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## Co-Headteachers' Message

Throughout November, the children have been taking part in our 'Race to the North Pole' challenge. Each class has been heading out regularly to run a short course on the field, marked out with our snowflake pom-poms. Together, the children have covered an amazing 2,700 miles—enough to reach the North Pole just in time for today's Santa Fun Run! As we write, there is lots of excitement building for this after-school family event. It's a wonderful way to begin the festive season, and we're delighted that the sun is shining. We hope many of you will be able to join us. Thank you to Miss Holman for all her hard work coordinating and making this event possible once again.

On Saturday, we welcomed prospective Reception children and their families to our first 'Stay and Learn' open session. A heartfelt thank you to our Reception team for their hard work in preparing the event and for giving up their time at the weekend. Throughout this term, it has been a pleasure to show parents around the school and give them a flavour of life at Echelford. If you, or someone you know, have a child due to start Reception next September, our final two tours of the year will take place in January and can be booked via the school website.

Today we wished Mrs Johnson well as she begins her maternity leave. We hope she enjoys some time to rest before the baby arrives, and we look forward to sharing some exciting news with you all soon.

Further on in the newsletter, you will find a new section called **Inclusion Insights**. This area will share regular updates about our work, systems and approaches to supporting all learners. We hope it will help parents and carers feel more informed about the excellent provision in place at Echelford, as well as offer ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our Reception families into school to enjoy the children's nativity performances. We are also keeping our fingers crossed for another dry Friday, as our PTFA Christmas Fair will take place after school.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



## Inclusion Insights

Through our involvement with the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme this year, we are aiming to work more closely with parents and carers on our work with pupils who may need additional support at school.

Last week, some parents and carers joined a session with Family Voice Surrey (the Parent Carer Forum for Surrey) to share their feedback and ideas for improvement. We hope more parents and carers can join the next session with Family Voice Surrey on **14th January** as we start to develop our parent/carer forum for children with SEND.

We feel grateful that we are able to be part of the PINS project - only 30 schools across Surrey were picked this academic year, and we have already benefited from a range of support and staff development opportunities. We will be sharing more about these over the coming months.

Today, we were one of two schools picked to be showcased as part of a National PINS visit, where representatives from NHS England and the Department for Education observed the local implementation of the project. The visit included an environmental audit carried out by two occupational therapists, who provided advice on how we can make improvements within the school environment to better support some of our children with SEND.

## Festive Meal

We will be having our Festive Meal on Wednesday 17th December. All children are invited to take part so if you would like to order a meal for your child please click on the link below. The form will close at 9am on Wednesday 3rd December. The jacket potato, pasta and deli options will not be available to any child that day, therefore if your child normally has a school meal but you do not feel they will eat any of the options available and you would like to provide them with a packed lunch, please inform the office so we do not charge you for a school meal. During the last week of term, there will be a menu change for the whole week for those children who are normally on school meals. You can find the menus on our website.

<https://forms.gle/EoEVKbojwQGiXTNq7>

- **Roast turkey with pigs in blankets (pork), roast potatoes, peas & carrots**
- **Vegetable Wellington, roast potatoes, peas & carrots**
- **Roast turkey, roast potatoes, peas & carrots – FREE FROM THE 14 MAIN ALLERGENS**
- **Vegan Sausage, roast potatoes, peas & carrots – FREE FROM THE 14 MAIN ALLERGENS**
- **Vegan Decorated Cookie or Berry Yoghurt**

## Christmas Card Post Box

The Echelford Christmas post box will open from next week and the Echelford Elves will then sort and distribute the cards to the relevant classes. Please ensure you put the **name and class** on the envelopes. Last posting date will be Wednesday 17th December.

## Parent Governor Vacancy - reminder Ballot is live

Anyone with parental responsibility for a child at the school is entitled to a vote and we would encourage you all to use this vote. This can be done easily by completing the ballot form via

this <https://forms.gle/1RdMagHxJQC1uSde9>



Echelford have had another fantastic week of sport. We will now be providing a weekly update to you all via both our Echo and Facebook page. Well done to all of our pupils on their fantastic performances but most importantly, their teamwork and sportsmanship.

**Results:**

- UKS2 Boys A Football: Echelford 3 - 1 Hawkdale
- UKS2 Girls A Football: Echelford 0 - 4 Hawkdale
- UKS2 Boys A Football: Echelford 3 - 2 Springfield
- UKS2 Girls A Football: Echelford 2 - 0 Cleeves

**Oracy - Food For Talk**

This is one of our Food For Talk topics that children have been discussing at lunchtime this week.

**Thursday - Talking Points**

Food for Talk!

If you could invent a new school subject, what would it be and why?

What would your lesson be called?

The lesson I would choose is... because...

I agree because...

I couldn't disagree more because...

**Vacancies within the Trust**

**The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:**

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? Are you highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

We are looking to appoint someone who wants to create a provision that is stimulating, safe, caring and creative. The right candidate will be organised and able to lead and work as part of a team and use their own initiative.

For more information on this role, please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1519381>



### Achievements outside of School

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news. Along with the Newsletter, we will display any sports achievement photos and information on our 'Sports Shout Outs' board in the gym.

Well done to Harrison in 1A who was awarded the Player of the Week award at 'We Make Footballers'. Congratulations Harrison on this amazing achievement.



Congratulations to Shrey in RO who was recently graded by his Sensei at his karate class and succeeded in achieving the yellow belt. Well done Shrey on this fantastic achievement.

