



King's Cliffe Endowed Primary School

Growing a Love for Learning



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Tea-Time Talk

Our school value of the fortnight is TOLERANCE. Please take some time to talk to your child about the importance of accepting the beliefs and behaviours of others and to celebrate our differences.

This Week's Good News

Year 4 had their Titanic Day this week. Upon boarding the Titanic, all passengers were issued with a ticket of a real life passenger, who we later found out more about and discovered if they were a survivor or a victim. We had to help the chefs prepare potato and leek soup and cabin biscuits and we were able to experience what dining was like for first and third class passengers. We helped to make soap for the first class cabins complete with decorative packaging that we made ourselves. We also made a photo frame for our boarding photos and got to make a candle which helped us to remember all the people who lost their lives aboard Titanic. We had a fabulous day and looked absolutely brilliant too!



A huge well done to Theo Julien, Isaac Treacy, Henry Lusher, Matthew Treacy and George Lusher who all took part in the Stamford Santa Fun Run last weekend. They looked every bit the part in their Santa costumes.

We are delighted to welcome back Ronnie (Y1) and Cleona (PS) Mountain and their family who have been travelling for the past three months.

This week sees the last of our Yoga classes for pupils. The children have really enjoyed learning a bit of Yoga and some relaxation techniques. We would like to thank Anna Stockley who has been introducing the children to Yoga this term.

Christmas Performances

We have just a few tickets left for our Christmas performances. If you would like to request any more additional tickets, please speak with Mrs Evans as soon as possible. Tickets will be sent out via your child's book bag next week.

Also, a reminder to parents that children will need to have their costumes in school for dress rehearsals on Monday. For the two evening performances, children will need to be back in school for 5.30pm, please.

After School Clubs Update

All teacher lead clubs finished this week. The following paid clubs will be on next week: One Touch Football, Kids4Fitness years 1-2. Please note that, due to the Christmas performance taking place on Thursday, 19th December, the Kids4Fitness after school club for years 3-6 **WILL NOT** be running next week.

Diary Dates

Monday, 16th Dec

One Touch Football for Yrs 1-2 & 3-6 @ 3.25-4.25

Kids4Fitness for Yrs 1-2 @ 3.30-4.30

Tuesday, 17th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day, Lunch & Panto

Wednesday, 18th Dec

Years 1-6 Christmas Production @ 6pm

Thursday, 19th Dec

PS & FS Christmas Production @ 10:30

Years 1-6 Christmas Production @ 6pm

Friday, 20th Dec

School Closes for Christmas @ 3.25pm

Future Dates:

Tuesday, 7th Jan

School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday, 22nd Jan

Y2 Class Assembly

Thursday, 30th Jan

Watoto Children's Choir Concert

Monday, 3rd Feb

Individual School Photos

Thursday, 6th Feb

Year 1 Class Assembly

Friday, 14th Feb

School closes @ 3.25pm for half term

Monday, 24th Feb

School re-opens to pupils

A Note from the PFA

Please remember to come along and support the PFA Christmas Fair this evening, starting at 5pm. It promises to be a fun-packed evening for children and parents alike. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely weekend!

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Tuesday, 17th December is our School Council Christmas jumper day and children can come into school in non-uniform for a £1 donation towards our chosen charities, Asthma UK and World Wide Fund for Nature.

Christmas Lunches

Don't forget that, as well as being our Christmas jumper day, next Tuesday, 17th December, we will also be serving Christmas Lunch followed by a Panto in the afternoon. If you wish to order a lunch for your child on 17th December, please place your orders in the usual way online by Monday, 16th December. Please note that only a Christmas lunch is available that day, either roast turkey or a vegetarian alternative. No other lunches are available so if your child does not want a Christmas lunch, please ensure that you send them into school with a "festive" packed lunch.

As the kitchen is serving a roast on Tuesday, the shepherd's pie will be served on Wednesday.

