



# Eyrescroft Primary School



## Newsletter December 2017



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wow what a half term it has been! As always the children of Eyrescroft have made us incredibly proud. We have been so busy with our learning, including some fantastic school trips where the children's exemplary behaviour was commented on by other visitors. We have also fully embraced the Christmas spirit with a variety of events. Thank you so much for your continued support and for joining us at many of these events, making it even more special for the children. I think this year has been our best turnout ever in terms of parents attending events. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and I look forward to all that 2018 brings to Eyrescroft.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all at Eyrescroft!

### TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME

A massive thank you to everyone that helped raise £1,000 for the school library fund through the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

### BURGHLEY HOUSE - BY AUKSE, YEAR 6

When I arrived at Burghley House all I could see was a spectacular and grand palace. We walked up to the gates and when we got there, a lady in a puffy, purple dress told us where we were

meant to go (she was acting as a Victorian lady). When we got inside, it was covered with posh and valuable items.

Inside the Great Hall, they told us that we would not have had Christmas as we know it, if Prince Albert - Queen Victoria's husband - had not brought a Christmas tree into the house. The baubles also originated from this time. They were made by men, who worked with glass. One day when they had finished their work, they still had some glass left over, so they decided to see who could make the biggest glass ball. One of the men's wives came in, she saw what they were doing and decided that she wanted to sell them. So she did, and that is how baubles were created. In those days they would not have had any electricity so instead of light on the Christmas tree they would have put candles on them.



### BURGHLEY HOUSE - BY ALFIE, YEAR 5

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Burghley House. We met with Henry VIII and a Tudor doctor who talked about medicines and medical procedures of the Tudor time.



### NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE - BY MELODY, YEAR 1

We went to the National Space Centre in Leicester. This was for our topic Moon Zoom! We had lots of fun. There was so much to do. We learnt even more about the eight planets in our Solar System. My favourite part at the planetarium was when we watched a movie about how to be an astronaut. It felt like we were moving around. We all had an amazing time!



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported us for Children in Need. It was a great day and we raised £378.25. Well done to Lillie-Anne in KS1 and Filip K in KS2 for winning the be the 'Head of School' for the day. I look forward to spending the day with them in the New Year.

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**3rd January** - school closed - Professional teaching day

**4th January** - school re-opens for Spring term

**10th January, 3:30-4:30pm** - Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM), all welcome

**17th January, 5:30-6:30pm** - Parent Forum, all welcome

**12th - 16th February** - Half term





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### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas has come to Eyrescroft! We certainly have been very busy. On Monday, 4th December Year 6 presented 'Christingle' to parents and carers. It was a lovely and very atmospheric performance.



Dragonflies and Butterflies performing in their first school nativity. They all sang wonderfully and spoke with big voices.



We all enjoyed the snow. It hasn't snowed properly for some years and for many children it would have been the first time that they have played in the snow.



A big thank you to DMN Westinghouse for the kind and generous donation of the costumes for the KS1 Nativity.



We welcomed many grandparents to our 'Tea and Tinsel' event and they seemed to all enjoy participating in the activities with the children.



The smiles said it all.

And then even cold weather didn't stop the wonderful singing

from the children at our Year 3, 4 and 5 'Christmas Carols around the tree'. Thank you to those of you that braved the cold and supported us - it was a fabulous turnout!

We were also pleased to see so many parents and carers come to the 'Christmas Craft' afternoon. Lots of fun was had and a mince pie or two!



Well done to all of the children and the staffing team for making Christmas come alive once more and for bringing the festive spirit to Eyrescroft. We are extremely proud of you all! And thank you to all of our parents, carers, grandparents and local community! It wouldn't have been as special without your continued support! We raised an amazing £517.86 from all of the Christmas events, competitions and raffle. Thank you! We will use this money for the school library.

And finally last week, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes performed their Nativity to parents as well as

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all at Eyrescroft!