



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

We hope that you had a lovely half term break and it is really nice to see the children back in school engaging in their learning.

Thank you to those parents who have started to follow us on Facebook and Twitter - it's a great way to instantly share the successes of children in school and update you on what's going on.

We have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on all of our correspondence so that you don't miss out.

Kate Cleaver

Principal

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Class of the Week

3 November



10 November



Pen Licence

Scarlet

Maddison de Boer

School Council

Children have voted this week for who they wanted to represent them on our new school council. The votes have been counted and verified and the winners are...

Year 1 - Keziah

Year 2 - Brooke

Year 3 - Charlotte

Year 4 - Avalonne

Year 5 - Ava

Year 6 - Eleanor

Pupils of the Week



All of the new Squirrels are super!



Keziah & Benny



Dulcie & Shamihari



Scarlet & Gabriel

Upcoming Events



Children in Need

This year we are inviting children to come to school in mufti for a donation of £1.00 which will go to Children in Need. Our theme for the day is communication and we be exploring some of the communication barriers faced by others. The children will be doing a sponsored a silence and will need to find different ways of communicating during the course of the day. To help them with this we have been teaching them some British Sign Language and on **Friday 17 November** we have arranged for a representative from the Northamptonshire Deaf Children's Society to visit us.

We hope that the day will be fun for the children, but that they will also understand some of the challenges other children deal with on a daily basis.



Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be on **Tuesday 21** and **Wednesday 22 November**.

Each appointment is 10 minutes long and we will talk with you about the progress your child is making, their attitude to learning and their conduct in school. Please book your appointments on line.

Appointments for the Squirrel class (reception) will only be available on Tuesday, therefore if you have children in other classes we urge you to book early to ensure that you are not having to make two visits to school.

If you have a child with additional needs Rachel Campling, our SENDco will be available to meet with you on the Tuesday evening and we ask you to come to the school office to book an appointment with her please.

Christmas Fete Saturday 9 December 11am-2pm

This year we are joining with the village committee to hold a shared fete. We will host the fete in our school and the village will support our fund raising efforts. We have already booked lots of stalls so you will have the opportunity to do a little bit of Christmas shopping! Stalls include hand painted ceramics, hand made gifts, Christmas decorations, craft stalls, cakes and more.

Father Christmas will also be in attendance and we will be having a raffle, a tombola and refreshments. We hope that by hosting this event on a Saturday many families will be able to join in the festive fun. Should you wish to join the village for carols in the park at 6pm you will be most welcome. There is also a Carol Service at Ecton Church on 17 December at 6pm, all are welcome.

We would be grateful for any donations for the tombla or raffle, please bring these to the school office.



KS 1 Christmas Performance

Bethlehem Builders

Our children in the Squirrel and Hedgehog classes will be performing their Christmas play on the **12 December**.

As in previous years, we will hold two performances in the village church at 10am and 6pm to allow as many family and friends as possible to attend.

We look forward to sharing this lovely traditional event with you.



KS2 Christmas Performance

A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep

Our Badger and Owl classes will perform their Christmas musical on the afternoon at 2pm and evening at 6pm of Tuesday **19 December**. Like last year, these performances will be held in the school hall and we would love to share the event with as many friends and family as possible.





Mon - Fri from 8am

Ecton Early Birds Breakfast Club

It has been lovely to see children already joining us for the Early Birds Breakfast Club. Children can be dropped off from 8:00, are given a healthy breakfast and then they can play games. The cost for this is only £3 per session. There is no need to book, but if you plan on using the breakfast club regularly, please let the office know.

Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Streetdance

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Dodgeball

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Gymnastics

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

Thursday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Multi-Sports

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

If you would like more information on availability or pricing or your child would like to attend any of the above clubs please come to the school office.

Halloween Party

Thank to all the parents who made an effort on Halloween - I have to admit that I was actually a little bit afraid of some of the creatures who returned to school to join the teachers in Halloween games!

The children really enjoyed playing the teachers' games which included 'Pin the Nose on the Witch' and a pumpkin hunt.

