

Eythorne & Elvington Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 12 December

We have been talking to many children this week who have been telling us about all of the **reading** they do at home with their **families**. It is so important to a child's development that a child reads regularly and is also read to as much as possible. Here at school we endeavour to listen to the **children reading** as much as possible.

However, to maximise the potential that your child has to develop their **literacy skills**, both reading and writing, **you must find time to sit and read with them daily**. If you need any support with this or have any questions about how to go about it then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

We are now into the busy **festive** end of the term and have plenty of **upcoming events** on the horizon.

Pupils from the **school choir** sang carols at the **Community Carol Service** last Friday and performed beautifully—they were a credit to the school. They will continue with festive performances in the coming week also. On Tuesday afternoon they will be performing at a home for the elderly in Tilmanstone followed by a lunch time performance at the Resources Centre in Elvington on Wednesday afternoon.

The **Key Stage One Christmas Nativity** story of "Shine Star Shine" takes place at the end of this week. The performance to parents is at **2.15pm on Friday 16th December**. Letters have gone home regarding tickets. These are free of cost but are limited to 4 per family initially.

Friday 16th December is also **Christmas Jumper Day**—we ask children to bring in 50p and all proceeds will go towards helping a local children's charity.

On Monday 19 December we are holding our first **team event** of the year. As you may know, all of the children at school are grouped into four teams; Jupiter (RED), Neptune (Blue), Mercury (Green) and Saturn (Yellow). For this day, we would ask for your **children to come to school wearing as much of their team colours as possible**.

It has been noticed that many children are coming to school without a **water bottle**. Whilst, we appreciate we are not in the summer season it is still vital that children are able to keep hydrated throughout the day. Water bottles are for sale from the school office for £1 should you wish to purchase one.

There are still a number of children who are arriving at school **late**. This is affecting their day as they miss out on vital information at the start of a school day. There is a breakfast club run at school from 8am every day—for more information about this please contact the school office. **Your children need to be in school on time**.

Stars of the Week

Discovery	Mannie and Joe
Voyager	Ruby and Noah
Atlantis	Raif and Kieran
Challenger	Harriet and Scott
Endeavour	Richard and Luke

Team Points: Team points for last week:

Jupiter:51
Saturn:59
Mercury:53
Neptune:79

The class with the best **attendance** over the course of the last week was Atlantis with 98%.

Key Dates

Tuesday 13 December	Choir performance (PM)
Weds 14 December	Choir Performance (PM)
Friday 16 December	Nativity 2.15pm Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 December	Team Event Morning Class Parties (PM)
Tuesday 20 December	Christmas Lunch Film (PM)
Weds 21 December	Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 3 January	First day of Term 3
Friday 10 February	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 20 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 31 March	Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 18 April	First Day of Term 5
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 12 June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term 6