



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Well done to all the children that have worked hard on their assessments over the past two weeks as I know that they have been un-settling for some of you. At least now, we can begin to look forward to the Christmas events that December brings. Please read the newsletter carefully especially the diary dates on the back. Thank you and have a great weekend.

A few reminders for next week

On **Monday** the PTFA will be having their annual Christmas Jumper donation, so if you have any jumpers/top which your children have grown out of, please donate them to the school.

Tuesday is Panto Day, the children will be having an early lunchtime and then a whippy Ice cream before the panto starts. If there are any children who have allergies to Ice cream please let Mrs Barry know. If you haven't yet made payment for the panto, it is still available on ParentPay. This is a great treat for the children, if we don't cover costs then we will not be able to book for next year.

Wednesday is Pyjama Day for Beach Class

On **Thursday** the school nurse will be in for the NCMP for year 6 children.

Friday is a very busy day, if you need a Christmas jumper for your child, we will have some on display, so please have a look and take one if needed. We have Helena Dollimore in school to talk to our school council and the rest of the school in assembly. It is a mufti day in school, so children are able to wear their own clothes. The PTFA are asking children to bring in tombola prizes for the school Fayre.

Christmas Dinner please make sure you have booked your child's Christmas dinner by the 8th December, thank you.

As Christmas approaches, I thought I would send out a quick reminder of the fundraising you can help with just by doing your everyday shopping online. The school has an easyfundraising account which raises money for the school every time you shop online. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UEL3MQ/> Companies like Amazon, eBay and Dunelm (to name a few) pay the school a % every time you shop and if everyone uses this app it would make such a huge difference. All you need to do is download the easyfundraising app and choose Icklesham PTFA as your cause or follow the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UEL3MQ/> and then shop as you normally would online or through the app. You can also set a donation reminder via the settings in the app and a little reminder pops up if the website you visit pays via easy fundraising. Tap on the reminder and everything else is taken care of for you. This is a free app and doesn't cost you anything extra on any items you purchase but all the pennies donated soon add up and it all goes to the school. Please take a moment to have a look and download if you can. Thank you in advance

Coral Class This week in nursery we have started our Christmas crafts and have made a Christmas post box ready for next week! The children have explored our new mud kitchen area and have been making lots of different potions. We have been developing our recognition skills when listening to everyday sounds through listening games and instruments. We are very excited for frozen week next week!

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been learning about winter animals. We have read lots of stories about animals hibernating during winter and building their winter houses. In phonics, we have now learnt all our phase 2 sounds so we are ready to move onto phase 3 after Christmas. For the next few weeks, we will be consolidating these sounds and practicing blending these in different words along with learning our irregular words. We will also continue practicing writing these letters. In maths, we have been exploring 4 sided shapes and comparing squares and rectangles. The children have been spotting shapes in the environment and noticing how all objects are made up of different shapes. Next week is Frozen week so we will be exploring all things ice, snow and winter. Remember on Wednesday we have our pyjama day as part of this. We even have some exciting visitors on this day... Elsa and Olaf (please keep this a secret from the children). Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine award winners', **Hudson H** and **Sonny**.

Woodland Class Woodland class have been very busy this week! We have been learning about fact families in maths, writing about our 5 senses in English, and in science we took part in an eating experiment to use our taste buds. The children learnt about online relationships in PSHE and why it is important to keep themselves safe. All of woodland class have also been working hard during the Nativity practice. The 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Maisie** for her amazing self-portrait in art, and to **William** for always working hard and showing progress in his maths.

Rainforest Class What a week, Rainforest! You have all been so brilliant at a whole week of testing, from Maths to Writing assessments as well as a Multiplication knowledge check, and you have all tackled the unusual week with confidence and resilience. Rainforest have still kept up with their usual learning including discovering what Spanish people call their family members, making posters in Science of which animals are omnivores, carnivores and herbivores, and History saw us finding out the different types of houses from varying Stone age eras! The book Stone age Boy is the inspiration behind our stop motion project in Computing, in PSHE we have been understanding the types of bullying that can happen and what to do about it. We have had a blast making flap cards in D&T for our traditional classroom advent calendar. The first door of which we will be opening on Monday! Our 'Let Your Light Shine' awards this week go to the whole of **Rainforest Class** for their upbeat attitude towards all of their tests this week! You are all stars.

Well Done on a super week!

Eden Class Eden Class have had another busy week as we concluded our Autumn assessments. Parents of Y6 children, I will be offering a drop in next Friday afternoon to discuss the mock SATS results of your child. Please email me if you would like to come in. I can do from 2pm - 3pm. There was much excitement on Wednesday when we began to construct our fairground rides for our DT learning. They are going to look amazing when they have finished. We also took part in 'UK Parliament Week' and made some suggests of laws we would change and found out all about Helena Dollimore, who is hoping visit us next week. The 'Let Your Light Shine' awards this week go to **Louis** for his excellent work in RE and DT and for **Hugo** for his excellent work in the Reading Project and during UK Parliament week. Well done.

#WakeUpWednesday This online safety guide examines the TikTok app, highlighting risks such as inappropriate content, data misuse, addictive use, and stranger contact. [What You Need to Know: TikTok](#) | [E-safety guide](#)



Dates for your diary

December

Monday 1st —Christmas jumper donation
Tuesday 2nd—Whole school Pantomime
Thursday 4th—School nurse team to see Year 6 children
Friday 5th—Pre loved Christmas Jumpers available
Friday 5th—MP Helena Dollimore in school.
Friday 5th—Mufti Day for tombola prizes
Monday 8th—Kings and Queens day in Woodland Class
Wednesday 10th—Eden class to Glyndebourne
Friday 12th—Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th—Children singing at Icklesham Christmas event 4.30pm
Monday 15th—Nativity Dress rehearsal for the whole school and Pre school children

December

Monday 15th—Nativity performance 1, 2pm
Tuesday 16th—Nativity Performance 2, 5pm
Wednesday 17th—Christmas dinner
Friday 19th—Carol concert in church 9.30am
Friday 19th—Last day of term 2

Inset Days 2025—2026

Monday 5th January 20206
Monday 1st June 2026

All INSET Days are now confirmed—please use this information to plan days out and holiday travel etc. to avoid absence in school time.

ESCC Term Dates

East Sussex Term Dates are available online at
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>