



## Eton Porny C of E First School Newsletter 12 – Autumn Term 2

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*We are all created unique and special.  
He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.*

*1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

All of the Christmas cheer arrived at Eton Porny this morning and you can definitely feel the excitement in the air! It was lovely to see everyone's Christmas jumpers, Venture photography very kindly came in to take their festive photos and you will be able to view these next week, they will be available to purchase on the School Money shop for £1.50 per photo. Everyone is really excited about the upcoming Christmas events over the next few weeks including our visit to the pantomime and **our Christingle service on Thursday 14th December**. Please don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets and return any to school that have/ haven't been purchased ASAP. The PTA have worked so hard and have got together an amazing bundle of prizes. The raffle will be drawn at school and then prizes will be able to be collected at our **Express event on Friday 8th December at 8:50**.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

### LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

**Year 1** have been enjoying their 'Invasion Games' PE topic. The children have been learning to move as different fairground rides and have practiced travelling at different speeds and in different directions. The children have also been learning how to travel with a ball and pass a ball. They enjoyed playing a 'coconut shy' game, aiming the ball at different targets. In Art, the children have started their 'Funny Faces, Fabulous Features' portrait topic.

**Ask me: What is a portrait?**



**Year 2** This week children created a still life drawing of a plant. They then had the opportunity to walk around the class and view other children's art work in our 'year 2 gallery'. We have also been looking at persuasive language in literacy and have continued to learn about significant figures in history. Our focus this week has been on Florence Nightingale and we continued to learn about her life and the important work that she did. In maths, we have been learning about symmetry.

**Ask me: can you describe the properties of some 2D shapes?**





**Year 3** wrote playscripts using scenes from our class novel, 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl, exploring how the author creates tension and mystery to describing the unnatural creatures presented. Focusing on our net and wall skills in the PE hall, we worked on our teamworking skills, forehand and backhand grip whilst playing a game of 'tennis relay'. In History, we explored the prehistoric life in Britain, especially how the Celts introduced Iron to the people in Britain (ending the Bronze Age). It was interesting to see the development of tools and weapons change the norm at the time!

**Ask me: How did iron change the way people lived in Britain in prehistoric times?**



**Year 4** started their Design and Technology Topic about fresh food. They investigated packaging; how the packaging keeps food fresh and how long the food stays fresh for. Year 4 also learnt about the conditions that would cause food to perish. Later in the week the children took boxes apart to look at nets, before creating their own packing from a net. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed 'Christmas Unwrapped' at the local church. They completed several fun activities, linked to the Christmas story.

**Ask me: What causes food to go bad?**



**Reception** have started their companion project Puppets and Pop Ups this week and have enjoyed making puppets out of paper plates and also shadow stick puppets. We know that a shadow puppet needs to be opaque for it to work. We have introduced the class to our RE learning and have started learning about the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus. We are really impressed with how the class are picking up their phonics and are orally starting to blend words together.

**Ask me: What does the word 'opaque' mean?**





## FORTHCOMING DATES

<b>8th December</b>	<b>Express Event– All Years at 8:50</b> <b>Pantomime at school (Reception Children only)</b> <b>Pantomime at Theatre Royal Windsor (Years 1 to 4)</b>
<b>13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch (All Years)</b>
<b>14th December</b>	<b>Christingle Service, Lower Chapel</b> <b>2:15 for a 2:30 start</b>
<b>15th December</b>	<b>Last day of term– 1.10 Finish</b>
<b>3rd January</b>	<b>Children Return To School</b>

## Spiritual Spotlight

Year 4 had a lovely afternoon with Reverend Carole and her team at St John the Evangelist Church. Not only did they get to decorate Christmas biscuits but they were given the role of 'Reporters' for the local newspaper. They had to interview the key characters from the Nativity. Carole's team dressed up and played their parts convincingly. The Inn Keeper was given a particularly hard time for only offering Mary a stable! The afternoon finished with a Christmas rap, which the children all sang along to. A very memorable afternoon.



## Sparkly Green



## CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Gloria and Lara  
 Year 1: Amelia and Natalie  
 Year 2: Emilia and Danil  
 Year 3: Nawat and Henry  
 Year 4: Bronte and Arina

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Ruqayyah  
 Year 1: Leo R  
 Year 2: David  
 Year 3: Akira  
 Year 4: Nora


**A huge well done to all of these children.  
 We are really proud of you.**

OVER 30 PRIZES TO BE  
WON!

*Christmas  
Raffle prizes  
list*

Savill Garden tickets  
Fujitsu reconditioned laptop  
Ella's party shop £10 voucher  
Five Star Nails Eton £20 voucher  
Every bounce counts face painting voucher  
Footmed LTD footcare voucher  
Hobbledown Heath admission voucher  
VI Gym - 1 months free membership  
4 motion CIC -café voucher/ Workshop/classes access  
Fortum & Mason Hamper worth over £200  
LA Jacks £10 gift voucher  
Enrise Arts free workshop /1 months free classes  
Michelle's Fitness - 1 month free classes  
Warren Property Matters - Crate of beers  
Sainsbury £10 gift voucher  
The Scotch Bar- voucher  
Herbies pizza voucher  
Windsor Leisure centre-Four swimming vouchers  
Jump In -Vouchers  
TWPT-Voucher





**Envirofresh-12 months wheelie bin cleaning**

**Tara Wood -Personal trainer**

**Eaten Cafe - Vouch**

**A Little something for you- Various selection**

**EL Fitness- 1 month membership**

**Within Yoga- One hour private yoga session**

**Shymansky Portrait photography**

**Slab of Xmas themed chocolate**

**Wetherall & Jeffreys -Ties**

**My Tiny Treasure Comany- voucher**

**My Tiny Treasure Comany Bracelet making kit**

**Hair by us Voucher**

**Feronia Holistic Therapies- Voucher**

**Mr SIMMS - Box of sweets**

**El Carbon - Bottles**


**Zaxs wax - £35 voucher towards Car wash**

**Venture Photography vouchers**

**Tudors -Vouchers**

**Sainsbury - Voucher**

**and many more ....**



## Pupil Cycle Safety

Here are ways to make sure your bike is ready for night-time riding and important tips to keep safe and be seen this winter:

**Be visible to other road users in the dark by having lights and reflectors:**



- One front light which is white.
- One rear light which is red, and a red reflector fitted at the rear.
- Amber reflectors on each pedal
- White front reflectors and spoke reflectors will also help you to be seen.

It is **illegal** to cycle on a public road after dark **without these lights and reflectors.**

If your lights are easily removable, take them with you when you lock your bike. Don't forget to charge rechargeable lights when you get home. Having an extra set of lights can also be useful.



**Cycle Safe**





## Be bright and stand out!

- School uniforms are often dark so adding brightly coloured reflective clothing ensures you can be seen.
- There are many accessories which make you more visible to other road users, including reflective belts, wheel lights and reflective strips.
- Just because you can see them doesn't mean they can see you! It's hard for drivers to see cyclists against oncoming headlights unless you are wearing reflective clothing.



It is always important to be aware of your surroundings when cycling and even more so in the dark. Here are some other tips which we recommend you follow while out on your bike:

- Check your tyre pressure, tyre tread, brakes and chain.
- Remember that in wet weather you're harder to see, stopping takes longer and surfaces are slippery.
- Protect your head – wear a helmet.
- Don't use headphones – you need to hear other road users at all times.
- Put your mobile phone away and out of sight. Concentrate on the road.

## BE SEEN THIS WINTER



## Cycle Safe

