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Autumn Term

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Issue 4

Dear parents and carers,

The end of the Autumn Term is upon us and Christmas is nearly here!

It has been yet another busy and exciting term at Ernesford Grange Primary School.

Well done to all the children in EYFS and in Key Stage 1 for their fantastic Nativity concerts and to the Y3 and Y4 children who sang brilliantly during their performances. There were a lot of proud parents and grandparents at school and I hope you enjoyed the concerts as much as we did.

I have not added any photos to this month's letter as our school blogs, which can now also be found on the homepage of the website, have lots of information and photos with a focus on what we have been learning about and wider opportunities at Ernesford Grange Primary School.

The school calendar on the website has been updated so please visit the calendar at the bottom of the homepage for all the key dates at school for the spring and summer term.

The children will be starting new learning projects after Christmas, information about our school curriculum is now available on the school website for parents to get an insight into the children's learning.

A new round of Skills Academy Clubs will also start in the new year, the children are in the process of choosing their clubs. New clubs for next term consist of Boccia, mindfulness colouring, chess, Lego/Kapla, animal art and dance.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone associated with Ernesford Grange Primary School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Taylor
Headteacher

Christmas Carols and Family Evening

Thursday 20th December

3:30pm – 6:30pm

Thank you for all your generous donations to help make our Christmas Carol Concert and Family Evening happen.

We will start the evening with carol singing on the Key Stage 2 playground from soon after 3:30pm until approximately 4:15pm. Please collect your children as usual at 3:30pm and make your way onto the playground. Hot dogs, mulled wine, tea, coffee and other drinks will be available to buy outside the main Y6 entrance.

After the singing, there will be food and drinks available to buy: hot dogs; turkey rolls with all the trimmings; jacket potatoes and a range of alcoholic and soft drinks.

There will be raffles, a bottle tombola, a chocolate tombola, Santa's grotto and a range of stalls to visit.

Please see the map that has been emailed along with this month's newsletter for more information about the evening and where all the different stalls will be around school.



Children in Need

A huge thank you for all your donations and your support with the Children in Need Cake Sale. We had enough cakes for 3 cake sales! We managed to raise just over £1000 in total!



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PE and Sports News

Well done to the girl's football team who are now the **West Midlands Champions!** They played in the finals against schools from across Birmingham, Solihull and Warwickshire on Saturday 15th December.



In other sports news, the netball team have been in action playing three games. They won their most recent cup match 18 – 1 against Park Gate.

And a special mention to Louis in 6W for finishing 4th out of 190 children at the Coventry schools' cross-country race on Saturday 15th December.

Safeguarding

We have been selected to be involved in the enhanced service provision for the primary mental health team. As part of this there is a coffee morning session for parents to attend on Wednesday the 16th January 2019 at 9 am. This session is aimed at any parents who have any concerns about their child which they would like to discuss and seek advice from professionals. If you are interested in attending this session, please let Miss Skelton or Mrs Evans know.

Year 6 are participating in an online health review run by the school nursing team. This is an opt out session. Please let a member of the year 6 team know if you don't want your child to participate (a letter has been sent out to parents.) This session will be taking place on Thursday 10th January 2019.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring children continue to have good attendance and arrive at school before **8:55am**. Our current attendance figure stands at **96.7%**. Well done to **4K** who have the highest attendance for autumn 1, their attendance was **97.9%**. Just to remind everyone that booking holidays during term time is likely to result in a fixed penalty notice.

Spring 1 2019 Learning Projects



Pre-School
Nursery
Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

Living in the Cold
Can We Explore it?
Will you read me a story?
Paws, Claws and Whiskers
Muck, Mess and Mixtures
Predator
Blue Abyss
Off with Her Head!
Darwin's Delights

We have redesigned our school curriculum for 2018 -2019. Please visit the 'Our School Curriculum' in the 'About Us' section of the website to find out more.
You can also view or download our school maths curriculum on the website.

