

Dear Parents and carers,

We've had a wonderful couple of weeks of Key Stage 1 class assembly performances, and they've thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their learning as well as touring parent/carers around their classrooms.

Foundation Stage children are beginning to practice for their Nativity productions later this term which we know will be enjoyed by everyone who is able to attend, we will be sending more details about this soon.

Despite the change in weather, including a few damp and cold playtimes, the children have been brilliant. As always, they are showing great enthusiasm for their overarching topics and learning.

As the weather turns a little frostier and icy, there will be times that Mr Jones needs to grit the pathways around school and walkways across the main playground. This does not include the adventure playground, so please be mindful of this if you are choosing to allow your children to use this area in these conditions, as certain parts could still be quite icy.

Safeguarding and child protection

Eastfield Infant & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our pupils. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the team.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is myself, Mrs Summerfield. Mrs Worth and Mrs Oliver are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs). Our Safeguarding Governor is Hannah Duarte.

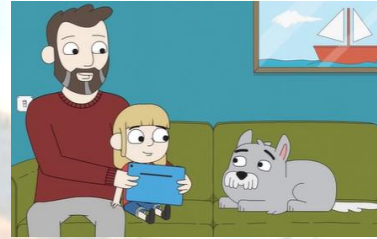
Please look at our [Safeguarding page](#) on the school website for information on:

- Early Help
- Online Safety
- Operation Encompass
- Resources for Parent/Carers
- The Prevent Duty
- Other information

Online Safety – Jessie and Friends: Online safety education for 4-7s

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who

to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.



Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.

We use these animations and characters with the children in school when talking about online safety and teaching computing, so they will be familiar with them.

Please follow this [link](#) to see how you could use these online safety materials at home with your children to reinforce the messages we are teaching them in school.

Parent/Carer Feedback

Thank you to the families of Eastfield Infant & Nursery that have taken the time to complete the survey our school governors circulated out last week. We have been really pleased to hear that every parent/carers who completed the survey would recommend Eastfield to another parent/carers and equally felt that their children were safe and happy at our school.

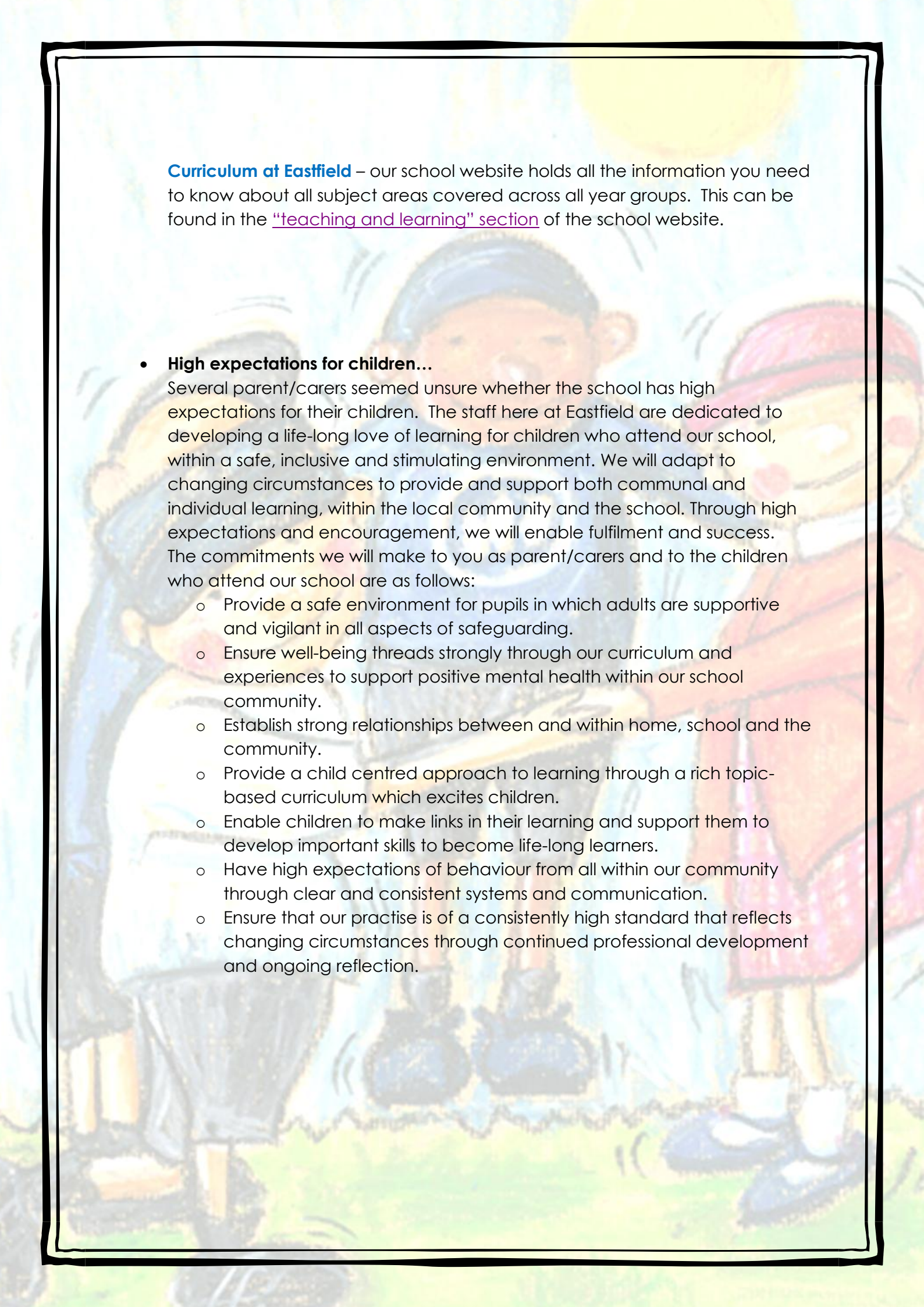
As always, we are keen to know what we are getting right for our school community and what we could do to be even better. There were some parent/carers that were unsure of a couple of things that we do here at Eastfield and what we promote, so I wanted to take the opportunity to clarify some of those points:

