

Newsletter - Term 2 December 2024

Nurture Discover Achieve



Happy holiday!

It is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of December! The children and staff have worked really hard this term and I think everyone is looking forward to a much needed break! I hope that everyone enjoys the two weeks off and if celebrating any festivals over the period enjoy the special time with family and friends.

We have welcomed Ms Ball back to school this term after her maternity leave but we are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Whiting from the lunchtime team – we wish her good luck in her new job at a school closer to home.

We are pleased to have reconstituted our new School Council and Eco-committee - we were really impressed with the quality of the applications this year so a big well done to everyone who took the time to write them !

The holidays can be stressful for some families - if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child then please seek advice and support from the Children's Single Point of Access on 01189373641 whilst school is closed. Safeguarding is **everybody's** responsibility.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school in January - we are all back on the 6th of January as we don't have an INSET day that day.

Justine McMinn

Diary Dates

Friday 20th December	End of Term 2
Monday 6th January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 9th January	Swans trip to Baylab
Friday 10th January	Eagles trip to Baylab
Wednesday 15th January	Parents invited into classes to see children's work 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday 17th January	9.15 Mental Health Support Team coffee morning here - all welcome!
Tuesday 21st January	Ravens trip to Baylab
Wednesday 22nd January	Kestrels trip to Baylab
Thursday 30th January	Parents workshop— Zones of regulation
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February	CALM team in with UKS2 in afternoons
Thursday 13th February	Valentines disco
Friday 14th February	End of term 3
Monday 24th February	Start of term 4
Thursday 27th February	Parent workshop—safeguarding—what does this mean?

Wrap-around care

You will have received a letter regarding the wrap-around care available from January with instructions about how to book!

We are really excited to be taking the after school club in house and making positive changes to the provision.

If you have any questions please drop an email to the office who will be happy to help!

Winter Wonderland

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and staff who helped on the day to make the Winter Wonderland a great success! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of donations made by families to the event. Everyone enjoyed the fayre and we raised the amazing amount of £1,103.86 towards the school fund.

We are hoping that we may be able to replace the old Trim Trail to match the new play equipment with money raised.

With the school disco amount of £436.97 plus the as yet unconfirmed money from the bag-to-school and Christmas Gifts we are looking at having raised close to £1,700 this term! Well done all!

Charity Fundraising

We have participated in two national fundraising events this term and had really generous donations that are gratefully received by the Charities involved!

Genes for Jeans £278.35

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) £ 293.85



Absences and Holidays

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form - this is required so we don't have to report your child as "missing from education". Can we also remind you of the importance of making appointments for after school as children leaving school early has the same impact as them arriving late!

The request for leave form is available in the main school office foyer or on the school website under the attendance tab.

School values

This term we have been working on the following school values:

Respect, Care, Empathy and Equity

Ask your children to share with you what they mean to them and what they mean to the EP Collier community. We are very proud of how the children are able to talk about values in everyday life.



Classroom visits!

Following feedback we are planning to give you the opportunity to come into school to see your child's classroom and have a look at their work on Wednesday 15th January. This will be at 3.30pm once the children have been picked up.

We will be sending out more information in the first week back about practicalities but keep the date in mind!



We have been busy this term with trips and activities!

Year 5 had a visit from the fire station



It was really fun because we went on the big bridge and over the water. We went to the park and played.

Cameron

It was fun because we got to find things like mushrooms!

Ying Hoi

I learned that during a fire you have to stop, drop and roll if you are on fire.

I also learnt that you shouldn't jump out a window unless you absolutely have to.

Aradhya

KS1 went for Autumn walks by the river!

I learnt that you should always go to the floor if there is a fire as smoke goes up and it could get in your mouth and nose and cause suffocation.

Ashutosh

I was really excited because I haven't seen a mushroom before but we couldn't touch it. We also got to go to a park and it was fun to go with all my school friends! We were looking for signs of Autumn!

Kyra



We have enjoyed playing on the new playground structure!

Nursery were visited by two PCSOs



Its fun to play on and it is better than the old equipment!

Shay

