



Evendons News

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Christmas Busyness!

NOTICE BOARD



Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 Nativity

All ticket requests for the Nativity have been approved. Tickets will not be issued this year, we will however be ticking off names at the door. Please be advised that it is still 2 tickets per family.

Cake Sale

Zanthe and Harriet Cumberland will be hosting a cake sale after school on Friday 13th December in aid of the MSA (multiple system atrophy) trust. Carla Cumberland is running the London marathon for the charity and is aiming to raise £2000.00 for the trust, after losing a close family member to MSA.

Club Information

Please note that the email for clubs for next term has been sent. All flyers will be updated and sent out either today or Monday. Links for the clubs have been added to the website. Please look to find out what clubs are run by Evendons and which are by external companies. You will have to contact the company directly to book.

Library

The new library system is now up and running. All of the books in the library will need a barcode on the front, which will then need to be scanned into the system and placed correctly on the shelf. This will take a long time! If you are able to assist, please inform the office.

Lunches

Week beginning 9th December will be Autumn week 2 for lunches.

Work Party

Thank you to everyone who came to last weeks work party—much appreciated!

Dear All

There is so much to report from the last few weeks that I've had to break my promise of a two page newsletter and produce a Christmas special!

The children have been busy putting on some amazing Christmas events and there has been much practising of lines and singing! But it hasn't meant there has been any less work going on with Years 1, 2 and 6 all going out on trips and Year 3 spending a few nights away on their residential. Year 6 had a brilliant Science experience at Holme Grange, using their laboratory to try out some serious science!



None of these things happen by themselves and I would like to say a massive thank you to the all the staff and parent volunteers who put so much time and effort in to making the Evendons' experience such a special one.

Have lovely weekends

Matt

Newton Cake Sale

Last week children from Newton class raised a brilliant £175 at their bake sale and games stand. They were raising money for the charity Make-a-Wish UK which supports critically ill children. Well done to everyone who took part!



Year 3 & 4 Around the World Christmas Play

Written by Lynn Steiner - Brunel Class

The Christmas performance of Year 3 & 4 was a HUGE success! Lots of adults came and they also offered lots of Christmas food stalls and stalls making baubles and showing Christmas traditions from their home country or country that they had chosen. It was called "Christmas market extravaganza!" As a surprise, Techo came and turned on our Christmas lights! We can't wait for next years Christmas play!



Wokingham Council Xmas Light Switch On

On Wednesday 4th December, children from Evendons Primary attended the switching on of Wokingham Councils Christmas lights. Nine other schools in the borough had attended the event which included the presentation of tree decoration's and singing carols. Brunel had made a decoration in class for the tree which they had presented on Wednesday evening alongside teacher Holly. Stanley Shambrook had also taken up his role again as Mini Mayor by assisting the mayor with the evenings festivities.



Link Choir

On Wednesday we were visited by the members of the LINK Visiting Scheme. They came in to listen to some Christmas Singing from the school choir and to have a cup of tea, a mince pie and chat to the children. The Link Visiting Scheme is a befriending charity in Wokingham Borough. It's mainly for older people who need extra friendship and support. They match volunteers with those who would love to see a friendly face on a regular basis, perhaps once a week for an hour or so. We work in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council and local charities and organisations, with the aim to reconnect people with their community.



I was blown away with the children's confidence with their performance this year. Their singing brought joy and happiness to our visitors and many said it made their day. I was especially pleased with how well the children maturely chatted to our visitors after the singing. I was extremely proud of them all.

The email below was sent by Jenny the events coordinator for LINK;

"Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and all your staff and pupils for another beautiful choir service. Everyone really enjoyed it and we have all enjoyed the mince pies in the office too! Wishing you a restful and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you again next year".



PTA News

7th December – Santa Dash – We are excited about welcoming almost 70 Santa's' to participate in our 3rd Santa Dash – many of you have asked when cut off for sign up is due to waiting on football times etc – the good news is that you can sign up on the day! Come along with a Santa hat and a smile and have a lovely time! You can run, walk or jog, bring kids in buggies, bring your dog – the 5km will take place around local woods and trails with very little roadwork and the shorter run will be around Lesley Sears fields. We have also hit our target for Marshalls – so THANK YOU! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evendons-pta-santa-dash-2019-tickets-74817317611> Friends and family very welcome!

A reminder of the dates I sent out last week, with a couple of additions

13th December – Secret Gift Room – please send you children in with an envelope with money in – gifts range from £4-£5.

26th January – Burns Afternoon Celebrations – join us for s'mores round the fire, singing on the lawn, candlelit walks around the woods, as well as delicious warming food and drink!

7th February – Celebrate the end of dry January with Cheese and Wine – I mean what could be better!!

15th May – STEM Games – come and take part in various STEM based games – decipher the artwork, build a bridge, design and award winning plane.... Its awesome fun.

During Assembly on the 13th, we will announce the winners of the 5p challenge, so this is your opportunity to send in the last 5p's please! We will also be launching the grow a £1 campaign. Each child will be given an envelope with a £1 coin in (if you do not wish to take part, please can we ask that you advise the teacher) on Friday during assembly. The children will have the spring term to turn their £1 into as much as they can. We will issue full T's and C's and a letter will be sent out – but ideas could include washing cars, making recipe books, growing plants and so on – we are excited to see what the children come up with! – remember you can reinvest money to make more money. Proceeds should be returned to school by end of Spring Term.

Diary Dates

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Friday 6th & 7th December	PTA Xmas Wreath Workshop
Saturday 7th December	PTA Santa Dash
Monday 9th-12th December	Yr5 & Yr6 Bikeability Course
Thursday 12th December	R, Yr1 & Yr2 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
Friday 13th December	Xmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December	Yr5 & Yr6 Walking Nativity 6pm
Wednesday 18th December	Pantomime
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December	Term Finishes