Celebration Assemblies

Parents have been asking us to clarify what is appropriate for children to bring in to share their success with us in our Friday Celebration Assemblies. We would suggest that appropriate celebrations are any sports certificates/badges, Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides awards, etc.

Polite Request

It has been brought to our attention that sometimes parents like to bring treats to school when collecting their children at the end of the day. As you know, we are a Healthy Eating School and, in line with our Healthy Eating Policy, we would politely ask parents to wait until they leave the school grounds to give their children a treat. Furthermore, some parents who prefer not to give their children treats between meals have commented that they are finding it difficult at the end of the day when their children see others getting treats after school. We would kindly ask you to bear in mind also that some children do suffer from allergies or intolerances and handing out treats is not always appropriate. Therefore we would very much appreciate your support in waiting until you are off school grounds before giving your child their treat or snack. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mobile Phones

Can we politely request that, as part of our safeguarding, parents do not use mobile phones whilst on school grounds. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Dear Parents

Staff and pupils are very excited to launch our new weekly 'Reading Café' starting in January. We had a trial recently and then asked staff and pupils their thoughts and feelings, and it resulted in everybody loving it.

How does it work? Every Monday each member of teaching staff chooses a book that they would like to read and add this to our 'Reading Menu.' Throughout the week, the menu is passed to each class and the children choose which book they are going to listen to. On Thursday at 3pm, each child goes to the chosen classroom and enjoys listening to an adult read either the whole text or part of the text.

Why are we starting a weekly Reading Café? We want to give children their Pupil voice. This allows them the right to choose which book or adult they would like to work with as well as offering them a chance to enjoy an adult read to them in a calm, exciting environment. We are including a wide variety of genres and age range of books.

How can you help? Each week we would also like to have a mystery reader. The mystery reader will still add their book to the school reading café but pupils will not know who the adult is. During our trial, Mrs Harris (Pre-school Lead) was our mystery reader and the children were very intrigued trying to guess who it was going to be. We would welcome parents and grandparents as mystery readers.

Please find attached a slip below that we would ask you to return if you would like to be one of our mystery readers. Once we have all the completed slips, we will be allocating weeks and will let you know which date you will be reading on. Please keep this a secret from your child, as we want all children intrigued and curious.

Many thanks for your support.

Denise Horton
English Lead

I would like to be a mystery reader on a Thursday at 3pm.

Name _____

Name & Year of child/children _____

Book I would like to read (it can be a chapter if you're choosing a larger book)

Dates for the Diary

In order to give families as much warning as possible please find a list of the all the events that are planned in our diary. Please note that dates and times may be subject to change. Further details will follow as we get closer to the event.

Please note changes and new dates have been marked in green/bold/underlined

January 2020

3rd—Teacher inset day
6th—Teacher inset day
7th—School re-opens to pupils
22nd—Year 2 Class Assembly
30th—Watoto Children's Choir Concert

February

3rd—Individual School Photos
6th—Year 1 Class Assembly
14th—School closes @3.25pm for half term
24th—School re-opens to pupils

March

5th—World Book Day
11th—Year 3 Class Assembly
16th—Whole School Photo
16th—Parents' Evening - Early
18th—Parents' Evening - Late
25th—Year 4 Class Assembly
w/c 30th—Oundle Festival

April

3rd—School closes @3.25pm for Easter break
20th—Teacher inset day
21st—School re-opens to pupils

May

8th—Bank Holiday—school will be closed
4th—Year 2 SATS begin
11th—Year 6 SATS begin
21st—May Pole Festival
22nd—School closes @3.25pm for half term

June

1st—School re-opens to pupils
8th—Phonics Screening begins
15th—18th—Years 3 & 4 Residential
18th—Primary Dance Festival at The Cresset
24th—FS Class Assembly
26th—Sports Day

July

3rd—Back up Sports Day
10th—TASC Enterprise @ 3pm
14th—Leavers' Performance @ 1.30pm & 6pm
17th—Leavers' Church Services @ 9.30am
School closes for summer @ 3.25pm



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