Values and Ethos

At Ernesford Grange Primary School, we have three school values to help the children be the best they can be.

We encourage all our children to take responsibility for their behaviour and learning, to respect everyone in our school community and to show resilience when faced with challenges. Children can earn rewards for demonstrating the school values.

We strive to ensure these values are embedded in daily school life and are weaved into our school curriculum.

The three Rs will be the focus for our assemblies during the spring term.



If you would like to sponsor our newsletter please let the admin team know: **Telephone:** 02476454843 or **Email:** admin@ernesfordgrange-pri.coventry.sch.uk



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Thank you to Princess Events Balloons of 562 Binley Road, 07871 726005, for providing all of the decorations for school functions.

In other news...

PTA

I am pleased to say that we officially have a Parent Teacher Association at Ernesford Grange Primary School. The PTA have already been actively involved helping to organise the Christmas Carol Concert and Family Evening and have been working hard wrapping gifts, sorting raffle tickets and sourcing prizes for the raffles.

The PTA is made up of:

Lisa Mulqueen – Chair

Karla Gould – Vice Chair

Sarah Lowe – Secretary

Tracey Lewis – Treasurer

Jo Gilkes – Staff Representative

Hannah Skelton – Staff Representative

Tracey Miller – Staff Representative

Leanne Guinan

Helen Frankish-Moore

Kerry Leeson

Harmeet Liddar



I would like to thank them all for their hard work over the last two weeks and I am looking forward to future events that raise money for and bring the school community together.

Governors

I am happy to welcome our new Local Authority Governor; Gary Marsden and our new Parent Governor; Charlotte Green to the Governing Body. We are looking forward to working with you and using your expertise.

Dol-y-Moch

The Dol-y-Moch trips are approaching fast and there are still many outstanding forms. Could you please complete all the necessary paperwork and return to Mrs Marsden as soon as possible.

Safeguarding

If you are late collecting your child after school, your child will be sent to the Owls before and after school club. This is the only area of school that we have guaranteed supervision to ensure children are safe.



We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support given by the parents and families of Ernesford Grange during this term.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions and donations to all the funding raising events and for your attendance at many school information sessions, sporting events and concerts.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Williams of OTCS for their support and generous donations and help with the Carol Concert and Family Evening.

Thank you to Mr Carr and Miss Green of Jasper's Catering for organising all the food for our Carol Concert and Family Evening.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Sanders for acquiring amazing prizes for our raffle.

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Cushen for their very generous monetary contribution towards buying books for the library.

Thank you to Lisa Mulqueen for her contribution to school and for getting the PTA started!

Finally, a huge thank you to all staff and children for all their dedication and hard work this term!

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn 2 2018

| Day and Time | Before School 8:00am – 8:45am | Break Time 10:30 – 10:45 | Lunch Time 12:05pm – 1:10pm | After school 3:30pm – 4:30pm |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Monday | | Year 3 Table Tennis | Key Stage 2 Choir Y5/Y6 Netball | Key Stage 1 Dodgeball Key Stage 2 Dodgeball |
| Tuesday | | Year 4 Table Tennis | Sainsbury's Games | Key Stage 2 Table Tennis Key Stage 2 Sports hall athletics |
| Wednesday | Key Stage 1/2 Gymnastics | Year 5 Table Tennis | Y5/Y6 Girls and Boys Football Year 5 Yoga | Key Stage 2 Football Y1/Y2 Tennis KS2 Hockey |
| Thursday | Key Stage 1/2 Gymnastics Y4, Y5 and Y6 Tennis | Year 6 Table Tennis | Key Stage 1 Funky Dance Y3/Y4 Girls and Boys Football | Rock Band (5:00pm finish) Key Stage 1 Football Y5/Y6 Netball |
| Friday | | Year 5/6 Table Tennis | Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Sainsbury's Games | Key Stage 2 Boot Camp Key Stage 2 Gymnastics Arts Award Club |