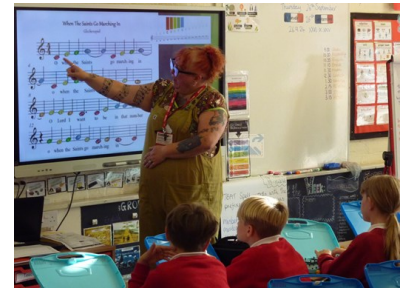
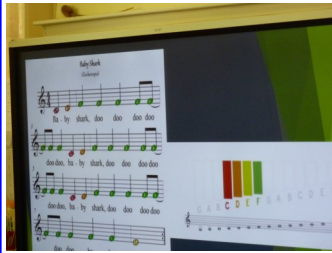


## Dear parents/carers,

What a smashing start to December. I know the children have been enjoying opening advent calendars at the start of the day—I've heard some very cheesy Christmas jokes that have made me smile. I hope you are managing to find time to enjoy the advent season too despite the busyness. Enjoy reading about school news below.



## Whole School Music Lessons

We are delighted that Lee Butler, teacher and professional musician, has been able to lead music teaching for KS2 classes again this term. Ms Butler has kindly offered to lead a short performance (20 minutes approx) so the children can share some of their learning on the glockenspiels with parents. This will be on **December 16th, at 10am** in the school hall. As this will be a one off performance with all children in KS2, the hall may be quite full so you may need to stand.

We bid for these music lessons through a heavily subsidised scheme via the wonderful Gloucestershire Music Service. Next year we will bid for whole class music lessons for our KS1 classes—fingers crossed!

## Our fantastic Christmas Tree

Many of you have commented on the super Christmas tree that stands proudly near the entrance to the school hall. This year the tree was kindly given to us by Eastington Farm Shop. The School Council children loved decorating it and after the end of term it will be passed on to be reused in our community.



Every Christmas, Mr Trevor Davis and Ms Jo Jackson, former parents, make a donation to the school to help us celebrate Christmas. This year the children have enjoyed creating a range of Christmas crafts for fun.

Our heartfelt thanks to Trevor & Jo and the Eastington Farm Shop for their ongoing kindness and support.

## Reception & KS1 Secret Angels Nativity

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents during the Christmas performances - being together as a community is always special at this time of the year.



The children performed their nativity brilliantly! It was full of fun from the start. The narrators did exceptionally well to recall their many lines, the actors spoke with their powerful voices so the audience could hear and the singing was an absolute joy. There was lots of toe tapping and smiles from the audience. Thank you to the children for giving us all such a special moment together - we're proud of you all.

Thank you to the brilliant teachers and TAs for all their hard work in preparing for the performances at such a busy time of the year too.

## Safeguarding

As a school we take our safeguarding responsibility seriously. We review our Health and Safety Policy yearly and undertake fire drills, explain how to act responsibly etc to ensure children know how to keep themselves safe. The Safeguarding Child Protection policy is also updated yearly too and staff receive training over the year. Mrs Parsons, our Designated Safeguard Leader, meets regularly with Mrs Foster, one of our wonderful school Governors who is experienced in this area, to discuss safeguard policies and procedures. We have revised our Early Help document which has many weblinks in areas which may be helpful to parents as well. Please do read these policies when you have time. They can be found on our school website in the KEY INFORMATION, POLICIES & PROCEDURES section:

<http://www.eastingtonprimary.co.uk/>

We recently requested a LA review of Safeguarding to ensure we were working in line with best practice in this important area. SLT, staff, children were involved in the day and it was a positive process for all involved. You will be pleased that the final report ended with: *'I was very satisfied that this school applies rigorous safeguarding practices.'*

Thanks to Mrs Parsons, Mrs Foster and all the staff team for their hard work in this important area.

## Christmas Lunch

School Christmas Lunch day is on **December 19th**—thank you for making your preference for lunch known on online. In our school, children (and staff) wear Christmas jumpers on Christmas lunch day so please do ask your child to join in. Many thanks.

## Christmas Crafts

The children have made items for sale at the Christmas fair. Class 1 have made wonderfully decorated clay Tealight holders; Class 2 have made natural tree ornaments (they loved sawing the wood themselves!); Class 3 have made delicious tiffin; Class 4 have made hot chocolate packages and Class 5 have sewn brilliantly fun tree decorations. All crafts can be purchased for £1 at the Christmas fair on Friday after school. If you are not able to attend the fair please don't worry, your child's craft item will be held so you can buy them by sending in £1 next week..

## DIARY DATES:

### Autumn Term 2

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| December 3rd:  | Rec/KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm                    |
| December 4th:  | Rec/KS1 Xmas Nativity 5.30pm                      |
| December 6th:  | PA Christmas Bazaar 3.15pm                        |
| December 10th: | KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm/5.30pm              |
| December 11th: | KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm                     |
| December 16th: | 10am KS2 Glockenspiel Performance—parents welcome |
| December 19th: | Christmas Dinner—please wear Christmas jumpers    |
| December 20th: | Final day of Term 2                               |

### Spring Term 3

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| January 6th        | Staff Inset  |
| <b>January 7th</b> | <b>First day of term for children</b>  |
| January 9th:       | C5 swimming starts   |
| January 17th:      | Y4-Y6 Sea Music with Bournemouth Orchestra at Bristol Beacon (details to follow) |
| January 24th:      | Multi-skills Festival Y1 (information to follow)                                 |
| January 28th:      | Life Education sessions with Coram (links to PSHCE curriculum)                   |
| January 29th:      | Life Education sessions with Coram (links to PSHCE curriculum)                   |
| January 31st:      | PA Cake Sale after school  |
| February 3rd:      | Open afternoon for parents 2.50-3.05   |
| February 10th:     | Reception/Y6 School nurse visit to measure height etc                            |
| February 11th:     | Y6 Online Safety session with BEAT OFFICER PC Coll                               |
| February 14th:     | PA Friendship Disco—TBC  |



Thank you for your ongoing support, **Zoe Avastu**

*Aiming high.....together*