

December 2019

This half term children in Year 1 have had a visit from live owls to support their enjoyment of the story 'Owl Babies'. Children in Year 2 have taken part in multi-skills activities at Easton College and a team building activity day at Eaton Vale Centre. Reception have visited the theatre to see 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' and carried out their own science experiments with the help of the scientists at the John Innes Centre. Nursery have settled in well and have been enjoying a range of hands on experiences indoors and outside. The main school also took part in a 'Maths Puzzle Day' organised by Mrs Wood. To end the term children in main school are enjoying a visit to the Garage to see 'My First Pantomime'. All these activities bring the curriculum alive but they cost money, so thank you for your voluntary contributions which help us to provide these experiences for your children.

Christmas Fun

We were delighted to see so many families attend our 'Decoration Day'. The school looks all the more Christmassy, thanks to your efforts with your children. Thank you for your support with the Christmas Fair. We raised over £620 which will enable the school to subsidise educational visits, which are so important in enriching the curriculum for your children. The recent Christmas performances proved just how talented our children are. I am sure you are as proud of them as we are. Thank you to everyone who provided costumes. **Christmas parties** take place on **Tuesday 17th December** during the school day. Children may come to school in their party clothes if they wish. The nursery sessions on that day will run from 8.40-11am and 1pm- 3.15pm.

The School Day

Please remember that the school day in main school starts promptly at **9am** and arriving on time for both main school and nursery sessions is very important. RWI teaching begins straight after registration at 9am. If your child would like breakfast then they will need to be here by 8.50 am at the latest. Please be prompt when collecting your child at the end of the school day or nursery session at 3.15pm in main school and by 11.40am/3.30pm in nursery. If you are stuck in traffic or unable to collect and need to send someone else please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Contacting You

Please ensure we have your most up to date contact details, especially mobile phone numbers. These can be updated at the school office.

Parent Representatives

We had our first half termly meeting with Parent Reps in November. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure parents/carers have a voice and your views and opinions are heard. At the meeting in November we discussed communication and how we can improve, so let your parent representatives know if you have ideas. You can find out who your child's class Parent Representative is from the Parent Representative poster displayed in each class, or by asking your child's class teacher.

The Roost

We officially took over the running of the Sure Start Hub last term which is now known as the **Roost**. This gives school the additional space to hold our Solihull Parenting classes in there, as well as our weekly Pat a Cake sessions for babies and toddlers run by Emma Cane our Speech & Language Therapist and our Play Therapy sessions run by Alex Walker. In addition to this we have been able to invite Family Matters to run some courses for families and we have invited the Dental Team in after Christmas to share information on the importance of diet and teeth brushing for young children. Look out for more information in the New Year.



Uniform

A year ago we introduced compulsory school uniform. The school colours are royal blue and white on top and black/dark grey skirt or trousers. Please help your child with this and let staff know if there are any issues.

Staffing

At the end of this term we have to say goodbye to Mrs Daley as she takes up a new post as a RWI Consultant. Mrs Daley has been at our school since 2013 as Year 1 Class Teacher and most recently Key Stage 1 Lead. I am sure like staff, you will want to say your own goodbyes and wish her well. Miss Edwards will take over the role of Rowan class teacher for the spring and summer term. Miss Edwards has regularly taught at our school as a supply teacher and knows the school and the children well.

We also have to say goodbye to Mrs Barber in Nursery and Mrs Laker-Jones in Oak class. We wish them well in their new jobs.



Return to school

Main school, Saplings and Seedlings nursery classes return on Monday 6th January. Conkers nursery class returns on Tuesday 7th January.

Term Dates January:

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| Friday 10 th | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |
| Friday 17 th | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |
| Thursday 23 rd | Indian Dance Reflection Workshop |
| Friday 24 th | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |
| Thursday 30 th | Music Movement Workshop for Chinese New Year |
| Friday 31 st | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |

Term Dates February:

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| Monday 3 rd | YR 1 Multi Skills Festival |
| Friday 7 th | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |
| Friday 14 th | Reception Gymnastic at UEA |
| SCHOOL CLOSED FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM Monday 17th – Friday 21st February | |

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

All staff at school wish all of our families and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

