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## Co-Headteachers' Message

Our final week of the term has been another opportunity to share the performing talents of our children. This time it was the turn of our year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 in their Christmas concerts.

These performances wrap up our Christmas celebrations for this year, and we hope you've enjoyed these special memories with your children and that you've shared in their pride.

Our whole-school assembly on Wednesday was a highlight of the term. We came together to celebrate the progress of every child and specifically recognise our Headteacher's Certificate recipients. Through the words shared by the class teachers, it is evident these children have consistently lived and breathed our Echelford values - we are immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Wednesday was also our annual festive meal, where staff served the children their meal at the table rather than them lining up. Thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work in preparing the food and Mrs Towersey for her coordination and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

In our final assembly of the term today we reflected on all of the success the children have had this term. We are very proud of all the children's successes this term and are hugely grateful to the hard working members of staff and their limitless energies to supporting all pupils in our school. During the assembly, the children enjoyed a gift from the teachers in the form of our annual Christmas video; there was much laughter as they watched the teachers' frantic search for a lost sack of presents! Finally, we shared our best wishes with Mrs Tarry as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her happy news in the coming weeks.

On behalf of all of the staff team, we wish you all a safe and restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the new year on Monday 5th January.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

## School Uniform and PE Kit

Please take the time over the Christmas break to ensure that children have the correct uniform and PE Kit. We have seen an increase in non regulation items coming into school particularly in PE kits. Any PE tracksuits should be navy in colour and with no logos. A full reminder of what the children need to wear is on our school website.

A correct and smart uniform helps children feel prepared, confident and ready to learn. Do let us know if you need any support with this and remember that we have a well stocked preloved uniform rail in the entrance by the school office.



## Inclusion Insights

This is our second update on supporting neurodivergent children who may find this festive period challenging.

Our Autism Outreach Service for Schools, based at Freemantles School, have put together some tips for supporting children at home over the holidays.

Here are some of their top tips:

1. Acknowledge that this time of year feels different
  - This time can be a sensory overwhelm, with bright lights and noise that children are not used to
  - Children (and adults) are likely to feel tired from a long school term
  - Children will have feelings of excitement and anticipation that they may find difficult
2. Children may need some time to recharge
  - Think about giving children time alone or plan time in a quiet, low-distraction space
  - Allow children to continue to have time engaging in special interests
  - Try to find a balance in activities which use up energy and the things that give it back.
3. Try to maintain as much structure and predictability as possible
  - Use visuals, timetables or countdowns to show children what's happening and when
  - Keep routines as consistent as possible
  - Communicate changes to routine in advance and use visuals or social stories where possible
  - Keep environments as predictable as possible and avoid sudden changes to layout or decoration.

[This link will take you to more information from Freemantles and their Top Tips for Christmas at Home advice sheet.](#)

### Dismissal Reminder

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of waiting away from the children's lines at the end of the day until your child is formally dismissed to you by the teacher.

Our staff will dismiss the children as quickly as possible, but it is essential that this is done safely. Please do not approach the lines to collect your child. If you need to speak with the class teacher, they may ask you to wait until all children have been dismissed.

Thank you for your support with this important safeguarding procedure.



## Oracy - Food For Talk

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

**Wednesday - Talking Points**

Food for Talk!

**The best pudding for Christmas lunch would be...**

Why would you choose that?

The thing I would choose would be... because...

I agree because...

I couldn't disagree more because...

### Vacancies within the Trust

#### The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Wraparound Care Manager (24.75 hours per week, 7:00 am - 8:45 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, with an additional 1 hour per week for admin tasks during term time (38 weeks per year). 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 these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/wraparound-care-manager-1523789>

#### The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Deputy Wraparound Care Manager on a Fixed Term Contract (12 hours per week, 3pm – 6pm three afternoons per week and 7.30am - 8.30am three mornings per week, term time only (38 weeks per year). Flexibility around these hours may be considered. 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 these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/deputy-wraparound-care-manager-ftc-1523795>

#### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (32.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523575>



### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting a Part Time Early Years Teaching Assistant (20 hours per week, 11.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. This is a fixed term position to the 31st August 2026. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children’s play. The successful candidate will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523577>

### Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children’s lives, we want to hear from you.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1526569>

### 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.

Congratulations to Joseph in RA who had a camp with Squirrels and spent the whole night away sleeping with his squirrels and their leaders before visiting Santa in the morning. Well done Joseph you were very brave to spend the whole night away from home.



Well done to Hugo in 3S and his tennis team who won their division in the LTA Summer Youth League. They had a great season, playing against Wentworth Tennis Club’s first and second teams and Byfleet’s team, and all their hard work paid off. Congratulations to Hugo and his team mates on such an incredible achievement.

Congratulations to Ollie in 1A who has been working really hard at his football training on Monday nights. His dedication and consistency has paid off and this week he won Player of the Week. Well done Ollie on this amazing 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: 2A</b>		<b>Class: 4B</b>
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### Headteacher Awards

Many congratulations to all of the children who were presented with a Headteacher’s award for their achievement this term.

