

The Echelford Echo



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This week has seen the first of our Christmas performances. The children in Reception entertained us all with 'A Miracle in Town.' This was their first opportunity to perform on stage in front of such a big audience and with so many cameras and phones facing them, they did really well. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at both shows.

The PTA have been busy and the Christmas Craft Clubs have begun. A huge thank you to everyone who organised and supported these.

Parent Feedback

In October we carried out a parent survey. Many thanks to all of you who took the time to fill this in. The results were very insightful and have given us some ideas on how we can improve our methods of communication. One of the main suggestions was that you would like weekly information about what your child has been learning about in class. As a result, please see below a new feature of our newsletter. We are hoping that this will give insight in to your child's learning and provide you with conversation starters and an idea of how you can support at home. Based upon your responses we have continued to consider which information is reported at Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings. We have also taken on board the opinion that you would like an update on your child's effort and attainment between consultation meetings. As a result, we will be providing a written update at the end of this term.

We continue to find your feedback very useful. Therefore, if you have any further suggestions please do not hesitate to email or speak to the school office.

This week we have been learning...

Reception	This week in Reception we read The Jolly Christmas Postman. We enjoyed guessing who the letters were from and then wrote our own letters to another class in Reception before taking these and posting them in the post box on Park Road! We found out what happens to post between the postbox and arriving at our homes. We have enjoyed performing our Nativity and are looking forward to writing letters to Father Christmas next week! We will continue learning about 3D shapes in Maths.
Year 1	This week in Year One, we have been creating newspaper articles about the farmer's escape in our Power of Reading text; Farmer Duck. We have been practising adding the suffixes 'ing' and 'ed' onto verbs in our writing. In maths this week, we have been exploring the 'make ten' strategy to solve addition and subtraction problems. The children have been working hard on their recall of number bonds to 10 and 20. They could continue to practise this at home.
Year 2	Alongside rehearsing for our Nativity performance, this week we have continued reading our Power of Reading text, 'Leaf'. We have imagined that we are the woodland animals and have written a newspaper article, reporting on the appearance of the strange, white creature in the Wild Wood. In Maths, we have begun our unit on multiplication and division and have been creating arrays to help solve a multiplication problem. We will continue with this maths topic next week and look forward to performing our Nativity.
Year 3	Year 3 have been busy reading another tale of 'Wisdom and Wonder' from our class text. This week it was called 'Fish in the Forest' and was about a lady who loves to gossip. So we wrote our own versions of the story with new rumours. In Maths, we have continued to develop our written methods for addition and subtraction, focusing on exchanging. We have begun our Science topic of 'light' and have enjoyed using torches to investigate reflection.
Year 4	At the beginning of the week, we were each presented with a single button. Inspired by our Power of Reading text 'Jemmy Button', we have planned and written our own stories and were required to make the button a big feature within the narrative. In Maths, we have been constructing bar charts which has required us to use a range of our Maths skills including: data handling, times tables and measuring. Next week, we are going to explore time graphs.
Year 5	In Literacy this week we have been exploring the feelings of Zoe, as she faces life changing decisions on Eels Island, and developing these into poetry. In Maths, we have been mastering our multiplication

	and division skills in a range of problem solving contexts. Next week we will be exploring area and perimeter across a range of shapes.
Year 6	Year 6 have immersed themselves in a variety of learning experiences. In Literacy, we have recounted our engaging author visit (MG Leonard) from last week and have spent our Maths learning revising key skills. Alongside practising for our KS2 Christmas show and some children partaking in Bikeability, we have been learning about climate zones in Geography and 'Living Things and Their Habitats' in Science. Next week, we will be completing our Assessment Week, while continuing our foundation learning.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.



Karla Pearson
Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day

Just a reminder... Next Friday 13th December, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school in addition to their usual school uniform (school trousers/skirt, shirt and shoes). We ask that those who choose to wear a festive jumper on this day bring in a food or toiletry donation for the Restore food bank - tinned or dried food is preferable. We have been advised by the food bank of items they have a shortage of, such things as washing powder, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, washing up liquid, bin bags, cleaning spray, rice, sugar, long life milk, jam, peanut butter, marmite, jars or cooking sauce, peanut butter, tinned meat, tinned vegetables and potatoes, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, tinned meals, curry's, hotdogs, pies. Christmas goodies such as chocolate coins, mince pies, biscuits, selection boxes, crisps. Please ensure your child brings this in with them on the day to allow for the donations to be gathered and delivered.

Reception Nativity – A Miracle in Town

This week, the Reception children have enjoyed performing their Nativity, 'A Miracle in Town.' They sang their songs beautifully and said their lines confidently and clearly. The Reception team would like to thank parents and carers for their support with the costumes and in helping the children to learn their lines and songs. We are incredibly proud of all the children and hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did.

