

Dear Parents and carers,

We find ourselves at the end of our first half term of this academic year! The children and staff have worked incredibly hard this half term and have settled extremely well into their new class teams, adapting to the differing expectations of each stage of the school.

We are especially proud of how well everyone has adapted to our new phonic and reading scheme of work "Little Wandle" and can already see the huge impact this is having on the children's progress.

We hope you all have a well-deserved break over the upcoming week and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Online Safety – being a parent/carer in the digital age**

It can be daunting to feel you have no life experience to fall back on, because your child explores online spaces you could have never imagined at their age.

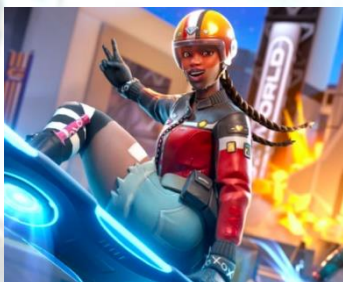
But the good news is you already have a lot of what you need to be a parent/carer in the digital world. You can afford to be confident.

Confident in your parenting skills and confident in your instincts. Because when it comes to your child and technology, it's still just that – parenting.

It's not always easy – but [Parent Zone](#) has tools and resources that can help.

Parent Zone is dedicated to helping families make the most of their online worlds.

They have a range of information and advice to help parent/carers support their children to be confident and capable online and to make the most of what technology has to offer – while being aware of the risks and harms they will also find online.



#### [PZ Library](#)

Browse our library of digital guides – including the most popular online platforms and games, and topics like screen time and age ratings.

#### [Parent area](#)

Explore our blog, advice and events to help you navigate the digital world and learn how to support your child in their online world.



### **Parent/Carer feedback**

Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to their child's parent/carer evening appointment last week at school. It was so lovely to be able to hold this important consultation meeting with parent/carers and teachers in person again and I know that many have felt the same.

Following on from parent/carer evening, I would be hugely appreciative if you would be able to take 5 minutes to complete the following Parent/Carer Survey. This survey will be open until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm.

Scan the QR or use link to complete the survey.



or [Click here](#)

### **Open Evening**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November (5 – 6:30pm) we will be holding our annual open evening event where we open our doors to show our community our excellent school.

This is a chance for you and your children to see the school and gain further insight around what the children are learning, how they learn and the resources that are available to them. It is also a wonderful opportunity to travel further afield within the school; from Nursery through to Year 2. There will be a "scavenger hunt" challenge that the children can partake in during the open evening event and every child that takes part will be entered into prize draw.


If you know of any other friends or family that may also wish to view the school (especially if they have children who will be due to start school next September), then please share this information with them.

Please [click here](#) to see our Open Evening poster.

### **ESA Sparkle day (Reminder)**

We would like to invite all children to come to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November dressed down and wearing something sparkly in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas hamper raffle.

There are three hampers that we will be collecting for and raffle tickets to win these hampers will go on sale on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We invite the children in each year group to make donation on the following themes (if you are in a position to be able to do so):

<b>Nursery and Reception</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year two</b>
Pampering items e.g. face mask, moisturiser, bath salts, shower gel, candles etc 	Non-perishable food and drink e.g. biscuits, chocolate, hot drink sachets, fizz, crisps etc 	Children's activities, games and mini toys e.g. stationary, teddies, fidgets, craft kits, playing cards etc 

### **ESA Winter Wonderland** - Save the Date!

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the ESA will be holding our Winter Wonderland straight after school. There will be lots to join in with including stalls, crafts, a tombola, a raffle and refreshments. Along with these activities, we will also have our Christmas Grotto where you will be able to book a place for your child to meet Father Christmas and receive a gift from him.

Following on from the success of the Pay It Forward event during the Summer Circus, we will be setting up a similar system whereby parents and carers will be able to make a donation to allow as many of our families as possible be able to join in with the grotto festivities.

More information about all the activities, grotto and Pay It Forward will be sent out after the half term holiday.

We would however, like to ask for unwanted teddies to be used in our tombola. If you have any that you would be happy to donate to the Winter Wonderland, please could these be brought into school on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

If you or your business would like to host a stall at the Winter Wonderland, please [click here](#) for further information.

### **Foodbank thank you**

Thank you so much to everyone who has been able to donate items to the St Ives Food Bank this year. With your kind donations we have been able to donate 7 crammed crates which is amazing.