RA	Joyce	RG	Rocky	RO	Asher
1A	Henry	1B	Viaan	1CE	Jaanvi
2A	Joshua	2DT	Holly	2I	Saira
3B	Thomas	3O	Chloe	3S	Millie
4B	Victoria	4GB	Saorise	4R	Amber
5L	Rianna	5M	Keira	5P	Oliver
6H	Monika	6S	Raihaan	6W	Consent to publish name not given

### Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Manha N, Maya S, Ayeza M, Mikail O, Rahitya K, Ovin D, Stanley W, Joseph D, Aahana S, Asha R, Dillon D, Raisa D, Thea B, Rafi B, Shivaay P, Ashton H, Oliver K, Joyce D, Radhya N, Sueno D, Oscar B, Viaan S, Jasmine R, Idrees M, Hamdan M, Vihaan S, Tharunika B, Meesha K, Carla V, Mia M, Jaanvi W, Ryan S, Romeo L, Erin P, Jacob S, Jenson J, Jude B, Joshua K, Harper B, Maddie M, Jack E, Florence C, Radin M, Scarlett W, Shiloh M, Logan F, Anaiya O, Liahna D, Shakeel M, Daniela A, Isla H, Teddy B, Amber M, Helina M, Chloe P, Grayson B, Penny M, Elliott V, Jessica P, Michael G, Dexter O, Elvy L, Arthur B, Rosie M, Elia D, Victoria N, Erin M, Sienna Ha, Victoria N, Jude H, Georgina P, Jason K, Joseph E, Henry C, Aubrey B, Grace N, Jaxon B, Georgina P, Alfie A, Dylan C, Lizwi Z, Ellie D, Aizah M, Teddy K, Ellis L, Kesar R, Ellie P, Levi-Rose M, Swara S, Zainab F, Ayaan H, Owais E, Saoirse M, Teeyan B, Jackson D, Maximus J, Kaira G, Mohan Veer A, Issri R, Nainika B, Owen J, Theo B, Daniel K, Rianna D, Connor R, Ebony S, Maddie B, Henry P, Dev L, James W, Poppy R, Arzaan L, Darcy O, Verity V, Aurora J, Thomas M, Willow-Rae S, Amaani A, Arjan P, Jai E, Daniel AM, Ava B, Safiyyah M, Kaira S, Daria B, Sofia W, Harley W, Rayan M, Iommi J, Elias Me, Alharet E, Aleena F, Evie H, Deshawn S, Jacob J, Idris Kh, Joseph H, Alex S, Toby D, James Bl, Elias M, Archie H, Musa M, Paige T, Bianca S, Kaya G, Rosie W, Aaria D, Monika T, Liliana R, Millie C, Navrina K, Mason C, James G, Dexter D, Mya A, Rian D, Jasleen B, Millie G, Max K, Raihaan P, Jessica B, Callum O, Lian Z, Freddie W, William R, Leonard R, Vivaan K, Latia B, Amberley C, Anaya A, Yuvraaj S and Nishaan J.



## Important Dates

January		
Monday 5th		Children return to school
Mon 12th		First week of Activity clubs
Wednesday 14th		4GB Class Assembly
Wednesday 21st	9.00am	3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 27th	2.30pm	Reception Stay and learn
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Wednesday 28th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
Thursday 29th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
February		
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th		Maths Week
Wednesday 4th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 2
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	2DT Class Assembly
Friday 6th		NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Echelford Expo Week
Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	1CE Assembly
Wed 11th to Fri 13th		Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
<b>Mon 16th – Fri 20th Half Term</b>		
Monday 23rd		Children return to school
Thursday 26th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 27th		Reception Popcorn Club
March		
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Book Week
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th		Year 5 Residential High Ashurst
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Level 1 Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 4th	9.00	2A Class Assembly
Thursday 5th		World Book Day & PTFA Wonky Bars
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Book Fair
Wednesday 11th	9.00	1A Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th		Young Carers Day
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 18th	9.00	2I Class Assembly
Friday 20th		Red Nose Day
Saturday 21st		Single Parents Day
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th		Year 4 Residential Henley Fort
Friday 27th	1.45 finish	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April Easter Break</b>		
April		
Monday 13th		Children return to school
Monday 20th - Friday 24th		Science Week
Wednesday 22nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 22nd	9.00	3S Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd		Year 4 Bake sale
Wednesday 29th	9.00am	RO Class Assembly
May		



Monday 4th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th		RA Class Assembly
Thursday 7th May		Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th		KS2 SATs week
Friday 15th		Enterprise Day Year 6
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 20th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	3O Class Assembly
<b>Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term</b>		
<b>June</b>		
Monday 1st		Children return to school
Monday 1st (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 3rd		Sports Day
Friday 5th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Monday 8th - Friday 12th		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 10th	9.00am	1B Class Assembly
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Mufti for Summer Fair
Monday 15th to Friday 19th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	RG Class Assembly
Friday 19th		PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th		Celebration of Us Week
Wednesday 24th	AM	Class photo day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
<b>July</b>		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 10th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 17th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>End of term</b>
<b>Monday 20th</b>		<b>INSET Day 4</b>
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>		<b>INSET Day 5</b>

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