



Eden Park Academy

Newsletter



Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful festive week at Eden Park. We want to thank the community for getting involved in the PTFA's Xmas Fayre and making it a lovely event. Our newly formed PTFA have worked so hard this year to create some new events for our children and we all appreciate everything that Jade (Chair) and her team have done so far. We have had a festive cinema trip with the whole school today and the PTFA provided a goody bag for every child to help enjoy the movie. Remember, if you can help in anyway at any future events, please let them know as they are always looking for additional help. Thank you to all the staff who also supported the event.

Our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert was really well attended by parents on Wednesday, and the children really sang their hearts out. It was a very special event with lots of dancing and smiles. Next week is the turn of our youngest children who are putting on a traditional nativity for parents. We are all really excited for this as it reminds us of the true spirit of Christmas and is always a highlight of Christmas at primary school.

Finally, a big thank you to our kitchen team who have planned our Christmas dinners on Wednesday. We know the children are really looking forward to this. A lot of thought and planning goes into making these special memories for them - memories that often last a lifetime!

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend,
Mr Blunt, Ms Warner and Mrs Newman.

Jewish Cultural Workshop



This week we were visited by Jane, A Jewish cultural champion, who taught us about how Jewish people celebrate Hanukah. The children had the opportunity to try on Kippahs (prayer hats) and play with Dreidels that Jane had brought in. They also learnt to speak some Hebrew. Jane taught the children how to say and write hello Mum and hello Dad. We even got to have some doughnuts at the end! Jewish people celebrate Hanukah with fried food to symbolise the miracle of the oil lasting 8 days.



In some classes, children have already made their own Menorahs (candle holders) while other children will be completing this over the next week.

Bear and Bake Sale Update

You may remember, last month we held a bear and bake fundraiser. This raised a fantastic **£109.20** for Key Stage 1. Thank you all for your support with this!

We will be holding another bake sale in **January**.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for a date to be announced!

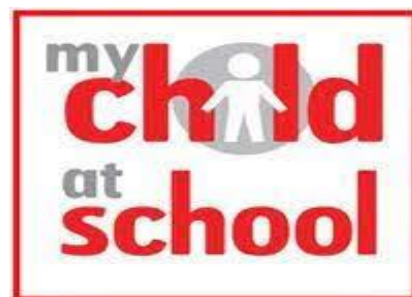


Dinner & Nursery Payments

As we are fast approaching the end of term, please can all School Dinner and Nursery accounts be paid up to date before we break up.

This can be done online via MCAS or in cash at the office. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals check online on the Devon Citizens Portal



Christmas Jumper Days Reminder



Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school, should they wish to, on **18th, 19th and 20th December**.

We look forward to rounding off the term in festive style!

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

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.

Parent Representative Vacancy

In the New Year, we will be looking a new parent representative to join our School Community Board. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of school life and contribute to the school community. Should you wish to know more, please email the school at admin@edenpark.tarkatrust.org.uk

More information will also be available in the New Year.



PTFA Christmas Fayre

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Fayre Yesterday! This raised a fantastic £412.80! We still need to take off expenses, but a massive thank you to all who came and lent a helping hand!

Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter each week for future events.



Birthdays This Week

Lexi .S.

Happy Birthday from all at
Eden park!!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**TO
YOU**

Festive dates for your diary

16th December

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

17th December

Reception & KS1 Nativity (2:30pm)

18th December

Rock Steady Concert (2:30pm)
School Christmas Lunch &
Father Christmas Visit

19th December

PTFA Christmas Quiz (6 - 9pm)

18th, 19th & 20th December

School Christmas
Jumper Days

Upcoming Community Events

JOIN US FOR

CAROLS ON THE SQUARE

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC, SEASONAL DRINKS, WARM FOOD, AND FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

THE SQUARE, BARNSTAPLE

LIVE MUSIC FROM:
TAMSIÑ BALL
THE APPELDORRE BAND
AND YOU!

SAT 14 DECEMBER
5PM TO 8PM



REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1123148

THE CEDARS INN PRESENTS

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DISCO

TO BOOK CALL US ON 01271 371784 OR FIND US ON TICKET SOURCE

3pm - 5:30pm
£5 per child



Stories Around the Tree at Barnstaple Library.

Saturday 14 December 11:00 – 12:00

Join local children's author Claire Barker as she reads festive tales around our library Christmas tree.

Claire writes magical fiction for children aged 6-9. She is the author of two award winning series; Knitbone Pepper and Picklewitch and Jack.

Books will be on sale at the event and Hot chocolate will be served after the stories.

It's story
TIME
@your library™

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter on: Friday 20th December 2024!