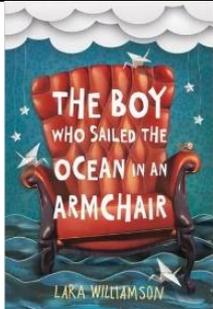
Spring Terms After School Clubs

All of the clubs will be available to book via Wisepay on the evening of **Tuesday 10th December**. Parents will receive a text and an email to confirm the booking system is live. Please note that parents are able to book **one club only** per child. If you have any queries, or require your Wisepay login information please contact the school office prior to this.

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
	
<p>Meerkat Mail Emily Gravett</p>	<p>The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair Lara Williamson</p>

Achievements outside of school

Congratulations to Paige, of class RB, who performed in her first ballet show on Saturday at The Magna Carta Theatre to complete her end of term assessment. She was awarded a lovely ballet medal for a brilliant performance. Well done Paige!



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

Panto Update

With an audience of around 250 across both pantomime shows, an amazing afternoon was had last Saturday. Chaplins Pantos did a tremendous job keeping everyone entertained and it was great to see so many of the audience participating. Thank you to all who attended, and a special thank you to those who planned and organized the event on the day – Alison Cornwell, Danny Blackwell, Lauren McBride, Catherine Cook and Amie White. We will update you next week with details of funds raised.

Advent Calendar Raffle Update

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket; the raffle was drawn on Saturday evening after the last pantomime, and the winners are:

Lego Harry Potter – No. 1514

Kinder Surprise – No. 230

Smiggle – No. 569

Lego City – collected on the night

Jelly Belly – No. 213

Naked Marshmallow – collected on the night

Christmas Craft Clubs (6th and 9th December)

The Christmas craft club for Years 2 and 3 takes place straight from school today. Children will be taken to the hall at the end of the school day by their teacher, and you will collect from the hall at 4:30pm. The session for Years 4, 5 and 6 will run on Monday 9th December with the same timings.

Reception Nativity DVDs

Reception children were filmed in the dress rehearsal of their Christmas Nativity on Tuesday, and there was the option at the shows on Wednesday and Thursday to purchase a DVD. If you have not yet done so, please leave an envelope in the PTA box with details of your child's name and class and the correct payment (£10 in cash) by the end of today.

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production DVDs

KS1 will be filmed in Monday's dress rehearsal of their Christmas production, and KS2 will be filmed in their dress rehearsal on Monday 16th. Each DVD costs £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 KS1 performance (2-3pm on Tuesday 10th December and 9:15-10:15am on Wednesday 11th December) 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, you will not be able to sign up for DVDs at the shows on 16th and 17th December, and instead all orders and payments for KS2 DVDs must be in the PTA box 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 13th December (KS1 and KS2 DVDs). DVDs will be sent home with your child before school finishes on Friday 20th December.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 24th January – Year 5 & 6 Games/Quiz Night

Between 6-8pm on Friday 24th January, children from Years 5 and 6 will have the chance to compete in their own quiz/games night. Please mark the date in your calendar: sign up details will be sent out in next week's newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary

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	None this week due to the Nativity performances	2J	Summer	4R	James
RC		2WM	Kareena	5J	Holly
RS		3D	Ghavan	5M	Freddie
1G	Ethan	3E	Henley	5W	Jemima
1KB	Affan	3L	Sienna	6G	Ryan
1L	Ionela	4A	Ethan	6L	Jay
2C	Francesca	4B	Henry	6S	Fabiana

Literacy Masters

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

RB	Tyler	2J	Leni	4R	Alfie
RC	Millie	2WM	Amreen	5J	Junior Jay
RS	Yasmin	3D	Luke	5M	Luka
1G	Kian	3E	Brooke	5W	Harry
1KB	Amber	3L	Ivy	6G	Angeli
1L	Jake	4A	Aimee	6L	Tom
2C	Darcy	4B	Ryan	6S	Emily

Maths Masters

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

RB	Karma	2J	Emily	4R	Dalilah
RC	Arjun	2WM	Hannah	5J	Sam
RS	Mya	3D	Aylin	5M	Amelia
1G	Billy	3E	Alex	5W	Noor
1KB	Jesse Blu	3L	Jemima	6G	Martim
1L	Consent to publish name not given	4A	William	6L	Dylan
2C	Jakub	4B	Bray	6S	Frankie

Jigsaw Award

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

RB	Latia	2J	Ethan	4R	Safaa
RC	Mia	2WM	Blu	5J	Bonnie
RS	Ioana	3D	Ciona	5M	Consent to publish name not given
1G	Fiona	3E	Ethan	5W	Olivia
1KB	Lewys	3L	Lola Rose	6G	Annika
1L	Gabi	4A	Rebecca	6L	Dylan
2C	Summer	4B	Dixie	6S	Scarlett

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Oliver, Kasey, Amy-Alison, Hrithik, Fletcher, Riley, Poppy, Mia, Ted, Affan, Riley, Damian, Daisy, Sophie, Kira, Nathan, Dixie, Ryan, Rosie, Kyra, Bray, Darcie, Abi, Chloe, Fred, Crystal, Mark, Annika who have all received a gold leaf this week.

Dates for 2019 – 2020

December		
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