



# Eyescroft Primary School



## Newsletter November 2020

### A NOTE FROM MISS DINES

Well what a month November has been! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during the unfortunate closure of bubbles and through this uncertain and unusual time.

This month your children have continued to amaze us with their resilience and enthusiasm. We have enjoyed two virtual assemblies in school for Remembrance Sunday and for 'Odd Sock' - anti bullying day. This term we have introduced 'Drama for Writing' and the children have fully embraced this and we are now seeing the impact of this already. During their last writing opportunity it was clear to see the progress they have made. Our current whole school area of improvement is developing children's spelling ability. As well as the highlights overleaf, please remember to take a look at your child's class blog on the website.

As the festive season is now approaching, I would like to assure you that we will be making every effort to make it a magical time of year despite the restrictions. Unfortunately we cannot hold any parents events this year but will ensure we share the festivities via text, letter and on the website.

An enormous thank you to Laura and Ashley's parents who have been extremely generous and donated a whole range of festive arts and crafts for each and every child in school! We look forward to sharing them when they are done.

We would also like to thank George's mum in Year 1 for her kind donation of sensory products.

Please continue to communicate with us via phone and email and take care of one another.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

We held a fantastic virtual remembrance assembly where some Year 6 children read poems and we collectively observed the two minutes silence. Staff and children really enjoyed this.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**Friday, 11th December** is Christmas Jumper Day. You don't even need a new jumper. You can dig out last year's, or take a boring old sweater and add some tinsel, or get one from a charity shop (when they open).



### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner will be over two days this year. If your child is in EYFS, Year 1, 2 or 3 it will be on **Wednesday, 16th December** and if they are in Year 4, 5 or 6 it will be on **Thursday, 17th December**. We will need to know in advance if your child would like a Christmas dinner. Please let your child's teacher know by **Friday, 7th December**. **You will not be able to book via**

**ParentPay. However, payment must be made on ParentPay.**

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday, 13th November**, we celebrated 40 years of Children in Need by 'being bright for Pudsey'. Each class covered Pudsey with their donations. We were really pleased with the amount we raised. Thank you!



### PETERBOROUGH VIRTUAL BIG SING

The Peterborough Youth Choir are holding a Christmas Virtual Choir. Any child aged between 7 – 11 can join in completely free of charge. All they need to do is learn the song 'Jingle Bells', record themselves singing it and send it to them! They will then put all the recordings together and build the Peterborough Christmas Virtual Choir. The closing date for entries is **Monday, 14th December**. Please see this website for more information. [www.peterboroughsings.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughsings.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Due to the current restrictions and guidelines children will only be able to send Christmas cards to the staff and children within their bubble. If you would like a list of first names for your child's bubble then please email the school office. Please ensure all cards are sent into school by **Friday, 11th December** so that they can be quarantined before going out at the end of term.





### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



- ❑ **RSD** had a fantastic 'WOW' day exploring Autumn outside using their senses to look for signs of Autumn, making bark and leaf rubbings and they enjoyed some soup whilst listening to a story!
- ❑ **1CE** have been working so hard on their work that has been set on the Google Classroom. We have been particularly impressed with **Vethusan** and his great presentation skills when completing his maths work.
- ❑ As well as learning dance in their PE lesson, **1KH** have also been learning ballroom and latin dancing - they are getting really good at the cha cha cha!
- ❑ In **2ER**, they truly enjoyed reading Julia Donaldson's story about the detective dog who solves mysterious problems and finds the missing books. As a result, they wrote fantastic recounts about Nell's adventure using great vocabulary, first-person and past tense. In Topic, they became environmental detectives and by exploring school grounds they were able to identify

physical and human features in the local area.

- ❑ In **2HJ** they have been learning to add two digit numbers, including regrouping to bridge 10 e.g.  $27+36=$ . They used this skill in word problems and did an amazing job of applying the different methods they had learnt.
- ❑ **3LG** have been immersing themselves in Stone Age drama, to help them with writing their own version of 'Stone Age Boy'. They have seen some amazing hunting, fishing and fire starting!
- ❑ In **3RT** the children have worked extremely well using pictorial and written methods to add and subtract 3-digit numbers, with exchanging!
- ❑ In **4CS Vakare** has consistently produced excellent work in all subjects. She has especially done well in writing a narrative this term based on the class book. Her writing demonstrates her excellent application of narrative writing features of a high Year 4 level. We are very proud of her.
- ❑ We are very proud of **4KE's** amazing writing this week. They have used some exciting adverbs, detailed description and experimented with using dialogue to add detail or move the story along.
- ❑ We are really proud of the effort **Cooper** in **5AC**

has been putting into his writing. He has made big improvements to his independence.

- ❑ **5AL** are really enjoying learning about space and they have been really lucky this month seeing some real life space missions to the International Space Station. They have created some amazing astronaut art using colour mixing and pencil skills.
- ❑ **6SL** have been designing some amazing spy gadgets (during home learning) and produced some beautifully illustrated diagrams and detailed explanations all about their secret devices.
- ❑ We were really impressed with how well so many of **6EP** engaged with home learning during their bubble closure and have returned to school ready to learn.
- ❑ All of class **6WG** have been brilliant in all aspects of their learning, especially in art (drawing specific facial features) and discussing aspects of equality and empathy in RE.

### MRS JUBB

One of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Jubb has worked at Eyrescroft for 25 years next week! We want to thank her for all support and dedication to children and their families over the years. What an amazing achievement!

