



Today marked the completion of the first half term of the academic year. We began the morning with a virtual Celebration Assembly whereby all three classes joined together via video link to celebrate their achievements over the last eight weeks. The children have all done extremely well during the last half term and this was represented by the vast number of team points they have amassed for both their fantastic work and exceptional behaviour. Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy the half term break with your families.

*Mr Kitching*

## Dove Class Plague inspired artwork

The Dove Class have been enjoying a fascinating topic this term about the famous Derbyshire village of Eyam and the inhabitants' brave battle against the Plague that afflicted them so terribly in the seventeenth century. They have deepened their understanding of this infamous period of history through a range of cross curricular tasks. Earlier this week they used modelling clay to mould plague masks similar to the type that would have been worn during the period. Some examples can be seen in the photo.



## Halloween at Egginton

Throughout the school the pupils this week have been enjoying participating in a range of Halloween themed activities.

This has included artwork, creative writing and a Halloween

treasure hunt. Many thanks to Mrs Aitken for decorating the

school garden and entrance with many Halloween themed items that have added to the children's excitement this week.



# EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

October 2020



## Celebration Assembly

	<b>Derwent Class</b>	<b>Trent Class</b>	<b>Dove Class</b>
Maths Award	Thomas	Joseph	Rosie
English Award	Charlotte	Jeremy	Eve
Star Award	All of Reception!	Ava	Jenson
Lunch time Awards	Alana Flynn	Noah Georgia	Alfred D. Jenna
Class Half term Attendance	97.39%	<b>98.16%</b>	97.09%

## **Team Points (Team names chosen by the School Council)**

Red Roses	Blue Bluebells	Yellow Dandelions	Green Grass
600	658	627	<b>659</b>

## **PTA News**

Thank you to everyone that attended the PTA AGM Zoom meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Naomi Wilson is stepping down from her role as Chair of the PTA Committee this year. Many thanks to her for all of the time and effort she has put in during her tenure as Chair as well as her support for the school.

In her place, Claire Bowen will be the new Chair of the PTA Committee and she will be supported by Shelly Boyle as the new Secretary and Hayley Marriot as the new Treasurer. The PTA have always been an invaluable support to the school and have organised and enabled lots of memorable experiences for the children and the community. We look forward to continuing this successful partnership.

One of the school fundraising projects that the PTA leads is the online school lottery. Further details about how you can support this can be found on the attached flyer or by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/egginton-primary-school>

If you would like to get involved with the Egginton PTA, the next online meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Please contact Mrs Pepper in the school office via phone or email and she will send out an invitation to the meeting to you in due course.



## 'A Gift From You' Christmas Appeal

2020 has been a very difficult year and left many families financially struggling to provide for their families.

A local community group A Gift From You (Face Book page A Gift From You (Food Bank Support)) have been supporting families by providing food hampers and Churches Together Swadlincote have been providing hot meals on a Friday to our most vulnerable community members.

This Christmas Derbyshire County Council Children's Services are working alongside A Gift From You and Churches Together Swadlincote to provide a Christmas Food Hamper and Shoe Box gifts to local families (children and adults) to spread festive cheer.



We are inviting you to support this project if you wish, by donating small items such as festive themed chocolate, sweets, biscuits, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shaving foam, shampoo / conditioner, brush, comb) or small gifts to give a few ideas. These will be added to a shoe box or a gift bag to give to families.

Or if you prefer you could donate a filled shoe box / gift bag labelling it for an adult / male / female and what age group it is for (baby, 2-4, 5-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16+ years)

We would ask that all donations are brought into school by the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Your support would be greatly appreciated and it will make a huge difference to a family's Christmas.

Thank you.

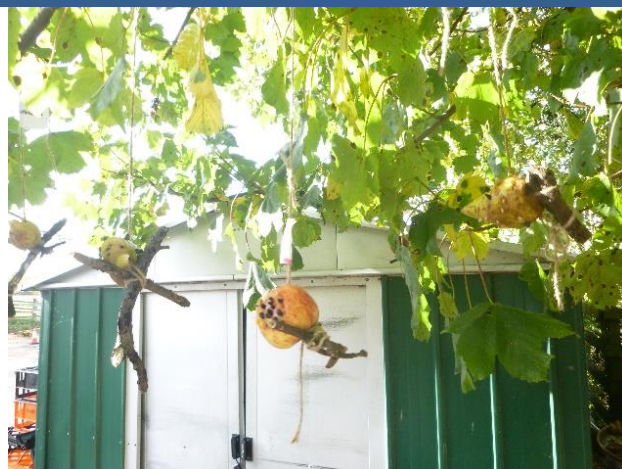
## Christmas Tree Festival

We are going to take part in this year's Christmas Tree festival at St Helens Church, Etwall. Our tree theme is 'Frozen in Time' and the children will all be making a decoration to go on the tree. There are about 35 community groups who are taking part, and the trees will be put up outside the church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and will be there until the first weekend in January 2021. Everyone is welcome to go and have a look at the trees during this time.



## Derwent Class Bird Feeders

To conclude their Science topic on Animals this week, the Derwent class have made a range of bird feeders. They used sticks, string, apples, pears and bird seed to make their bird feeders and they are currently hanging from branches of the trees near the mud kitchen. We know from earlier in the topic that a range of different animals can be found in and around the school grounds and the children are hoping that the bird feeders will invite more birds to the playground.



Date	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Break – School Closed to Pupils
From 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings (via phonecall)
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Dove Class Trip to Eyam
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Online applications open for Reception 2021
17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Online Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Professor McGinty Christmas History Workshop visit to school
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – break up for Christmas
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	INSET Day - School closed to pupils.
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Children return to school