- **What my child is learning and broad range of subjects...**

Some parent/carers were unsure what their children are learning at school. If you find yourself in this position, please do refer to the following forms of communication that we send out and are available on our school website.

Parent/Carer briefings – these are emailed out at the start of every half term for every year group to inform you what your child will be learning for the next 6/7/8 weeks. Once emailed out, they are uploaded onto the school website in the ["our classes" section](#).

Weekly notifications – Nursery and Reception have weekly overviews of their learning that are emailed out by the school office. If you are not receiving these then please contact Mrs Unwin for your contact details to be checked.



Curriculum at Eastfield – our school website holds all the information you need to know about all subject areas covered across all year groups. This can be found in the ["teaching and learning" section](#) of the school website.

- **High expectations for children...**

Several parent/carers seemed unsure whether the school has high expectations for their children. The staff here at Eastfield are dedicated to developing a life-long love of learning for children who attend our school, within a safe, inclusive and stimulating environment. We will adapt to changing circumstances to provide and support both communal and individual learning, within the local community and the school. Through high expectations and encouragement, we will enable fulfilment and success. The commitments we will make to you as parent/carers and to the children who attend our school are as follows:

- Provide a safe environment for pupils in which adults are supportive and vigilant in all aspects of safeguarding.
- Ensure well-being threads strongly through our curriculum and experiences to support positive mental health within our school community.
- Establish strong relationships between and within home, school and the community.
- Provide a child centred approach to learning through a rich topic-based curriculum which excites children.
- Enable children to make links in their learning and support them to develop important skills to become life-long learners.
- Have high expectations of behaviour from all within our community through clear and consistent systems and communication.
- Ensure that our practise is of a consistently high standard that reflects changing circumstances through continued professional development and ongoing reflection.

