

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The children are all in full swing of their new topics and are creating wonderful pieces of learning. There was a wonderful turn out to our Open Evening last week as well as to our recent Parent/Carer Evenings too. We hope you have found the opportunities to meet with the staff beneficial in understanding more about your children's experiences of school.

In the newsletter before half term, we requested that parent/carers take 5 minutes to complete the following Parent/Carer Survey. It's hugely important to us to know what we are getting right for your children and if there are areas that we could consider improving further. To date we have received 30 responses but with over 190 pupils attending our school at present it would be lovely to have a few more. I have therefore extended the survey closing date to Friday 17th November at 12pm.

Scan the QR or use link to complete the survey.



or [Click here](#)

Online Safety – Sharing information, pictures and videos

Many of us stay connected with our friends and family by sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.



Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child.

Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky.

Eastfield Virtual Tour

As a way of continuing to promote and share what Eastfield Infant & Nursery have to offer the St Ives Community, we have created the following Virtual Tour

[Eastfield Virtual Tour](#)

Please feel free to share this video link with any families you may know who have children approaching Nursery or Reception age for September 2024 and are considering Eastfield as their school choice.

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.

ESA Winter Wonderland

Please look out for emails (some have already been sent out) with the plans for the exciting Winter Wonderland taking place on Friday 8th December from 3:15pm onwards. These will include stalls, refreshments, and a Santa's grotto!

Club 4U playgroup

Club4U Playgroup, who operate from an area within the school, still have spaces to accept children aged 2years+.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Methodist Christmas Fayre

On 25th November, a Christmas Fayre will be held at the St Ives Methodist Church. See below for further details.



Exploring Early Childhood Careers

The Early Years Childhood Workforce Development Team at Cambridgeshire County Council are promoting a fully funded (subject to application) courses for those looking to become Early Years practitioners.

They are looking to capture the attention of people seeking a change in career, with a desire to educate children 0-5years in Cambridgeshire.

This is an opportunity to be trained by their NFCE/CACHE accredited team, courses run throughout the year and can be found on the website [Cambridgeshire Early Childhood Qualifications Centre \(CECQC\) - Learn Together](#)

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Operation Sceptre - Knife Crime Week of Action

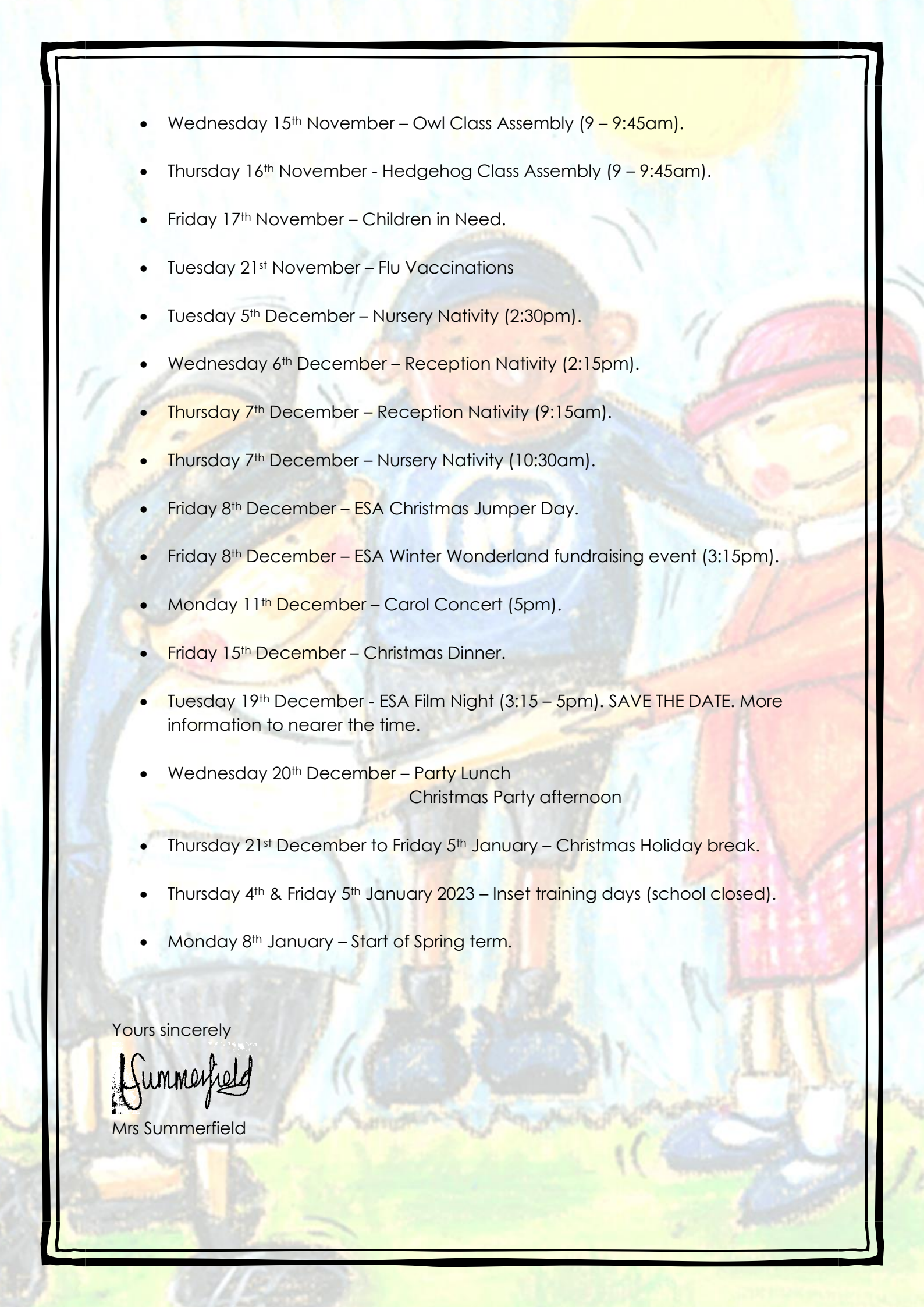
Cambridgeshire Constabulary would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming National Knife Crime week of action – **Operation Sceptre: W/C Monday 13TH to Sunday 19th November 2023**

This operation is designed to educate Children and Young People and to raise awareness of the consequences of knife crime.

[Attached](#) is a poster that they have requested we distribute to our school community.

Important dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 14th November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).

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- Wednesday 15th November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Thursday 16th November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Friday 17th November – Children in Need.
 - Tuesday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations
 - Tuesday 5th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
 - Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
 - Thursday 7th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
 - Friday 8th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
 - Monday 11th December – Carol Concert (5pm).
 - Friday 15th December – Christmas Dinner.
 - Tuesday 19th December - ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm). SAVE THE DATE. More information to nearer the time.
 - Wednesday 20th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
 - Thursday 21st December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holiday break.
 - Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January 2023 – Inset training days (school closed).
 - Monday 8th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Summerfield

