



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

As I was thinking about what to write for this month's newsletter I was reminded of a Christmas themed wooden sign with a quote I display with the Christmas decorations each year, you all know by now how much I love a wooden sign with a quote! This one is entitled



This is not to say that we can't do all of the things originally on the sign above- who doesn't love a trip out to see the Christmas lights... I guess this sign just reminds us, me, to make sure that we don't get swept away in the commercialism of Christmas and forget the real reason for the season, a baby born in a stable, a future King sent to save the world. Baby Jesus didn't stay a baby, but he understood that children need to be protected and nurtured, whatever their age. This Christmas, remember that the best gifts you can give your children are absolutely free: your time, your love, your care, your attention, your support! A poet summed up much better than I can, how we can give the best gifts to our children every day of the year in the following poem:

## Children Learn What They Live

by Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.  
If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.  
If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with encouragement,  
They learn confidence.  
If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.  
If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.  
If children live with acceptance,  
They learn to love.  
If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.  
If children live with honesty,  
They learn truthfulness.  
If children live with security,  
They learn to have faith in themselves and others.  
If children live with friendliness,  
They learn the world is a nice place in which to live.  
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May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy new year and I shall look forward to seeing you all again on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022!

With Warmest Wishes,

Miss Martin

Head of School



## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Please note that the deadline for 4+ applications is 15th January 2022.

For further information schools and/or parents should contact [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

### Christmas Jumper Day 2022

We were so pleased to see so many of the children and staff coming in wearing their Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children.



## PUGWASH



Pugwash have been really getting into the Festive spirit with lots of Christmas stories, songs and crafts. Our final week includes a Christmas Performance with Reception, a virtual pantomime and our Christmas party.





# RECEPTION



Minnows class have been busy getting ready for Christmas. We have made and delivered Christmas cards for Badgers Gate, we have been working on a TOP SECRET Christmas project with the kind help from our sponsors Alsford's Timber, we have used our Forest School sessions to make beautiful decorations to sell for the PTA and we are busy preparing for our performance of Star Shine Shine.

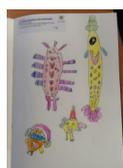
It has been such a fun term; we have been exploring and celebrating differences around the world. We have learnt about our links to the wider world including linking up with a school in Swansea.



# CLOWNFISH



Clownfish have thoroughly enjoyed their term 2 topic, 'Intrepid Explorers'. We have written fact files about planets and learnt about the first moon landing. In our art and design lessons we have been making solar system mobiles and drawing alien pictures. Next week we will be using our alien designs to create clay model aliens.



# CUTTLEFISH



In Cuttlefish we have been exploring magnets in our science this term. The children had great fun designing and making their own games using magnetic forces. We have also been busy writing up our book reviews of the amazing Iron Man book by Ted Hughes. Well done everyone!





## ORCAS



Orcas have had a brilliant time learning about forces and magnets. We ended our science topic designing and making magnetic games.



## DOLPHINS



This term in Dolphins, the children have been learning about Space. The children have been so enthusiastic about this topic, we have included it in as many elements of learning as we could! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting into character as reporters and writing up a newspaper report about the moon landing.



## SHARKS



It has been a wonderful term so far in Sharks! The children have written fantastic sci-fi stories based on the novel 'The War of the Worlds'. They are also going to create their final design of their rocket artwork, based on designs by Peter Thorpe. Next week, we will be cutting and sewing our own stockings to take home - as well as making stuffed tree decorations out of felt.

### Reminders

We would like to remind you that dogs are NOT permitted on site as some children are frightened of them. If you bring your dog on the school run, please be prepared to leave your dog outside the school gate.

Homework club will be running again next term Tuesdays through till Fridays.

### Goodbye Mr Neville, Hello Mrs Newman and Hello Ethan Monks.

Sadly, Mr Neville is leaving us, to hopefully pursue a career in the Arts. He really will be missed and we send him our very best wishes. We are pleased to be welcoming a very experienced teacher to our team, Mrs Newman. Mrs Newman will be the Barracudas teacher from January and will be in school tomorrow meeting everyone. Do say 'Hello' and welcome her to the family!