- **Clubs and activities...**

Some parent/carers appear to be unsure of the club offer we have at Eastfield. As a reminder, this is what we currently offer:

- **Lunchtime clubs**

These are clubs that the staff of Eastfield volunteer to run during one of their lunch breaks. As with many aspects of school life, our staff have been enthusiastic to offer their time in providing as many club opportunities as we can. The current lunchtime clubs on offer are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nature Club with Miss Course	Learn to sign club with Miss Webb	Jazzy readers with Mrs Worth	Magical Maths with Mrs Hill	Time to Talk with Mrs Summerfield <i>(coming in the New Year)</i>
Music Club/Choir Club with Mrs Dale				

Lunch clubs are organised purely within school and there isn't anything as parent/carers you need to do. We discuss with the children what clubs are available, they volunteer themselves for clubs they'd like to go to and then the staff running the clubs select the children who will attend their club for the half term period.

If your child has been selected to access one of the lunchtime clubs on offer, they will have already brought a slip home indicating which club that is and on which day they will be attending. All children accessing a lunch club will have their lunch in the hall first and then attend the club from 12:30pm onwards.

Providing that the clubs we are offering are sustainable and manageable, this selection process will be considered at the end of each half term throughout the whole of the academic year.

- **After school clubs**

These are clubs that we offer to children within main school through external providers. The current selection of after school clubs on offer are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Multisports with Primary Sports Stars	Gymnastics with Stephen Van Zyl	Yoga with Verity Windmill	Performing Arts with Theatre Artz

Mrs Unwin emails parent/carers about these clubs so families can choose whether to sign their children up to them or not. They do come at an extra cost, and this is payable to the external professionals/companies providing this extra-curricular opportunity. If your child receives pupil premium funding, please contact Mrs Unwin regarding help paying towards these clubs.

- **Parent information about learning...**

Some parent/carers were unsure about whether their children were doing well in school and how they would find out about this.

The school run a variety of different opportunities for parent/carers to visit the school and speak with staff about their children's learning as well as operating an open-door policy.

The information events we run across the school year are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS initial phonic café	Open Evening	EYFS Reading & Phonics café	EYFS Maths café	Art gallery to parents	New to YR information session
Y1 phonics and reading café	Y1 & Y2 class assemblies to parents including classroom visits	Y1 Maths café	Parents Evening	YR & Y1 class assemblies to parents including classroom visits	New to Nursery information session
YR phonics stay and learn session	Y2 phonics and reading café	Y2 Maths café	YR Maths stay and learn session		Sports Day
Life in the Early Years information evening	New to Nursery information session	Y2 & YR class assemblies to parents including classroom visits	Y1 spring performance to parents		New to Y1 information session
Parents Evenings	Reception & Nursery Nativity performances to parents		New to Nursery information session		New to Y2 information session
					End of year academic reports
					Y2 end of Eastfield performance

Midday Supervisor Role

Please [click here](#) to see an upcoming job opportunity we have at Eastfield Infant & Nursery.

Children in Need "Dress up to Donate"

A huge thank you for all your generosity and support for Children in Need this year. As a school we raised £203.



ESA fundraising events coming soon!

Here is a round-up of events and activities that the ESA are/will be running for the rest of this term...

- **Santa Letters:**

Our very popular "[Letter from Santa \(Click here for details\)](#)" is now available to order. This is available for any children who attend Eastfield Infant and Nursery School and any other children who you would like to receive a letter (such as elder/younger siblings or relatives etc).

How to order

- 1) Fill in this [online order form](#) by the deadline of Friday 22nd November
- 2) Pay £5 per letter via [school gateway](#)

- Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 6th December
- Winter Wonderland: Friday 6th December
- St Ives Community Choir Concert, in aid of the ESA/WSA: Saturday 7th December (see below details)
- Carol Concert: Monday 16th December

Eastfield Wishlist

We can't thank families enough who have already donated generously through our school [Amazon wishlist](#). As we have said before, there is absolutely no pressure or

expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but if you feel that you are in a position to be able to do so, it really is hugely appreciated.

This term we have received the following donations:

- Chunky colour pens and pencils
- Writing pencils
- File holders
- Tea and Coffee
- Stickers
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Handwriting pens
- Pencil grips
- Beginner pencils



These are all incredibly helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget.

This week alone, the school has received:

- Play Learn Sensory Light with Glitter Filled Square Light and Infinity Mirror Tunnel
- Magic Cleaning Sponges Eraser

St Ives Community Choir

We're thrilled to be the supported charity, together with Westfield School Association, of [St Ives Community Choir's upcoming concert](#) on Saturday 7th December, 7.30pm, at the Free Church!