Well done to Savannah in 3S who received her Bronze award at Brownies this week. Congratulations Savannah on this wonderful achievement.



Congratulations to Everly in 1A who joined Spelthorne Gymnastics about 6 weeks ago but still performed in her very first show this week. She managed to remember her routine and was very brave and composed in front of so many people. Well done Everly on this fantastic achievement.

Well done to Thomas in 3B who has recently been awarded his level 3 in his swimming lessons. Congratulations Thomas on this brilliant achievement.





### Class Learning Awards

The following classes were this week’s winners, working as a team whilst using our curriculum online resources. Well done.

	<b>Class: 6H</b>		<b>Class: 2A</b>
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### Green Values Award

Every week, an award is presented to a child in each class for embodying one of our Green Values. Congratulations to those children who have represented one of our values so brilliantly this week.

RA	Mason	RG	Merryn	RO	Hugo
1A	Radvin	1B	Idrees	1CE	Consent to publish name not given
2A	Meera	2DT	Savanna	2I	Ayda
3B	Ivy	3O	Alfie	3S	Theo
4B	Rehan	4GB	Consent to publish name not given	4R	Zach
5L	Arzaan	5M	Ava	5P	Skylar
6H	Nysha	6S	James W	6W	Georgina

### Gold Leaf Achievers

Every week, we celebrate those children awarded a Gold Leaf this week for their effort and achievement in their learning.

Thea B, Joyce D, Remi W, Joseph D, Kai J, Emily A, Merryn T, Zalan S, Edith-Rose T, Leo W, Holly C, Asher J, Hugo W, Jenson G, Sylvia B, Ollie J, Evie W, Ivy C, Presleigh I, Banreet J, Cooper M, Arshaan H, Pearl C, Jacob P, Pollyanna D, Romeo L, Miles B, Jaanvi W, Zack J, Zeyad A, Jenson J, Mia M, Jude B, Ryan S, Noah C, Riley J, Carla V, Erin P, Teddy C, Ajus S, Octavia B, Harper B, Maddie M, Zack M, Maya Violet B, Ayda W, Jimmy C, Elsie Da, Ava Y, Bodhi M, Grayson Bi, Rocco L, Jessica J, Elijah J, Ivy K, Shakeel M, Melody R, Ranveer S, Inaaya Y, Eryn M, Leo J, Harry B, Amber M, Grayson B, Sienna Hi, Jaxon B, Rosie M, Sienna Ha, Isla R, Jake T, Arthur B, Sahara S, Noah S, Rehanuddin M, Erin M, Georgina P, Brooke F, Grace N, Victoria N, Saoirse M, Franco B, Frankie C, Amina R, Ayaan H, Levi-Rose M, Mohan Veer A, Kaira G, Jenson W, Rico P, Robyn C, Sahib T, Owen J, Maximus J, Vidhaan S, Hassan A, Josh K, Nainika B, Amber J, Elodie M, Grace E, Zach H, Rico P, Jaap K, Aurora J, Verity V, Alana C, Evie G, Poppy R, Zachary A, Arjan P, Maiya W, Eeva M, Mason B, Keira K, Harley W, Naksh M, Jennifer M, Ava B, Amaani A, Safiyah M, Daria B, Alharet E, Jacob J, Hallie T, Luna D, Joseph B, Hannah P, James Bl, Musa M, Elias M, James G, Idris Kh, Liliana R, Nysha S, Kaya G, Mya A, Millie C, Monika T, Samuel W, Lian Z, Arjun S, Freddie W, Callum O, Alina R, April R, Millie G, Khadija R and Latia B.



## Important Dates

December		
Wednesday 3rd	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 4th	9.15am	Reception Nativity
Friday 5th	3.30pm – 5.30pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 11th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 16th	9.15am & 2.30pm	UKS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Wednesday 17th		Festive lunch T.B.C.
Thursday 18th	9.15am & 2.30pm	LKS2 Christmas Performance
<b>Friday 19th</b>	<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>Mon 22nd Dec – Fri 2nd Jan Christmas Break</b>		

On behalf of the Echelford Primary staff team, we wish you a pleasant week.

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Join us for **FREE** at our open trial sessions! We're inviting players from the surrounding areas to trial at our Platinum & Development Centres held in Farnham, Staines and Woking - open to children currently in school years 1 to 7.

Our team of head coaches also work at local Premier League academies and will provide fun, creative and challenging sessions. We have centres available for players of all abilities, ensuring they train with children of a similar experience and ability level.

## OPEN TRIALS INFORMATION

**Woking:**  
Monday Platinum (5-6.30pm)  
Tuesday Development Centre (5.30-7pm) @ Woking Hockey Club, GU21 3RT

**Farnham:**  
Wednesday Platinum (6-7.30pm) @ Weydon School 3G, Farnham GU9 8UC

**Staines:**  
Wednesday Platinum (4.50-6.20pm)  
Thursday Platinum & Development Centre (5.30-7pm) @ Staines & Laleham CC, TW18 1HR

**SIGN UP:** [www.skillzonesoccer.co.uk/apply-to-trial](http://www.skillzonesoccer.co.uk/apply-to-trial)



**LIMITED EDITION EAGLES VEST**

**CHRISTMAS CAMP**

Our kids Camp is suitable for 5-13 year olds who enjoy being active, playing basketball and want to meet new friends.

*Boop! Now!*

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> of December

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Location:** Meadhurst Club

[www.spelthorneagles.co.uk](http://www.spelthorneagles.co.uk)

## Is your child starting school in September 2026?



If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **3 November 2025** and **15 January 2026**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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