

The Echelford Echo



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The use of smart watches

We have noticed some children wearing their Apple watches to school. Please can I ask that these remain at home? Due to both the functions of a smartwatch and their cost, I feel they are better suited to home rather than school.

Children in Need

Last Friday, the school was a sea of colour as children and staff donned an array of bright head and hair accessories in aid of Children in Need. We are pleased to announce that this crazy fundraiser led to a whopping £431.02 being raised for Children in Need. We are incredibly grateful to all parents, children and staff for their contributions and support for this fantastic cause.

Job Vacancy

Saxon Primary School is currently recruiting for two roles; a Teaching Assistant to work one to one with a pupil that has special educational needs and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant to carry out PPA cover. Full details of both roles and how to apply can be found at the following link <https://www.eteach.com/school/saxon-primary-school-jobs-8502/>

Year 4 Tudor Day

On Wednesday, the Year 4 children arrived at school and were greeted by their Tudor leaders. After their morning greetings, the children began an exciting programme of Tudor activities including Tudor art, role play and a range of Tudor games. During lunchtime, the children experienced a Tudor-style banquet where they were able to taste some desserts that would have been eaten during this time period: gingerbread and a range of fruit. In addition, the children learnt that most people during this era would drink ale and wine as the water was too dirty to consume. Additionally, they were entertained during their banquet via some Shakespearean style performances. During the banquet, the children had a visit from a very important person; Henry VIII made an appearance and the children greeted him appropriately with a bow or curtsy. The Year 4 pupils looked fantastic in their Tudor outfits and we are incredibly grateful to the parents and carers for their support in making this day a huge success for the children. The children have spent the rest of the week producing some fantastic learning based on this incredible experience day, including writing a story about 'A Day in the Life of a Tudor'.



The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal

Last year, we supported the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Present Appeal and this is something we will be doing again this year. These toys and gifts make a real difference to thousands of children and young people and support those in need at Christmas. Last year, they were able to provide presents for over 450 children! Should you wish to make a present donation this year, please leave it with your child's class teacher before Friday 6th December. On that day, the Staines Salvation Army will be visiting school to collect the presents. We thank you in advance for your kind and generous donations.

The Salvation Army are always grateful for any presents they receive, but are always short of (educational) toys for 0-3 year olds; for example, bright plastic stacking toys, pull along toys and sound toys. They believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People:

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergenic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers.

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to their Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

Wrap Up London

As you may be aware, Miss Ridler has been collecting coats on behalf of Wrap Up London. We would like to thank all the parents who donated coats this week; we are overwhelmed by your generosity. In total, Miss Ridler has collected an amazing 60 coats and jackets. These will now be distributed to local charities and community groups who directly offer support to people who are homeless, older people, people fleeing domestic violence, refugees and those at risk through living in poverty.



52 ways... Graphics

At the end of this newsletter are some infographics we had on display at our recent Learning Clinic after school. If you are after ways to encourage reading or writing, or want eight ways to support learning spellings, these will be a great help. If there is anything more you would like in the way of support, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Mr Lockyer or Miss Enright (English subject leaders) to request some guidance.

Bestselling author visiting Echelford

Bestselling author MG Leonard will be visiting Echelford on 27th November to work with Year 6 all day. She is the bestselling author of a trilogy of books; the first of which, Beetle Boy, is being studied by the year group.

She has kindly agreed to stay after school and will sign books in the Lighthouse. This is open to all children and adults at Echelford. Copies can be ordered in advance (and are currently on a special price on this link: <https://amzn.to/2K2bZLI>), and apart from being a superb read for Junior-aged children, would make an excellent Christmas present.

Books for Schools tokens - We Need You, tomorrow!

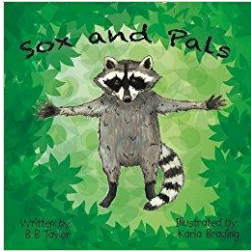

In light of The Sun newspaper having created the "Books for Schools" campaign, which will offer 20,000 primary schools packs of 106 books with downloadable teaching resources, worth £600, from the publisher's Collins Big Cat, our school is ready to join in and win!