### **Children in Need "Be SPOTacular"**

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November!

Like last year, we are encouraging everyone who is part of Eastfield to have a SPOTacular Pudsey Day.

You can go all out in head-to-toe spotty outfits or simply wear a home-made [unicorn headband](#), [Pudsey face mask](#) or use these [Fancy Dress Photo Props](#).



Please do not send children into school with money; if you are in position to be able to make a donation, please do so via our [JustGiving Page](#).

Please can those doing PE that day wear suitable clothing/footwear so that they don't need to change.

### **Immunising pre-school children against flu**

This year's flu vaccination programme is well underway. Children aged two and three years old (on 31 August 2023 before flu vaccination starts in the autumn) are eligible for a free flu vaccine given as a nasal spray.

Annual vaccination of children helps provide protection to each child and reduces the spread of flu to their families and the wider community, protecting others who are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from flu. The flu vaccine also promotes a healthy working environment in nurseries and childcare settings by reducing the risk of flu being spread to others including staff.

Information on protecting children against flu and the flu immunisation programme can be [found here](#).

### **Rotary Club of St Ives – holiday ideas**

Please [click here](#) to see a range of suggested holiday ideas provided by the St Ives Rotary Club.

### **Learning at the Norris Museum**

The Norris Museum have put together a busy week of half term activities for all the family to enjoy. Below is some further information about what these activities are and how you can book on to them.

- [Clay workshops inspired by the Muddy Hoard](#)
  - Monday 23 October, there will be a clay workshops inspired by the Muddy Hoard, the new exhibition of a Roman coin hoard found in Huntingdonshire in 2018.  
This event is recommended for ages 7+ due to the hand strength needed to use the pottery wheel, but younger attendees are welcome if parents are happy for them to just make pinch pots or coil pots.
- [Archaeology Day](#)
  - Wednesday 25 October, there will be an Archaeology Day, where real archaeologists will be on site at the museum with some of their equipment.  
This is a fantastic opportunity to meet archaeologists, learn all about what they do, and even try out some of their equipment yourself.  
The Archaeology Day is free of charge (donations appreciated) and is open to all ages, and no booking is required.
- Roman object handling and pottery wheel demonstrations
  - Friday 27 October, from 10:30 - 12:30 there will be Roman object handling and pottery wheel demonstrations at the museum.  
This is also free of charge and is part of their Feel Good Fridays programme, which is a regular event open to all on the 4th Friday of every month.  
When these events fall during school holidays, the museum ensures that they are family friendly and welcome families to attend.

### **Neurodiversity Resource from PINPOINT**

Pinpoint have created a new resource called “Supporting your Neurodiverse child” and a promotional flyer for this can [be found here](#). This digital book has been written by parents for parents and covers the following information:

- What Neurodiversity is

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- A colorful illustration of three children in a field. In the center, a boy with dark skin and curly hair wears a blue t-shirt with a white number '12' and a blue cap. To his left, a girl with dark skin wears a black beanie and a blue jacket. To his right, a girl with light skin wears a red hat and a red dress. They are standing on a green field under a bright yellow sun in a blue sky.
- Early intervention & diagnosis process
  - Education & School
  - Day to day life with a neurodiverse child
  - Communication, Speech & Language
  - Sensory needs
  - Emotional Regulation
  - Health & Wellbeing

This resource can also be accessed via this link:

[Neurodiversity Book - Pinpoint \(pinpoint-cambs.org.uk\)](https://pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)

### **New School Menu**

The new school menu for after half term can be found [here](#).

