



# Eden Park Academy

## Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our School Librarians supported by Mrs Litherland, have been working hard on ideas to get Eden Park excited about reading this Christmas. For the month of December and the lead up to Christmas, the librarians are going to create a festive display and book advent for the school.

They are planning to choose and wrap some festive books which will have a date of December on them and placed on the shelf in the library under a display. The idea is that each class will have one day of the week to go and open the advent for that day and share the book (or chapter of the book) together in the library. Sharing stories in the library came through as something many children wanted more of when we carried out our school survey. This is a wonderful idea, and we know the children will look forward to some festive reading fun!

We also know our small team of PTFA supporters have been trying to organise ideas and support for the proposed Xmas Fayre on 12<sup>th</sup> December. These events really depend on parental support, and we ask that anyone with any time or ideas please contact the PTFA to help. Many thanks everyone.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Mr Blunt and Ms Warner

### Key Stage 2 – Pirate Visit!

KS2 had a brilliant day on Monday, where we began to explore our new history topic...Pirates! We had a visit from local actress Carolyn Hinton who explored the life and times of Henry Avery; the most successful pirate that no one has heard of!

They also did some work orienteering and working together in PE (essential pirate skills!) and designed their own pirate ship flags. The children asked great questions and listened really well throughout the day. We can't wait to get stuck into more piratical learning over the next week!



## Cinema & Cultural Visit Reminders



A reminder that the payments for the school trip to Barnstaple Cinema to see Elf and the Jewish Cultural Visit are due by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

These can be paid online via MCAS or in cash via the school office. Early payment is appreciated to help with planning. Thank you.

## PTFA News

The Christmas Fayre is on **12th December from 4pm till 5pm**. We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon of festive fun. There will also be a tombola and we would appreciate any donations for this.

Don't forget we will also be hosting an adults only quiz on **December 19th from 6pm to 9pm!** Please see info further on in the newsletter.



## Early Years Fundraiser

A huge thank you to parents and staff who have donated such lovely prizes for our Christmas raffle.

This is just a selection of our donations so far. It is not too late to donate a small Christmas item if you would like to. We will have lots of goody bags for our raffle prizes at the Christmas Fayre on **12th December**.

Raffle tickets will go on sale next week. Please ask at the Office. Tickets are £1 each. Tickets will also be on sale at the Fayre.

Thank you for your support  
The Early Years Team



## Library Fundraiser



Our school librarians have been busy at work and have created a wonderful Christmas hamper that is filled with lots of Christmas treats for the whole family to enjoy.

To be in for a chance to win and to help them reach their target, we are selling a strip of raffle tickets just £1. That's five chances of winning! The lucky winner will be chosen at random **on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see the school office for tickets.

## Primary School Admissions

**Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?**

Applications can now be made for a primary school place for entry in Reception class in September 2025. You must apply for your child's place by **15th January 2025**.

You can apply for a school place online at:

[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)



If you cannot access the school admissions website, you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019** to request a paper copy.

## Birthdays This Week

Ronnie D, McKenzie J, Jeremiah T, Billy C  
& Evana T

Happy Birthday from all  
at Eden Park!!

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**TO  
YOU**

## Festive dates for your diary

### 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christingle at Holy Trinity Church (pm)  
(Starlings & Kingfishers)

### 11<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Carol Concert (pm)

### 12<sup>th</sup> December

PTFA Christmas Fayre (4 - 5pm)  
Nursery Cake Sale (3pm)

### 13<sup>th</sup> December

Cinema Visit to see Elf  
(Reception to Year 6)

### 16<sup>th</sup> December

Kingfishers, Herons, Puffins & Swallows  
to watch performance @ Pannier Market (am)

### 17<sup>th</sup> December

Reception & KS1 Nativity (pm)

### 18<sup>th</sup> December

Rock Steady Concert  
School Christmas Lunch &  
Father Christmas Visit

### 19<sup>th</sup> December

PTFA Christmas Quiz (6 - 9pm)

### 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Jumper Days

## Upcoming Community Events



**HAF CHRISTMAS**  
**ACTIVITY DAYS**

**Ofsted**

**DEVON HAF**  
HOBBY ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

**f** Primary Sports and Education North Devon

**DATES:**  
- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY  
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

**STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**9.00AM - 1.00PM**  
Extended options available

**5 - 11 YEAR OLDS**

**PRIMARY SPORTS & EDUCATION**

**HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK!**

**For More information, contact us :**  
☎ [north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk)  
🌐 [www.primary-sports.co.uk](http://www.primary-sports.co.uk)  
☎ 07531530131

The poster features a festive winter scene with Santa Claus and a reindeer in a green car. It includes logos for Ofsted and Devon HAF, a Facebook icon, and several photographs showing children participating in activities like a dance performance and a group game.



**Barnwood BEARS**

**CHRISTMAS**  
*Wreath Making*

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**10.30-12.30 & 2.00- 4.00**

*Come and join our wreath making class, with fizz  
Hot drinks &  
Christmas cakes*

**THE BIG SHEEP**

The poster is decorated with a holly and berry wreath border. It features a paw print logo for Barnwood Bears and two photographs: one showing people working on wreaths at a table and another showing a completed wreath with a sheep figurine.



# Christmas at Arlington Court

## Opening times:

Open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, 10am-4pm, from 16 November until 15 December.

Then open daily, 10am-3pm from 16 December to 5 January, excluding 24, 25 & 26 Dec



Experience Christmas at Arlington as never before. The house will be dressed to impress with each room themed on a Victorian Christmas carol, from ships sailing down the dining room table to sheep taking over the drawing room, an exciting display awaits in every room.

## Evening openings

Thursday 5, 12 & 19 December, 10am- 7pm

Discover Arlington after dark, when the Christmas magic comes to life. Pick up a tasty festive treat from the tea-room, take part in family crafts or browse a selection of artworks and gifts from local artists in the Activity Room.

Last entry to the house is 6:30pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children, members can enter for free and pre booking not required.

### TARKA LEISURE CENTRE

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Why not join our weekly lesson programme and continue your journey

Lessons available for all ages and abilities  
Weekdays and weekends available

FREE public swimming included  
FREE swim hat provided  
FREE softplay included

To book your place

Call the centre on 01271 373361

Go online at [LeisureCentre.com](http://LeisureCentre.com)

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Learn to Swim Programme



## FOUNDATION HUBS

TASTER SESSION  
5 DECEMBER 2024  
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
EX32 9AX  
5.30 - 7 PM



WEDNESDAYS  
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025  
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025

7 PM - 8:30 PM

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10\*

\*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are **not** eligible.

Sign Up



For more information contact  
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01392 262509 / 07939 015663  
or visit [www.devoncricket.co.uk/mcwf-hubs](http://www.devoncricket.co.uk/mcwf-hubs)

## NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

VENUE  
Pilton Community College  
Chaddiford Ln  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1RB

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter on: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024!

EDEN PARK PTFA

PRESENTS

Scan QR  
code to buy  
your teams  
ticket!



SCAN ME



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER  
6PM

— BAR & MULLED WINE —

- RAFFLE
- MINCIE PIES
- NIBBLES
- £10 A TEAM
- TEAMS OF UPTO 6

**£60 PRIZE!!!**

## PLEASE NOTICE

- This is an adult only quiz.
- Cash only.
- Bar will be open before the quiz and during the interval.