Thanks to Alistair McCarter who worked with 3 of our pupils to create some spooktacular pumpkins and a ghost! Thank you also to the parents who donated decorations to help make the hall look super spooky!

If you've not seen our Facebook page yet, do have a look as there are some terrific pictures of the event!



School Improvements

Redecoration

With the help of Hatton Academies Trust, the half term holiday saw even more improvements being made to our school. The internal redecoration of the main building has been completed and the children's toilets have been refurbished. Many of you have commented on the new carpet in the front reception area and we all agree that it has given this area a much needed spruce up!



Playground

The money raised by the former PTA and through the summer fete has been put to good use - the playground wall has now been re-rendered and we still have some money left to decorate the wall. Exactly what it will look like is up to the school council!

More of your generously donated money has been used to support the refurbishment and extension of the trim trail and the new monkey bars are proving to be VERY popular at play time!

Breakfast Club

Having secured a grant from the National Lottery fund to set up a Breakfast Club, we have now had kitchen units installed to create a kitchen area in the hall to get us fully up and running! Breakfast Club is open from 8am every day and the sessions are supervised by Gemma and Miss Miley. The children enjoy a healthy breakfast and have access to a number of games and craft activities - they may even do their homework!



Outdoor Classroom

As well as the kitchen area, the lottery fund has enabled us to install a fantastic outdoor classroom. This space has been fitted with benches and a blackboard and is a wonderfully versatile building. As well as being used by the breakfast club, as the weather gets better we will use it for phonics, reading and many other outdoor learning activities. The children can use this area at playtime and it has given us a super area for those children who prefer quieter activities.





Packed Lunch Inspiration

Thinking of healthy and exciting pack lunch fillings can be a daily challenge. Especially if you can't envisage your child happily trotting off to school with a box of sprouting mung beans, and you're not bowing to the crisp and chocolate demands. Here is a simple, fast and scrumptious idea to bring new life to the dreaded lunchbox, and remember, the power of novelty is not to be underestimated.

Ham 'Sushi'

1 slice granary bread, crusts removed

1 tbsp soft cheese

1 slice wafer-thin ham

1 thin cucumber stick, trimmed to length of bread

Fussy eaters will love this fun twist on a sandwich and these ham 'sushi' make perfect lunchbox snacks. Instead of ham and cucumber, why not try cheese and celery?



Flatten the bread slightly with a rolling pin. Spread one side with the soft cheese and top with the ham, keeping the slice as fat as possible.

Put the cucumber stick at one end of the bread. Gently roll up the bread around the cucumber, securing it with a little extra soft cheese. (If making the night before, chill the roll until needed.)

Cut the roll into four pieces to make 'sushi' rounds and pop in a lunchbox.

See more Kids lunchbox recipes on [Tesco Recipes](#).



ECTON
CHRISTMAS
FETE

Sat 9 Dec

Ecton Village Primary Academy
West Street, Ecton NN6 0QF

11am - 2pm

**Handmade Gifts, Cakes,
Christmas Decorations
Raffle, Tombola
& Meet Santa**



Be smart on the internet



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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



M

MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



A

ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



R

RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



Academic Calendar 2017/2018

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- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Pupil Day
- Training Day



Notices

Our Morning Routine

Can you please ensure that children arrive no later than 8:50 so that they can be registered and in assembly on time. The gate will now lock at 9:00am and parents must accompany children to the front office and sign in the late book. Thank you for your support with this.

Term Time Holidays

Please can we reiterate that term time holidays will NEVER be authorised. It is not acceptable to take your child out of school for a family holiday, or for a family trip / birthday treat. Please understand that any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may be referred to the Local Education Authority (LEA) and that ANY holiday (even one or two days) will also be referred to the LEA. The LEA may then impose a fine. The LEA can fine parents £60 for taking their child on holiday without permission. The fine is per child, per absence and each parent can be fined.

For further information and guidance on attendance please see the Hatton Academies Trust 'Attendance for Learning Policy' which can be found, with all other policies, on our website

Flu Vaccinations - 16 November

Year R - Year 4 children have been offered a flu vaccination and were sent home with a consent letter. Can you please make sure you complete and return the letter even if you don't wish for your child to have it.

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