We need to collect 3,500 tokens from the newspaper (that's only 6 papers from each child!) from **tomorrow until 18th January**. To ensure our success, please cut out the token from the newspaper and give it to your child to hand to their teacher. Help your child win for their house. Which element will collect the most tokens?

Book of the week – Get your hands on a good book

Here, each week, you will find recommended reading for both KS1 and KS2. This is intended to provide our Echelford families with inspiration for daily home reading.

Reading Recommendations

KS1	KS2
	
Sox and Pals B. B. Taylor	Strange Star Emma Carroll

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.

PTA INFORMATION

Year 1 Cake Sale – today!

Please support the Year 1 cake sale taking place after school today. Cakes will be available to purchase (50p each) by all pupils, parents, carers and teachers.

**** QUIZ NIGHT AND AGM CANCELLATION ****

Unfortunately, this Friday's quiz night and preceding Annual General Meeting have been postponed due to low interest. Apologies to all those who were intending to come; new dates for both will be announced soon.

Christmas Craft Clubs (respond by next Friday)

Thank you to all who have returned forms for the Christmas craft clubs. If your child would like to participate,

please return the form (hard copies available from the office, or print from the end of last week's newsletter) and cash payment of £5 to the PTA box by next Friday. The sessions will run from 3:30-4:30pm as follows:

- Thursday 5th December – Reception and Year 1
- Friday 6th December – Years 2 and 3
- Monday 9th December – Years 4, 5 and 6

Echelford Pantomime: next Saturday, 1-3pm and 5-7pm (respond by next Friday)

Next Saturday, we are welcoming Chaplins Pantos to school for two performances of Jack and the Beanstalk (1-3pm and 5-7pm). The doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each performance. The 1-3pm show is now fully booked, but you can still purchase tickets for the 5-7pm show. Tickets are £7 per person and everyone, young and old, is welcome. Please return your form (hard copies available from the school office) and cash payment to the PTA box by next Friday to ensure your place. Refreshments will be available to purchase, along with raffle tickets to win one of six luxury advent calendars.

Advent Calendar Raffle (return tickets by next Friday)

Please collect your raffle tickets from the school office for the luxury advent calendar draw taking place next Saturday (30th November) and return either to the PTA box by 29th November or bring them along to the pantomime. You could win a Smiggle, Lego Harry Potter, Lego City, Jelly Belly, Kinder Egg or Naked Marshmallow advent calendar!

Reception, KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production DVDs

The PTA has arranged for Reception, KS1 and KS2 children to be filmed in their dress rehearsals of this year's Christmas productions. Each DVD will cost £10, with £7 going towards the making of the DVD and £3 going to school funds.

There will be an opportunity before and after each Reception (2:15-3pm on 4th December and 9:15-10am on Thursday 5th December) and KS1 (2-3pm on Tuesday 10th December and 9:15-10:15am on Wednesday 11th December) performance to sign up to receive a DVD and make a cash payment. Due to the proximity of the KS2 performances to the end of term, all orders and payments for KS2 DVDs must be ordered in advance of the shows and completed by Friday 13th December.

If you are not attending a show and would like to purchase a DVD, or are wanting to purchase any KS2 DVDs, please deposit an envelope containing your child's name, class, number of DVDs and the correct payment in cash in the PTA box by the end of Friday 6th December (Reception DVD) or Friday 13th December (KS1 and KS2 DVDs). DVDs will be sent home with your child before school finishes on Friday 20th December.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 30th November: Pantomime, 1-3pm and 5-7pm
 Saturday 30th November: Advent Calendar Raffle draw, 7pm
 Thursday 5th December: Reception and Year 1 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm
 Friday 6th December: Years 2 and 3 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm
 Friday 6th December: Deadline to return orders for Reception Nativity DVDs
 Monday 9th December: Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Craft Club, 3:30-4:30pm
 Friday 13th December: Deadline to return orders for KS1 and KS2 Christmas production DVDs
 Friday 17th January PTA meeting 9am
 Friday 24th January: Years 5 and 6 Quiz
 Thursday 30th April: Year 1 and 2 event
 Friday 22nd May: Year 6 Colour Run
 Friday 26th June: Summer Fair

How You Can Get Involved

Please drop us an email if you have any questions or are interested in taking on a more active role within the Committee or as Class Representative. Our email address is pta.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk or you can drop a note into the PTA mailbox by the school office.

