

Dear Parents and carers,

We've had a great first week back at school, following the Christmas Break and New Year.

Across the next couple of weeks, all teachers will be popping into each other's classrooms to look at their subjects of responsibility in action. This is a great opportunity for staff to learn from each other and gain further insight into all areas of the curriculum taught within school.

### **Online Safety – Guides and resources for parent/carers**

Following the festive season, you may find yourself in the possession of additional technical devices and an increase in their use...this is definitely the case in the Summerfield household!

As parent/carers, we play a key role in helping our child to stay safe online and this can sometimes feel daunting if technology is not our strength. Thankfully, no one needs to be an expert on the internet to help keep children stay safe online.

Below are links to some key bits of advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibility and positively.

- [Phones](#)
- [Laptops](#)
- [Smart speakers](#)
- [Game consoles](#)
- [Tablets](#)
- [Smart TVs](#)

### **Water Bottles and Their Contents**

At the end of last term, we became aware that some children may have been bringing carbonated drinks in their water bottles to consume during the school day.

We encourage families to promote water as the primary choice for hydration, as it supports focus and overall well-being. While we understand that some children may find plain water unappealing or have medical conditions requiring alternative drinks, carbonated beverages are not permitted at school.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our children stay hydrated with healthy and appropriate options.

For further information on oral hygiene and hydration, please see the following links where you will find advice on how to promote this with your children.



- [Take care of your teeth and gums](#) (NHS)
- [Hydration](#) (British Nutrition Foundation)
- [How to stay hydrated](#) (NHS)
- [Children's teeth](#) (NHS)

### **Christingles**

A huge THANK YOU to Morrisons in St Ives for their generous donation of 60 oranges before the Christmas break. This wonderful gesture enabled the children to create Christingles as part of their RE learning in December.

The children had a fantastic time making them and truly enjoyed the experience!



### **Upcoming information events**

We have two events happening within the next few weeks that we would like to share with you.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2:30pm, Mrs Ketrina Hill will be leading a Maths café for Year 1 parent/carers. This will focus on fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We will be looking at the way children learn using concrete and pictorial resources, introducing you to the Maths vocabulary that we use with the children and will provide parent/carers with the opportunity to take on a Maths challenge with their child.

Closely following this, Mrs Ketrina Hill will then be holding a similar Year 2 Maths café for parent/carers on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm. *NB: This Year 2 Maths Café was originally advertised as taking place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January but due to unforeseen circumstances it's now been changed to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.*

### **ESA Newsletter**

Please [click here](#) for the January 2025 ESA Newsletter.  
This issue contains:



- Highlights from Autumn Term
- Updates on money raised so far
- Thank you, messages,
- How to get in touch
- Future, upcoming events for the diary

### **ESA Wonky Wine Night**

Join us for our [Wonky Wine Night](#) on Friday 7th February, at 7pm in the school hall!

Can you tell your Merlot from your Malbec, your Pinot from your plonk? Play as a team, to match the wines to the descriptions, and play games throughout the evening to test your reflexes! Please note that the taster wines will be a mixture of red and white wines. We'll also serve delicious snacks throughout the evening.

Come for the wine, stay for the laughs! Remember: No peeking, no cheating, and definitely no spitting! Let's see who can swirl, sniff and sip their way to victory!

Tickets are £12 per person, and are on sale NOW via [school gateway](#) until Friday 31st January.

Tables can be booked for groups if wished.

### **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.

Last term we received the following donations:

- Chunky colour pens and pencils
- Writing pencils
- File holders
- Tea and Coffee
- Reward Stickers
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Handwriting pens
- Pencil grips
- Beginner pencils
- Sensory Lights
- Storage boxes
- Phonic card racks





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

- Also, we have an open payment option on [school gateway](#) called 'ESA Donations' which enables parent/carers to send money directly to the ESA bank account at any point they may wish to do so. All donations would be used as part of our ongoing fundraising for much needed funds for our school, for a variety of projects to enhance our children's experience at school. The ESA works closely with staff to ensure that fundraising supports the school effectively.

### **Education Inclusion Family Adviser**

The Education Inclusion Family Adviser for our area is called Katie Smith.

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Her working hours are Monday – Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm (Term time only)

Please [click here](#) to access her Parent/Carer drop-in sessions for this half term which will be weekly. *NB: These are all now held online.* These sessions are usually designed for you to be able to access one-off advice or to gain information sign-posting.

If you feel that you would benefit from a longer support session please feel welcome to contact Katie via a link to her support request form in the [January Newsletter](#).

The Alternative Education Provision & Inclusion Team are pleased to be offering their popular workshops again, which have all been refreshed and updated.

The workshops they have on offer for this period are:

- Supporting your child with feelings of Worry,
- Digital safety,
- Sleep,
- Supporting your child with feelings of Anger,
- Family wellbeing,
- Sibling Rivalry
- and **NEW FOR 2025... Understanding and responding to challenging behaviours.**

They are also offering "OneplusOne Getting it right for the children" as both virtual and face to face (in Huntingdon) sessions for families who are co-parenting and want to improve communication as parents.

To book on any of these workshops, please [click here](#).



Due to Katie's service now being extended further around the county, please also find attached the [January Child and Family centre What's On for Hunts & St Ives, South Cambs](#) and [Cambridge City](#).

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

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 1 Maths Café (2:30pm in the hall)
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Maths Café (2:30pm in the hall)  
*Please note the change of date from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January*
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Raccoon Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Otter Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – ESA Wonky Wine Night (7pm)
- Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Rabbit Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Squirrel Class Assembly + book look and classroom visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of Spring 1 term
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term (School closed)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Start of Spring 2 term
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Early Years Maths Café (9am in the hall)
- Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Week
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair



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- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (children will be invited to design and wear a hat themed of a character from a favourite story)
  - Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week “Change & Adapt”
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (3:30 – 7pm)  
[Nursery timings = 3:30 – 7pm]
  - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)  
[Nursery timings = 3:30 – 6pm]
  - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day
  - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Spring Production to Parent/Carers (2:15pm)
  - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Spring Production to Parent/Carers (9:15am)
  - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Raptor Foundation Visit to school for Year 1 and Year 2
  - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term
  - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Break
  - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Inset Training Day (school closed)
  - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of Summer Term 1

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield