

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

December 2020



There has been a lovely festive atmosphere in school during December and the children have enjoyed participating in a range of festive activities to bring the year to a close. Although we have not been able to carry out all of our usual Christmas events, the children have still had an enjoyable time and will have a variety of fond memories to look back upon in future years. We have put some of the class Christmas performances on the school Class Dojo page and we hope you enjoy looking at these at home. On behalf of all of the staff at Egginton, I would like to thank you for your support throughout this most unusual and challenging year. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a good start to 2021. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday, 5th January.

Mr Kitching

Christmas Performances

Our Derwent Class performed a slightly different Nativity this year by presenting it through the medium of puppets. They all did extremely well and their art work and singing was fantastic. They also sang the classic carol 'Away in a Manger'.

Meanwhile, the Trent Class and Dove Class also sang a selection of their favourite carols in front of the Christmas tree in the hall including 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas', 'Midnight' and 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.

The performances are available to view on the school Class Dojo page.



Christmas Dinner

On 9th December the children and staff participated in the annual Christmas dinner. Due to the current national restrictions for schools, it was a little different to normal but there was still a great atmosphere. Thank you to the DCC Catering team for serving the meal and thank you to the PTA for providing the Christmas crackers.



Etwall Christmas tree festival

This year we are pleased to be taking part in the Etwall Christmas Tree festival. The theme for our Christmas tree is 'Frozen – 2020 The Year the World Stood Still'. The children have made decorations which reflect things that they have seen or been personally affected by during lockdown. If you would like to see our tree (as well as the other trees that have been entered) they will be on display at St. Helen's Church in Etwall during the Christmas period.

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DCC Interschool Sport Competition

Last week our pupils from across the school had a great time participating in a virtual sports tournament hosted by the South Derbyshire Sports Partnership.

The pupils tried their best at a variety of events including athletics, archery, fencing and dodgeball. We have sent our results in to the organisers and we will await to see how well we have done!



Professor McGinty visit

Professor McGinty visited our school on Thursday. He hosted separate presentations to each class about Christmas during different historical periods including the Victorians and World War 2. The children loved Professor McGinty and were so glad that he came in to see them. They enjoyed his fascinating facts and funny presentation style. Thank you to our fabulous PTA for funding Professor McGinty's visit.

Christmas Party Day

Our pupils had a great time during their class Christmas parties on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to both the PTA and the Jubilee Club for providing refreshments. The highlight of the party was a fleeting visit from a very special guest. We would like to thank Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule and coming to see the children at Egginton. He really made their day!



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PTA Raffle

Congratulations to our PTA Raffle winners! The lucky recipients of a Christmas hamper are:

Lisa Whittaker

Carl Coalbourne

Jasmine Bryan

Jacob Slater-Ferguson

Beate Helmke

Maria Chivite Barron

Les Brocklebank

We hope you all enjoy the contents of your hampers over Christmas!

It's Christmas!

On Christmas Eve I go to bed,
Pictures of Santa swirling in my head.
On Christmas day I then wake up,
Come down the stairs Clump! Clump! Clump!
Then it strikes noon, how fast time flies!
I have some roast turkey and then some mince
pies.
Time for presents! I can't wait for long.
We all unwrap the presents together and then
we sing a song.
Soon it's dinnertime and we all have some grub,
The food's so good it's like we're in a pub.
Then comes something that seems to have
come out of a bog.
But don't worry, it's a chocolate log!
After a busy day it's time to get some sleep
And the best way to do that is by counting some
sheep.

Mayzia (Trent Class)

Christmas Day

On Christmas morning I wake up and I see
glistening snow,
When I come downstairs I see prickly
Christmas trees beaming with lights and
baubles.
Next, I step outside and I hear excited
children shrieking whilst having snow fights.
When I wake up on Christmas morning we
all unwrap the shiny presents.
When I wake up on Christmas morning I can
hear Christmas carols.
When I wake up on Christmas morning I
smell gingerbread houses being made.
When I wake up on Christmas morning I feel
shiny presents.
When I wake up on Christmas morning,
We all have Christmas joy inside!

Erin (Trent Class)

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Date	Event
4 th January 2021	INSET day – School closed to pupils
5 th January	School open to staff and pupils
12 th January	PTA Meeting at 7pm on Zoom
11 th February	Celebration Assembly (online)
12 th February	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
15 th to 19 th February	School closed for half term break.
22 nd February	School Open to staff and pupils
1 st April	Celebration Assembly (Online)
2 nd April to 16 th April	School closed for Easter break
19 th April	School open to staff and pupils
3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed
31 st May to 4 th June	School closed for half term break
7 th June and 8 th June	INSET Days – School closed to pupils
22 nd July	Last day of the school academic year