Learning and Behaviour celebrations

Sports awards

The following children have been awarded the sports star certificate this week based on their level of participation, effort, sportsmanship and general attitude.

RB	Muhammad	2J	Lilly	4R	Hrithik
RC	Kaya	2WM	Sameeran	5J	Evie
RS	Alexander	3D	Khadija	5M	Lexie
1G	Fiona	3E	Amelia	5W	Olly
1KB	Isabella	3L	Aakash	6G	Scarlett
1L	Ethan	4A	Alfie	6L	Samantha
2C	Tommy	4B	Ted	6S	Consent to publish name not given

Literacy Masters

The following children have been celebrated last week for their writing. Their work has been displayed prominently within school.

RB	Elsie-Jayne	2J	Liliana	4R	Leon
RC	Artin	2WM	Ava	5J	Ethan
RS	James	3D	Logan-John	5M	Milo
1G	Reggie	3E	Brooke	5W	Olivia
1KB	Samara	3L	Naveen	6G	Jeevan
1L	Jotham	4A	Elena	6L	Jocelyn
2C	Jack	4B	Ruby	6S	Saiana

Maths Masters

We congratulate all of our Mathematics Masters certificate winners from last week.

RB	Isabella	2J	Molly	4R	Kayleigh
RC	Indigo	2WM	Frankie	5J	Jimmy
RS	Edyth	3D	Eliza	5M	Amreet
1G	Thiven	3E	Timmy	5W	Daniel
1KB	Arifah	3L	David	6G	Abi
1L	Marilou	4A	Amelia	6L	Sirida
2C	John	4B	Jessica	6S	Tegan

Jigsaw Award

The following children have been awarded the Jigsaw award this week based on their exemplary PSHE learning.

RB	Cody	2J	Freddie	4R	Jake
RC	Rosie	2WM	Ellie	5J	Charlie
RS	Paige	3D	Yannis	5M	Dylan
1G	Sydney	3E	Shaan	5W	Kaylie
1KB	Daniel	3L	Olivia	6G	Consent to publish name not given
1L	Hashveen	4A	Olive	6L	Melissa
2C	Freya	4B	James	6S	Isabelle

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Poppy, Karma, Vincent, Tamera, Finley, Freya, Freddie, Sydney, Emilija, Angel, Anaiya, James, Deben, Josiah, Ethan, Mason, Saiana, Chris, Molly and Riley who have all received a gold leaf this week.



Karla Pearson
Headteacher

Dates for 2019 – 2020

November		
Friday 22 nd	After school	Year 1 cake sale
Saturday 30 th	1- 3pm & 5- 7pm	PTA pantomime
December		
Wednesday 4 th	2.15pm	EYFS nativity
Thursday 5 th	9.15am	EYFS nativity
Tuesday 10 th	2pm	KS1 nativity
Wednesday 11 th	9.15am	KS1 nativity
Wednesday 11 th	Lunchtime	Festive Meal – Please see letter sent 13/11/19
Thursday 12 th		School closed for General Election
Monday 16 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	2pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 17 th	6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 18 th	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Friday 20th	1.45pm	End of Term
January 2020		
Monday 6 th		Children return to school
Monday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 14 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 15 th		EYFS Stay and Learn

