



We have had a busy and exciting end to the Christmas term with lots of Christmas themed activities and events taking place, many of which you can read about in this edition of the newsletter. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have supported the recent events and followed the Covid-19 measures that were in place. We have been very fortunate that the case rate for Covid-19 has been extremely low in our school community and as a result we have been able to invite parents and carers to events such as the Nativity at St. Wilfrid's and the Carols and Cake event. As things stand we are set to open our school as normal to staff and pupils on 10th January but I advise you to check Parentmail regularly in the week before we return to check for any updates in relation to the school situation in light of the rise in cases due to the Omicron variant.

2021 has been a challenging year at times due to Covid but it has been fantastic to see the school community come through it together and finish the year with some wonderful festive memories for our pupils and families to treasure in future years. Thank you for all of your support throughout 2021. I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and I wish you all the very best for 2022.

Mr Kitching

'The Wiggly Nativity' at St. Wilfrid's Church

Our pupils gave a stunning performance of 'The Wiggly Nativity' at St. Wilfrid's Church on 16th December. With the main speaking and performing parts being taken by our younger children, they did brilliantly well to remember all of their lines and acting requirements. They were brilliantly supported by our older children in a wide variety of songs. Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event and joined us for this lovely festive occasion.





PTA Carols and Cake event

We had a fantastic afternoon on Friday 17th December as the school and Egginton community gathered for an



outdoor carol and cake PTA fundraising event. The children sang a selection of Christmas songs and carols beautifully as they stood in front of the Memorial Hall entrance. With a wide array of cakes, hot drinks and Christmas lights and decorations on display, there was a lovely festive atmosphere created. Thank you to everyone that came to the event and supported the children and a special thank you to all of the members of the PTA that helped to organise and run the event. The total amount raised from the event is still being finalised at the time of writing but, including the funds raised from pupil calendar and cook book sales, it is thought to be in excess of £500. Well done to everyone involved!

Christmas Parties and Santa Visit

Our pupils had a great time on Tuesday 14th December at their Christmas parties. They enjoyed dressing up in their party clothes and playing lots of fun games including pass the parcel. The children were all thrilled when Santa arrived at the party to hand out presents and answer a variety of questions about his life. The whole school went outside to wave him goodbye as he sped off on his 'sleigh' into the afternoon sunshine.





'Red Riding Hood' Pantomime

We once again welcomed the Chaplins Pantomime group to Egginton on Friday 10th December. This was a real treat with lots of songs, humour and terrific story telling. The Pantomime group thoroughly entertained all of the children with their performance of 'Red Riding Hood.'

Thank you to the PTA for kindly funding this event.



Professor McGinty visit

On 16th December the 'historical time traveller' Professor McGinty visited school to perform workshops on The Romans and The Ancient Egyptians to our Key Stage 2 children. Similar to previous visits, the children really enjoyed listening to Professor McGinty and they learnt a great deal. He really brings history to life with his humorous stories, anecdotes and wide range of props and artefacts. Thank you again to the PTA for funding Professor McGinty's visit. To find out more about Professor McGinty, please click on the following link that will take you to his website.

<https://www.profmcginty.co.uk/>



Film Club

Film club was once again a succesful event and the children enjoyed watching 'The Grinch' and 'Frozen' whilst tucking into delicious sweet treats provided by the PTA. It was lovely to hold Film Club again after a long absence of the event due to Covid. In total £132 was raised from voluntary donations, all of which will go towards the PTA fund.

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Mrs McDonnell

We regret to inform you that one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs McDonnell, will be leaving the school at the end of this term to take up a new position at a school nearer to where she lives in Uttoxeter. We would like to thank Mrs McDonnell for all of her hard work, enthusiasm and commitment she has given to Egginton since joining us in October 2019. She has been particularly passionate about supporting our Eco-Committee and has made a really positive impact towards helping our school become more environmentally friendly. Although we will really miss her, we wish her all the very best for the future.

Raffle Ticket Winners

The raffle was drawn in Celebration Assembly this morning and the lucky winners of nine luxurious Christmas hampers were announced.

Thank you to everyone that supported this year's raffle either through bringing in a donation for a hamper or purchasing a ticket. All funds raised will go towards the PTA.

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Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 cases remain high in the South Derbyshire area and we ask that parents and carers continue to work with us to help reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible in order to stop people falling ill as well as causing disruption to learning.

A reminder that if your child has any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them into school. Please book a **PCR test** as soon as possible and only bring them back to school if this is recorded as negative.

The three main symptoms as identified by the NHS are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell
- A high temperature

Also, if you are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, please book a PCR test as soon as possible.

Further information about Covid-19 symptoms, how to book a PCR test and how to order lateral flow tests for your family can be found in the following links.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you for your continued support in relation to stopping the spread of the virus.

Free School Meals applications

This is just a reminder that if you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals please click on the link below to apply:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/parentsguide/more-information/school-meals/am-i-entitled-to-free-school-meals.aspx>

In addition, the school may be able to offer subsidise costs of school based extra-curricular clubs and/or music tuition if your child is eligible for free school meals. Please contact schools for further details if this applies to you.



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Date	Event
24 th December	Crib service at St. Wilfrid's Church, Egginton – 3pm
25 th December	Christmas Communion at St. Wilfrid's Church Egginton, 9.30am
10 th January 2022	School reopens to staff and pupils
14 th January	Key Stage 2 Cross Country Tournament at Melbourne Sports Park 1pm to 3pm
17 th January	Weekly Swimming begins at Etwall Leisure Centre for pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 – Spring and Summer terms
17 th January	PTA meeting – 7pm on Zoom
19 th January	KS2 After school Gymnastics Club begins
17 th February	Celebration Assembly Last day of the half term
18 th February	INSET day – school closed to pupils
21 st February to 25 th February	Half term break – school closed to staff and pupils
28 th February	School opens to staff and pupils
2 nd March	Professor Bubbleworks visit
8 th April	Celebration Assembly Last day of term
11 th April to 22 nd April	Easter break – school closed to staff and pupils
25 th April	School open to staff and pupils
2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday -school closed to staff and pupils
9 th May to 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
25 th May to 27 th May	Year 5 and 6 Lea Green Residential Trip
27 th May	Last Day of half term
30 th May to 3 rd June	Half term break – School closed to staff and pupils
6 th June	School open to staff and pupils
24 th June	School Closed to staff and pupils due to Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
2 nd July	Egginton Village Fete
22 nd July	Last day of term/academic year