

Welcome

It's definitely felt like Christmas this week—with Christmas Jumper Day and our final Nativity plays. All the children have performed brilliantly—from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 & Year 2 – the children looked great in their costumes, and their singing, dancing and narration was amazing. Many thanks to all of the staff who have worked so hard over the last few weeks to support the children. We look forward to our Christmas lunch on Wednesday.

We completely appreciate there continues to be a lot of absence due to illness. If your child is absent due to illness, please either call the school office absence line or complete the [Online Absence Form](#).

Michael Dillon - Headteacher



Year 2

In Year 2, we have been looking at the Christmas Story this term and thinking about the reasons for Jesus' birth. Children across Key Stage 1 shone on stage as they retold the Nativity story when performing 'Lights, Camel, Action!' – Thank you for all your support! In English this term, we have been learning about the life of Florence Nightingale and writing diary entries from the perspective of 'The Lady with the Lamp'. As mathematicians, we have been learning how to efficiently add by making 10, using our knowledge of partitioning and number bonds.

Year 1

Year 1 have been really busy this half term learning about different Celebrations in topic and writing poems in English. We have learnt about Bonfire Night, Diwali and this week we started learning about the Celebration of Christmas. We had a huge surprise of a video call from the main man himself - Santa Claus to answer some of our questions and to give us a Christmas message. The children loved seeing Santa.



Year 3

We have had an eventful couple of weeks in Year 3! Last Tuesday, we enjoyed a rather unusual visit from Fern's pet python, Elvis and her bearded dragon, Louie. We learnt all about how to wash them properly in preparation for writing a detailed set of instructions. On Monday of this week, we had our last recorder lesson with visiting Maestros' teacher Mr Woods. The children enjoyed performing a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells for Mrs Cameron, who was suitably impressed! Additionally, we have been busy practising two Christmas songs to perform at the Easthampstead Baptist Church Community Carol Concert. The concert, held on Tuesday evening was a great success. The children sang and behaved beautifully throughout. We are very proud of them. Well done Year 3!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

5K Carols at Liscombe House	Monday 12th December
Year 5 & 6 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 13th December 3.00pm—3.15pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14th December
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
INSET DAY	TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023
SPRING TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023

Children's Achievements

This weekend Layla and Tianey completed their first gymnastics competition at Sparkles Gymnastics, the girls memorised a routine to perform on the floor, on a beam, low bar and high bar. After a year of working really hard at the weekends and putting in extra practice in the week to perfect their routines, both did amazing achieving their first medals .



Last weekend, Lilly-Marie from year 5 took part in the Santa Dash, helping to raise money for Thames Hospice. Lilly-Marie dressed up as a reindeer, supported by her Dad (dressed as Santa), and ran 2km. To start with she felt nervous and excited all at the same time but was able to use this energy to complete the event. She felt so proud of herself at the end and we are super proud of Lilly-Marie too! Not only did she take part in this event at the weekend, she also achieved moving up two belts in karate. She had to show all her moves including punching and kicking. Alongside that, she had to demonstrate performing katas - karate chants. Well done Lilly-Marie!



Upcoming Event

Year 5 and Year 6 will be holding another home learning exhibition on Tuesday 13th December from 3.00 - 3.15. You are very welcome to come to your child's classroom to celebrate the hard work they have put in to their projects at home. This is a celebration of all children's learning and should be a positive experience for everyone.

The children will be dismissed, as usual, at 3.20.