Wednesday 15 th	9am	4A Class Assembly
Friday 17 th	After school	Year 2 cake sale
Wednesday 22 nd	9am	5J Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 th	9am	4B Class Assembly
February		
Tuesday 4 th	3.20pm–4.00pm	'Echelford Expo' Years R, 2, 4 & 6 Parent drop in
Wednesday 5 th	3.20pm–4.00pm	'Echelford Expo' Years 1, 3 & 5 Parent drop in
Wednesday 5 th	9am	3E Class Assembly
Wednesday 12 th	9am	1G Class Assembly
Friday 14 th		INSET Day
Mon 17th – Fri 21st		Half Term
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th		Y6 Residential Bristol
Friday 28 th	After school	Year 3 cake sale
March		
Wednesday 4 th	9am	4R Class Assembly
Friday 6 th March		Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 9 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 10 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11 th	9am	1L Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 th	9am	1H Class Assembly
Fri 20 th – Sun 22 nd		Y5 Residential Bowles
Tuesday 24 th	4pm- 7.30pm	Parent teacher consultations
Wednesday 25 th	3.30pm-6pm	Parent teacher consultations
Friday 27 th	After school	Year 4 cake sale
April		
Wednesday 1 st	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Friday 3rd	1.45pm	End of Term
Monday 20 th		Children return to school
Friday 24 th	After school	Year 5 cake sale
Wednesday 29 th	9am	3D Class Assembly
May		
Wednesday 6 th	9am	RB Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th		Polling Day
Friday 8 th		May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 12 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 13 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 4 th – Fri 22 nd		KS1 SATs Period
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th		KS2 SATs week
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd	After school each day	Book Fair
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd		Year 4 Rise Up Festival
Wednesday 20 th	9am	RC Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th		Half Term
June		
Wednesday 3 rd	6pm	EYFS new parents meeting
Friday 5 th	After School	Year 6 cake sale
Wednesday 10 th	9am	5M Class Assembly
Wednesday 17 th	9am	RS Class Assembly
Thursday 18 th	EYFS/ KS1: 9.30am KS2: 1.30pm	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd		EYFS taster sessions
Tuesday 23 rd		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th		EYFS taster sessions
Wednesday 24 th	9am	5W Class Assembly
July		
Monday 6 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 7 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th		EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 8 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Thursday 9 th	6.30pm	Year 6 production

Wednesday 15 th	9am	Headteacher Assembly
Thursday 16 th	6pm	Leavers Disco
Friday 17 th	9am	Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Mon 20th – Wed 22nd		INSET

52 WAYS TO READ AT HOME

- 'I Spy' lists
- Letters for a special occasion
- Geocaching
- 'Word a Day' research
- Treasure Hunts
- Reading to a sibling
- Subtitles on a muted film
- Ingredient lists
- Plant labels
- Construction instructions
- Safety labels
- Anagram challenges
- Healthy living plans
- Paired reading
- Audiobooks
- Kit lists
- Scrabble/Boggle
- Holiday research
- Flight/Travel times
- Maps
- Opening/Closing times
- Parking sign information
- For Sale house brochures
- Music lyrics
- Chart music lists
- Book titles
- Library challenges
- Blogs
- Craft techniques
- Magazines
- Blurbs
- Book reviews
- Children's newspapers
- Exercise routines
- Shopping list
- TV Guide
- Film review
- Amazon review
- Newsround article
- Road signs and directions
- Local Attraction leaflets
- Adverts
- Songs on the radio display
- Menus
- Family calendar
- Crossword puzzle clues
- Recipe instructions
- Supermarket food offers
- Local area information
- Door signs
- Comics/Annuals
- Choosing cards
- Rules for games

52 WAYS TO WRITE AT HOME

- Penpals
- Email letters
- Product reviews
- Persuasive pitches
- Directions
- Create a crossword
- Puzzle books
- Calligraphy
- Fancy lettering
- Anagram challenges
- Invitations
- Six word summaries
- Rules for games & sports instructions for jobs
- Christmas and Birthday wishlists
- List of things seen on a walk
- Holiday to do list
- Places to visit
- Predicting landmarks for a journey
- Registration plates
- Team lists
- Kit lists
- Pocket money budgets
- A poem that rhymes
- A poem that doesn't!
- An imagined next TV episode
- Exercise routine
- Healthy eating menu
- Letter of complaint
- Thank you letter
- 8 page short story
- Fun 'ransom' note
- Paired writing
- Create a map
- Blogpost
- Bedroom plan
- Dream house description
- Invent a board game
- Create a chat using only texts
- 52 more ways to write!

WAYS TO HELP WITH SPELLINGS

DAN GER OUS
learn in parts

D _ N G _ R _ _ S
Hide the vowels

SAND DUNE RAGE
Find words

DANGER OUS
Buried words

EN DANGER OUS
Build the root

DID A NASTY GIRAFFE EAT RIPE ORANGES UNDER SATURN?
Create a mnemonic

D DA DAN DANG...
Build up

DANGER OUS?
Cover, write, repeat



Can I Foster if...

- I am over 55
- I am single
- I work
- I don't own my own home
- I am LGBT+

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