Another addition to our Rye Primary Family is the beautiful Baby Ethan, son to our Nursery Manager Katie Monks. I know you will all join us in congratulating Katie and her husband on the birth of her baby boy.



# Attendance News

## Whole School Attendance

Whole school attendance currently stands at 92.4%

Our target is 97%

If your child is well and not displaying COVID symptoms please ensure they are attending school, on time, every day.

We can't authorise any term time absence for holidays.

## Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice  
Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

**25** different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

### Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids

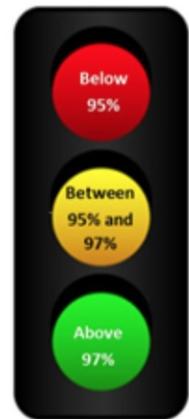


If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

## Class Percentages

2nd September-10th December

Minnows	91.3%
Clown Fish	91.7%
Seahorses	90.5%
Sea Turtle	92.8%
Barracudas	94%
Cuttlefish	92.7%
Orcas	94.2%
Sharks	92.3%
Dolphins	90.9%
Marlin	93.1%



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

Wednesday 5th January

## Dates for the diary!

15th Swimming Y5 & Y6

Christmas Dinner—Children may wear their Christmas jumpers

KS1 Christmas Parties

16th KS2 Class Christmas Parties

17th **Last Day of Term**—children may wear their own clothes for a 50p Donation to the RPFF (PTA). Don't forget to donate £1 online for your child's Christmas decoration class fundraiser. All of the classes are very competitive and are eager to raise the most money.



### January 2022

4th **Inset Day**

5th **First day of term**

7th Forest school— Orcas

10th– 14th Money Week

14th Forest School— Orcas

15th Deadline for 4+ admissions

21st Forest School— Orcas



28th Forest School—  
Orcas

### February 2022

4th Forest School— Orcas

9th Learning Celebration

10th **Last Day of Term**

11th **Inset Day**

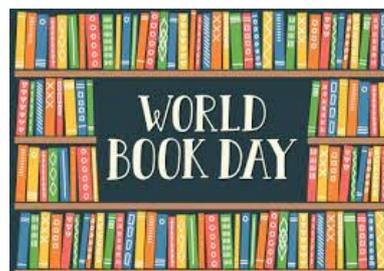
21st **First Day of Term**

**21st– 27th St Michael's Hospice, Yellow week**

22nd Parent Consultations 4.00– 6.20pm

24th Parent Consultations 3.20- 5.30pm

25th Forest School— Marlin



### March 2022

3rd World Book Day (dressing up day)

4th Forest School— Marlin

7th– 11th Club event— Week of Assemblies

11th Forest School— Marlin

18th Comic Relief— Red Nose Day— Non-Uniform Day

Forest School— Marlin

23rd Maths Day

25th Forest School— Marlin



**April 2022**

1st Forest School– Marlin

**Last Day of Term**19th **Inset Day**20th **First Day of Term**

22nd Forest School– Sharks

29th Forest School– Sharks

**May 2022**

2nd-27th KS1 SATs

6th Forest School– Sharks

9th– 12th KS2 SATs

13th Forest School– Sharks

20th Forest School– Sharks

26th Learning Celebration

27th Forest School– Sharks

**Last Day of Te****June 2022**6th **First Day of Term**

Phonics Screening Week

6th-24th Multiplication Tables Check for year 4

10th Forest School– Dolphins

13th-17th Photos– Sarah Prescott,: Class and Individual photos

17th Forest School– Dolphins

20th– 24th Aspirations week

24th Forest School– Dolphins

**July 2022**

1st Forest School– Dolphins

7th Sports Day KS2

8th Forest School– Dolphins

13th EYFS Sports Day

14th Learning Celebration

15th Forest School– Dolphins

KS1 Sports Day

21st **Last Day of Term**22nd **Inset Day**