



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

"Yes we can".

First of all I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

We have a tradition in our house; Sunday evenings in December are Christmas film nights; so far we have watched all three Nativity films. The lyrics from the song "yes, we can" from the second film "Danger in the Manger" really struck a chord with me and spoke to me about how we can work together to approach the new year on our return to school in January.

*"yes we can climb the mountain
if we all share the load
yes we can reach the summit
at the end of the road
if we lift our hearts to heaven
and reach out for the stars
yes we can climb the mountain
cause the mountain is ours
the mountain is ours"*



Our school vision is to "dream, believe and achieve" this song reflects our vision as we want to encourage our children to reach out for the stars, to believe that the stars are theirs and are within their reach if they work hard and believe in themselves, that they can achieve great things.

As we look forward to our return in January we would ask that you would join us in supporting and encouraging this vision with your children. Talk to them about their dreams and encourage them to work hard and believe that they can achieve them. Help you child to read widely and develop a love of learning in the world around them, encourage them with homework and please talk to us if there is anything we can do to support you and your family with this.

We shall look forward to working with you even closer to ensure our children become mountain climbers and star catchers!

Kelly Martin—Head of School



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

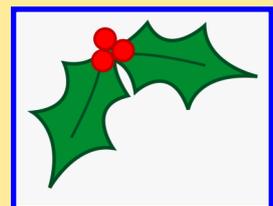
Please note that the deadline for 4+ applications is 15th January 2021.

For further information schools and/or parents should contact admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk

A massive thank you to Garden Gems for kindly donating a Christmas Tree to the children. The Year 6 children had a great time decorating it and it is now pride of place inside our main entrance.



We were so pleased to see so many of the children and staff coming in today wearing their Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children. Please go to the Save the Children website if you would still like to donate.





PUGWASH



We have been getting in the festive spirit over the last few weeks at Pugwash!

The children have been busy making Christmas decorations, practicing Christmas singing, wrapping presents in the Christmas workshop, writing letters to Santa and exploring sensory tuff trays.

The children have been making excellent progress at Forest School and have even started to learn to use some tools to make their own Christmas decorations.

Reminder for the Pugwash Christmas party on Wednesday 16th December that all children are invited to join from 1.00pm.

You will soon get some information about how to watch our Christmas performance, please also check Class Dojo as we are going to be recording some more Christmas songs for you to watch on there.

School application reminder - Please remember that the deadline for applying for a school place for your child is **15th January**. This can be completed via the following link

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/infant/>

Please speak to Katie if you need any help with this.

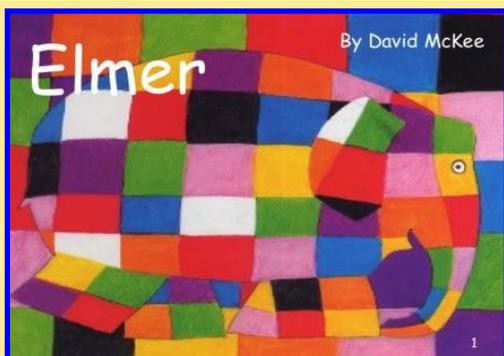


RECEPTION

Minnows and Sardines have had a wonderful term celebrating difference and learning the story of Elmer.

Mrs Smith even bought Elmer in to visit us!

The children in Forest School have been learning how to use the tools safely.





YEAR 1/2



Clownfish enjoyed their R.E. day learning about the Christmas story and Christingle . They retold the Christmas story in their own words. They also discussed how they prepare for Christmas. The highlight of their day was learning about Christingles and making their own Christingles to take home.



YEAR 3/4



Year 3 and 4 have been working hard building electronic games for their DT day. We investigated how an operation game worked, then designed our own. It was tricky getting the electronic parts right, but we managed to get a fair few games to work. Well done everyone.





FOREST SCHOOL



Term 2 was Cuttlefish Class and their topic was “Burps, Bile and Bottoms” (focusing on the digestive system)!

The children had a great time searching for worms to make a worm garden.

They had to put 2 layers of soil, grass and vegetable scraps. Next they placed the worms on top, leaving the worms in a cold dark place. The 2nd week the worms started to work their magic and turn some of the layers into pure brown soil.



**THE FOODBANK
IS HERE TO
HELP**



***Are you struggling to feed yourself
or your family?***

If so, to get a **red voucher** please contact one of the following:

East Sussex Discretionary Support Scheme on 0300 330 94 94
Your Local Health Visitor
Rye Children's Centre
Rye College/Rye Primary School
Winchelsea School
Playden School
HARC - available at Tilling Green Centre on Wednesday morning 10-12
Your local church priest or minister

The Foodbank is open at RYE BAPTIST CHURCH, CINQUE PORT STREET, RYE
ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 1pm- 3pm
Tel Nos: 07934182906 and 07934184256

for more details look us up on www.bexhill.foodbank.org.uk

Bexhill Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches facilitated by Churches Together in Bexhill (Registered Charity 1149860)





Attendance News

This year when we are reporting on absence the figure we are using does not include any children isolating due to COVID-19, any comparison will be a like-for-like reflection.

Attendance this year currently stands at **95.1%**, this is exactly the same as the same period last year.

Punctuality

We have noticed an increase in children arriving into school after 8.45am, these children are then registered as late and although a late mark, before 9am, won't necessarily affect their attendance it will disrupt the class when they arrive late.

Please make the most of the early morning learning sessions,

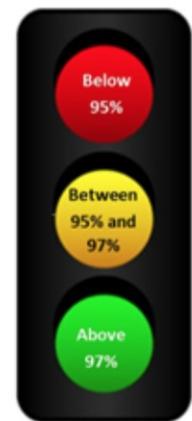
To be able to help parents to get their children into school on time, starting next term we will be asking the reason for lateness, if a child comes into school on their own then we will contact their parents directly. If you need any help with morning routines please speak to Alison Homewood our Family Liaison Officer.

If your child arrives at school after 9am this is classed as an unauthorised late and will effect your child's attendance.

Class Percentages

3rd September-11th December

Minnows	97.6%
Sardines	94.1%
Clown Fish	96.3%
Seahorses	93.6%
Sea Turtle	94.5%
Barracudas	94.8%
Cuttlefish	97.3%
Orcas	95.2%
Sharks	93.3%
Dolphins	94.7%
Marlin	95.4%
Jelly Fish	94.8%



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

We must keep on protecting each other.

HANDS FACE SPACE

STAY ALERT. CONTROL THE VIRUS. SAVE LIVES



We will look forward to seeing you all back at school on

Tuesday 5th January