

## **Welcome to the last edition of our newsletter for 2017.**

Wow! What a term! I have just finished assembly with our amazing children and I asked them to reflect on all they had achieved since September. I was really pleased that so many of their comments included the concept of working hard: 'We have learned lots of new things!' 'Done loads and loads of maths!' and 'We've done two SATS papers'. But alongside this, they also said, 'We have been kind to each other.' 'We have been helpful.' These statements really sum up what we hope to achieve here at Ecton Village Primary Academy - we want our children to work hard and to demonstrate our values of kindness, co-operation and resilience. This term, I have seen all of that in bucket loads: from an amazing year 6 pupil who became overwhelmed during the Christmas performance, but pulled it round and continued to sing her solo and carry on to finish her performance with confidence; to the small acts of kindness I see our children demonstrate every day - noticing when their friend is sad or helping another child on their table with their learning. They are such lovely young people.

Our children have also had some great adventures - the Owl Class residential was a huge success and now they all have tales of sleeping in a tent in October! The Badger and Hedgehog classes saw a performance in the village hall and are now passionate about global warming. The Squirrel class enjoy their regular walks through the village and are now intrepid explorers who will follow a trail through the fields!

We saw some improvements to our outdoor area - the gazebo, the rendering of the wall and the monkey bars were funded in part by your contributions to the PTA and the summer Fete last year.

We have done a vast amount of fundraising this term too - both for charities and for our school. We raised £470 for Children in Need and the Christmas Fete raised a WHOPPING £820! The funds from our Fete will go towards buying a Team Sports Kit for use when we compete against other schools; a trolley to store our lunch tables on and a new urn (for use in future fundraising events!) Thank you to everyone who donated things for the raffle and to all of you who came out to support the event.

Our Christmas Performances were truly magical and each and every child made me proud to be the Principal of this school. Please see inside for photographs of these magical events.

So - thank you for all your support, we can only do all the things we do because of the support of our families. We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Kate Cleaver*  
Principal

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# Class of the Week

8 December



15 December



## Pen Licence

None this time but keep trying!

# Pupils of the Week



All of the Squirrels are super!



Elsie & Georgia



Alessandro & Erica



Jasmine & Kiera



**Mon - Fri from 8am**

### **Ecton Early Birds Breakfast Club**

It has been lovely to see children already joining us for the Early Birds Breakfast Club. Children can be dropped off from 8:00, are given a healthy breakfast and then they can play games. The cost for this is only £3 per session. There is no need to book, but if you plan on using the breakfast club regularly, please let the office know.

**Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Streetdance**

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Dodgeball**

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Gymnastics**

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Thursday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Multi-Sports**

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**If you would like more information or your child would like to attend any of the above clubs please come to the school office.**

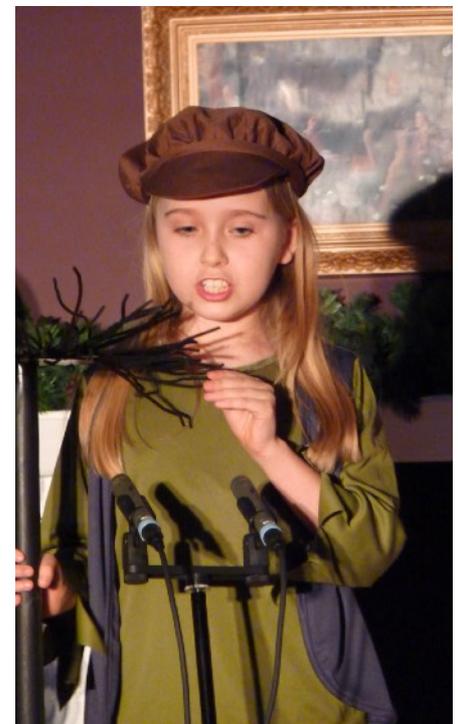
# KS1 Christmas Performance



# Christmas Fete



## KS2 Christmas Performance



# Academic Calendar 2017/2018

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- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Pupil Day
- Training Day



## Notices

### Our Morning Routine

Can you please ensure that children arrive no later than 8:50 so that they can be registered and in assembly on time. The gate will now lock at 9:00am and parents must accompany children to the front office and sign in the late book. Thank you for your support with this.

### Term Time Holidays

Please can we reiterate that term time holidays will NEVER be authorised. It is not acceptable to take your child out of school for a family holiday, or for a family trip / birthday treat. Please understand that any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may be referred to the Local Education Authority (LEA) and that ANY holiday (even one or two days) will also be referred to the LEA. The LEA may then impose a fine. The LEA can fine parents £60 for taking their child on holiday without permission. The fine is per child, per absence and each parent can be fined.

For further information and guidance on attendance please see the Hatton Academies Trust 'Attendance for Learning Policy' which can be found, with all other policies, on our website

### A Sad Farewell

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to Julia Brown at the end of this term. She has been a huge support to staff and families for the past five years and I am sure that you will miss her as much as we will.

Thank You Mrs Brown - you will be missed!

**The children return to school on Thursday 4 January - see you then!**

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