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Earthsea School Newsletter

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We hope you have a happy and healthy new year!

Apologies that this newsletter didn't get sent out at the end of term, but as you can imagine it was a very busy end to the Autumn term!

Nativity Play

The staff at Earthsea are so proud of all the children that took part in the school play, what a way to end the term!

This started off as a small class play and ended up as a whole school production in the local Village hall with lots of parents/carers watching.

I would like to thank all staff involved who helped with the collecting of raffle prizes, donating refreshments, making gifts to sell, costume design, set design and the rehearsals.

Earthsea School made £170 from selling raffle tickets, gifts and refreshments. This money will go towards reward trips out and some will be given to the school council to decide what they would like to spend the money on.

I will be sending out feedback forms for those who came to fill out to see what your experience of the day was like.

Whitwell Christmas Lunch

Our annual Christmas lunch at Whitwell was a huge success. All the children enjoyed their Christmas dinner and we had a visit from Santa. There was opportunity for the children to feed the sheep and climb some trees.





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We would like to say a big thank you to the staff at Whitwell who helped out voluntarily to provide our children with a whole school Christmas dinner and a day to remember.

As a thank you to Whitwell staff decided to use our secret Santa money to donate to Whitwell Hall. Whitwell staff were presented with £70 at our school nativity.

We supported Christmas Jumper day at Earthsea and we sent off £11 to Save the Children.

Remembrance Day

On the 11th November we had a visit from Reverend Andrea who came to talk to the classes about Remembrance Day. She made a remembrance picture with the classes and took it to East Tuddenham church to display for the Church service.





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Curriculum – This half term all classes will be learning about Antarctica and the Arctic Circle.

The Warren class are looking fiction and non-fiction books, in maths they will be looking at division and money and art will be looking at the northern lights.

The Bridge class will be looking at a variety of writing styles and the use of description in English. In Maths they will be covering multiplication, division, fractions and time. In Art they will be looking at famous landscape artists and how they use perspective. In Topic they will be studying the geography and culture of Scandinavia.

In maths the children in the River class will be looking at multiplication and division using arrays, sharing, making equal groups. In literacy they will be using non-fiction books to research information on arctic animals.

Unity Pledges- the Unity Pledges will enhance the pupils' experiences here at Earthsea and we are trying to do lots of work/activities to meet these pledges. Here is the list of the pledges and some of the activities we have done to meet these pledges. We are in the process of making a comprehensive list of pledges which if you wish we can share at a later date.

Be Healthy - Healthy school snacks, healthy school status, cooking, PE, school council.

Stay Safe – ICT, E-Safety, school reward trips off site, Whitwell trip, nativity play, and school council.

Enjoy and Achieve - off site school trips, Nativity play, celebration assembly, school council

Make a positive Contribution - Our Check-ins every morning, Nativity play, celebration assembly, school council.

Achieve Economic Well Being - Tuck shop, budgeting.

School council – Our new school council have been busy, they have decided that as a school we should continue to sponsor Gavin the cat from Pact animal sanctuary. The school council also had input into the Nativity, they decided to sell tickets to try and raise money for the school. We raised £170 from our school nativity.

They also decided that we should observe Christmas Jumper day and send the donations to Save the Children.



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The school council will meet this half term to think about the money raised and what we should spend it on.

The school council have decided on some awareness days they think the school should observe, they have also been given the task to help design a new school logo. The school council will also be thinking about re designing the playground.

Rewards – The children have enjoyed some trips out on the minibus to visit our local parks! The weeks where we do not have the minibus, we have been doing our in-house rewards, such as cinema afternoons or a reward breakfast.

Assemblies – Whole school assemblies take place every Monday. The children love looking through all the work they have done to choose the piece that they will show during the assembly and talk about how they have done it.

Uniform – Just a reminder about school uniform. At Earthsea we have black/grey trousers, skirt or shorts (please make sure shorts are a suitable length), white polo shirt, Navy/black school jumpers or cardigans and black shoes. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit are named

PE kit is a blue polo shirt with navy/black jogging bottoms or shorts, a navy/black jumper if needed and sensible trainers for PE.

PE happens outside so please make sure your child has clothes suitable for the weather.

PE days – The Warren has PE on a Monday, The Bridge and The River have PE on a Tuesday.

Swimming

The first class to take part in swimming will be the Bridge class. Sessions will be on a Monday from the 20th February – 27th March. Please remember to bring swimwear, towel and goggles if you have them.

Snacks – ***Please be aware that we are a nut free school!*** We have staff and children with nut allergies, so please check any labels, we cannot have any foods which say 'may contain nuts or peanuts'

For snack the children can bring in a piece of fruit and they may drink some squash at break and lunch time. At all other times in the day, they have access to water.



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Dates for diary

Dates may change and new activities/charity days may be added, we will inform you of any changes.

Date	What's going on	In school activities
3 rd January 2023	Children back to school	WELCOME BACK!!
6 th January 2023	SCHOOL CLOSED	Inset day
22 nd January 2023	Chinese New Year	Activities in classes.
1 st February 2023	Reading Café 11:30am	Parents will be invited in to school to listen to stories and share books with their children. Invites will be sent out.
2 nd February 2023	Time to talk day	Activities in classes.
6 th February 2023	E Safety	Awareness of safety online
10 th February 2023	Last day of ½ term	1 week off
20 th February	School open	School open for Sprig 2 half term
20 th February 2023	Swimming	Bridge class swimming sessions every Monday
W/B 27 th February	Careers week	We will choose a day during this week and provide the children with an insight into different jobs.