### **Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centres - What's On in October 2023**

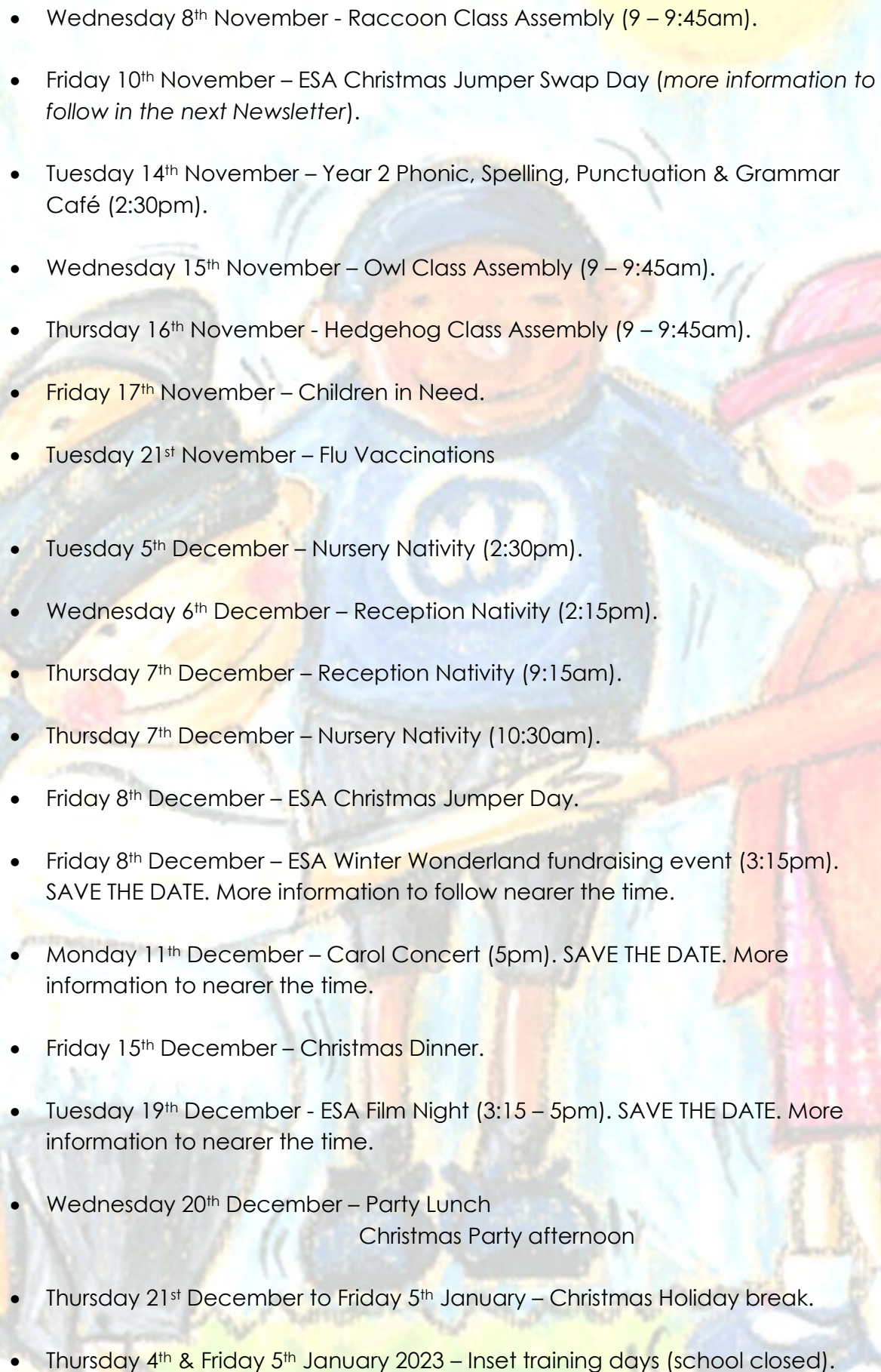
Please [click here](#) for the new What's On guide, which details the groups and virtual sessions that the Huntingdonshire Child and Family centre will be offering to local families throughout October 2023.

### **Education Inclusion Family Adviser Information and Newsletter**

I'm pleased to introduce everyone to our new Education Inclusion Family Adviser, Katie Smith. Further information on the service offered by Katie can be found [here](#). Please also [click here](#) for their latest Newsletter.

### **Important dates for your diaries**

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half term break.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Sparkle Day (*come to school dressed in something sparkly & make a donation to the Christmas hampers*).
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – ESA Sparkly Disco (3:30 – 5pm).
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Open Evening (5:00 – 6:30pm).

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- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
  - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – ESA Christmas Jumper Swap Day (*more information to follow in the next Newsletter*).
  - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).
  - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
  - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
  - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need.
  - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations
  - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
  - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
  - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
  - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).  
SAVE THE DATE. More information to follow nearer the time.
  - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Concert (5pm). SAVE THE DATE. More information to nearer the time.
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner.
  - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm). SAVE THE DATE. More information to nearer the time.
  - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Party Lunch  
Christmas Party afternoon
  - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Holiday break.
  - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Inset training days (school closed).

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

