

# Headteacher's Newsletter No 25

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## Football Success



For the first time in many years, Eastcote have won an inter-schools competition.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the football team took part in the One-Form-Entry Cup competition at "Goals" in Bexleyheath. The team had to play four games against other schools, and what impresses me most was the way that in two of the games that had to come from behind!

In their first game, they twice had to come back from a goal down to eventually secure a 2 - 2 draw, and in their final game, which turned out to be the clincher, they came back from a goal down to win 3 - 2. The results were announced after the games were completed as it was decided on points, and Eastcote were pronounced winners by 1 point! Each team member received a medal and the team were awarded the trophy which we have now had engraved and which is in our trophy cabinet.

Well done to the team: Tobi Alo, Lennon Barry, Billy Brewis, Samuel Crowley, Cameron Lock, Jeffrey Ogbata, Celal Ozkirac, Daniel Peters, Billy Smith and Samuel Truscott-Smith. And thank you for parents and other family members for transport and support.

## A Fresh Approach

I am pleased to tell you that our new pergola was purchased using a grant of £10000 from the National Lottery's Big Lottery Fund. It is a part of our outdoor initiative called "A Fresh Approach" which aims to increase outdoor activities, especially clubs, and will include the development of the pond area, a new gardening area with raised beds, a weather station, a bug hotel and various other items. As well as the gardening club we hope to start new clubs linked to our developed facilities, such as bird watching and nature clubs. Any parents who would be interested in helping to run these clubs or contribute their expertise, please let the office know and we will be in touch with you in due course.



## Christmas



I am sure that parents who came for one of the productions, or who were with us for the Christmas service at St Mary's, will have been impressed by the quality of the children's contributions, especially their singing. I am sure, too that you would like join me in expressing thanks to all the staff for the hard work they put into bringing the best out of the children. This is true not just for special events, but as I see when I go around the school,

staff work so hard every day to create the best possible learning experiences for the children and I see the results of their work in the children's lives, in their learning, their behaviour and their positive attitudes.

## Staff

One piece of sad news, we will soon be losing Miss Buck - but for the best of reasons.

Some months ago, Miss Buck and her family moved down to the coast near Margate, and since then she has been making the long journey to Eastcote every day. This has proved to be very tiring, as you can imagine. However, out of the blue, Miss Buck has been offered a teaching job in her younger daughter's new school. This is an exciting career development for her and will mean no more spending endless hours stuck in traffic on the A2!



We are so grateful to Miss Buck for all the work she has done at Eastcote and particularly for using her creative abilities to enhance all aspects of art and design technology across the school. In addition, she has worked so well in reception sharing Mrs Greene's teaching role. We all wish her every success in this next stage of her career

I am pleased to say that Mrs Chu has been able to increase her time commitment to us and so as well as working in year 1 she will also be taking over Miss Buck's teaching responsibilities in reception.

And just a reminder that Miss Stafford begins her maternity leave at the end of this term and will be returning at the end of July. I know you will join the staff in wishing her well. Miss Smith has been in to visit class 4 and I know she is looking forward to being with them from the start of next term.

### **Requests for Trades or Skills**

We would be interested in hearing from any parents or family members of our children, who may have a trade or skill that we could utilise by the school, on a giving basis or possibly to provide quotes if we have work we need carried out on site. Please let the office know.

### **E-Safety**

Follow the link below to the "Thinkuknow" website's page for parents and carers and find useful advice to help you keep your children e-safe.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### **Dinner Money for January**

Meals remain at £11 per week, payable in advance on a Monday. If you like to pay for the half term from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February this will be £63.80 and for the full term to 27<sup>th</sup> March it is £118.80.

### **Reminders**

- Please remember that the first session for Year 5 swimming is the first day back, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Don't forget your swimming kit.
- After school clubs will all start from week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January
- There is no school crossing supervision on Wednesday to Friday this week.
- Put your child's name in all uniform - there are lots of coats and jumpers in lost property outside the office that are unable to be returned or remain unclaimed because they are not labelled.

### **Charity Appeals in School**

We would like to let you know that thanks to your generosity over the past couple of months the school have been able to donate:

£100 to the Harvest appeal for Water Aid

£179.21 to Save the Children for the Christmas Jumper Day

£325.80 to Children in Need from donations at the Christmas Performances

The Book Fair raised £246 of which we will get commission to spend on books for the school.

### **News from PACE**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter Fair, it was lovely to see the children enjoying the festive activities. With your support we raised £3730.08 towards your school. I'm also pleased to announce this year's raffle prize winners.

## Adult Raffle

- £100.00 - Zac Bird
- 1 Week membership for 1 adult at David Lloyd - Sally Rowe
- Forever Living Set - Mrs Earl
- Luxury Christmas Hamper - Erin Thomas
- Family Membership SaverCard from Crook Log Leisure Centre - Kerri River-Simpson
- £50.00 dry cleaning voucher from Welling Express - Natalie Purcell
- £25.00 voucher for bouquet from Cloud 9 Events and Flowers - Mrs Seens
- £25.00 voucher from We Anchor in Hope - Georgia Taylor
- Pamper Hamper - June Vincent
- 3 Bottles of Wine - Christine Healy
- Bag from the Crazy Hair Bow Lady - Denise Rabbette

## Children's Raffle

- MP3 Player - Elsie Williams, Finlay Thomas, Ellis Inns
- 2 Cinema Passes for Cineworld Bexleyheath - Terri Williams
- Game of bowling from Tenpin Bexleyheath - Lisa Hurley
- Chocolate Hamper - Terri Williams

Thank you to everyone for your continued support, without your ideas, attendance and help at events we could not have made this such a success. Looking forward to 2015 and exciting future events. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year.

