we are able to develop staff as well as children. Although we are sorry to see him go, we are delighted and pass on our congratulations on to Mr Rennardson who is taking a position of Inclusion Lead in East Riding. We are sure you will join us in expressing our thanks to Mr Rennardson and wishing him all the best for the future. We are delighted to welcome from January, Miss Ashworth, who will be teaching in the Spider's class. She thoroughly enjoyed working with the children on The Gruffalo in Reading earlier this week as part of the transition for them. Miss Ashworth is looking forward to meeting parents of Spiders' children in the new year.