This will be a fantastic evening of musical theatre and festive songs, performed in a beautiful venue, to kick off the festive season.

Refreshments and a raffle will be available on the evening too, all raising funds for our wonderful schools.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for children, and to purchase simply click on this link.

<https://eastfield-school-association.sumupstore.com/products>

Friends of Rotary - can you help Santa this year?

St Ives Rotary Club are appealing for help in ensuring that Santa can get out and about to meet as many children (and grown-ups!) as possible again this year!

You probably know that the Rotary Club of St Ives circulate St Ives and many of the local villages during December but may not know that this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Santa is the attraction, but the Rotary team of walking 'elves' are essential to this success - which in turn means that they have money to donate to local good causes, which many of you might have benefitted from.

A team of 8 to 10 elves accompany Santa on every round, walking at the most between 5.45pm and 8pm on any given night. They carry buckets, collect donations and offer sweets to the children (and must be over 18!). They also knock on doors, but you would accompany one of their regular elves until you feel ready to do this on your own. For many people, the sight of Santa in his sleigh signifies the start of Christmas.

The shortages are:

- 2nd Dec ~ Earith and Colne
- 5th Dec ~ Fenstanton
- 9th Dec ~ Somersham
- 10th Dec ~ Constable & Burleigh Roads
- 11th Dec ~ Blunfisham
- 12th Dec ~ Warren Road
- 13th Dec ~ Kings Hedges
- 18th Dec ~ Hill Rise

If any of our school community could offer any support, it would be a fabulous help to The Rotary Club! (And in case of a volunteer stampede, they will appoint elves on a first-come-first-served basis!)

If you would like to know more, or think you can help, please contact Iain Martin, the elf master general, and Sandra King.

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Family Fun at the Norris Museum this Christmas season!

We are writing to let you know about the family activities The Norris Museum have taking place across this Christmas season.

- **Rockin' Reindeer Quiz Gallery Trail**
From Saturday 30th November to Wednesday 1st January
Find all the images of reindeer and discover something new about this Christmas classic – complete the trail to earn some Christmas stickers – free!

- **Socks the Snowman Craft Packs**

Create your own Socks the snowman using a sock, string, ribbon, buttons, and a little orange pompom.

The pack also contains PVA glue, blue, yellow, pink and black paint and a paintbrush – plus instructions and a Curious Snow Fact Sheet.

Just £5.00 per pack, or two for £9.00, available to buy whilst stocks last from the museum shop from Saturday 16th November.

- **Merry Mosaics: Family Workshops**

Saturday 7th December

3x Workshops - 10:00am to 11:15am, 12:00pm to 1:15pm, and 2:00pm to 3:15pm

Design and create festive mosaic Christmas tiles with professional mosaic artist, Zena Brackenbury, by pressing real glass tesserae into air drying clay.

Use your beautiful creations as hanging or table decorations, even presents!

£12.00 for 2 at a table, £16.50 for 3 at a table, £20.00 for 4 at a table

Tickets numbers include adults - making their own creations!

(There must be at least one adult per table)

Aimed at children aged 5+ and their adults

Limited places - online booking essential - <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Christmas craft fayre

St Ives Methodist Church are holding a Christmas craft fair on November 23rd.

The event is fundraising to support children's and youth work in St Ives as well as their community work within the church.

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

St Ives Corn Exchange Children's Christmas Party

On Monday 23rd December, St Ives Corn Exchange are partnering with a children's entertainment company to put on afternoon event aimed at 4–9-year-olds.

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

Important dates for your diaries

- "Toys through History" educational visit to Norris Museum for Year 2.
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 26th November
 - Otter Class = Thursday 28th November
- Friday 6th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 6th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
- Saturday 7th December- St Ives Community Choir Concert
- Tuesday 10th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
- Wednesday 11th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
- Thursday 12th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
- Thursday 12th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
- Monday 16th December – Carol Concert (5pm).
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner.
- Thursday 19th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
- Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday break.
- Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset training day (school closed).
- Tuesday 7th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Summerfield