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## Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter

Welcome back to another term at Ecton Village Primary Academy. The children were very excited when they returned and saw the HUGE carved pumpkins waiting for them! Thank you to Mr McCarter for taking the time to make and donate these to brighten up our playground.

This term is really busy with lots going on – Remembrance, Children in Need, Christingle and several different Christmas performances. Please check the dates and venues carefully, key dates are listed inside this edition of the newsletter.

*Kate Cleaver*  
Principal

### CHILDREN IN NEED WEEK

14th - 18th Nov

Lots of fun going on to raise money

### HAT FAMILY XMAS EVENT

8th December

At Sir Christopher Hatton Academy

### ECTON CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

6th Dec | 14th Dec

KS1 and KS2 performances

## TERM DATES

LAST DAY: 20th Dec

FIRST DAY: 5th Jan

## Children in Need

One day last week I was approached by a small group of children in year 6 who asked if they could organise some events for the charity Children in Need. They were dispatched with a fundraising pack and left to decide what to do. After a very grown up meeting, they came up with a list of ideas and brought them to me for approval. Their ideas were great and I was more than happy to support them. It makes me so proud to see our children working to raise money to support those less fortunate than themselves. I hope that you too can support them by joining in their fundraising efforts....

### 1. Mufti Day

Friday 18th November - A donation of £1.00 – the theme is spots, but any casual clothes will be fine.

### 2. Lunchtime Club

There will be lots of fun crafting during the lunchtimes where the children will have the opportunity to make some Pudsey accessories. If your child would like to attend this club, we ask for a donation of £3.00

### 3. Sponsored Walk on The Spot

Throughout the school day on Friday 18th November the children will each take it in turns to walk as many steps on the spot to try and reach a collective goal of 10,000 steps. This is the average distance a child in Africa has to walk to get clean water. Sponsorship forms will be in your child's bag.

### 4. Cake sale and games

After school on Friday 18th there will be a cake sale and some playground games for adults and children.



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## Donations

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If you would like to donate a cake for the cake sale or a prize for the raffle please could you bring them to the office no later than Friday 18th am.



## New Library Stock

Our new library books have finally arrived!

Having had some help from some of our fabulous parent volunteers to rejuvenate our library area, the new stock has finally arrived! We have 300 new books waiting to be shared by our children. Two helpers, Marcus and Jimmy, were super keen to get into the boxes and see what they could read next!

We are really keen for our children to enjoy reading at home, and encourage children to access our book stock. Please support us by encouraging your child to read and ensuring that all books are returned to school.

## Remembrance

This week our children have taken some time to remember fallen soldiers.

Children from the Owl class are studying WW1 for their topic this half term. They visited the village war memorial and looked at the names of the local lads lost in The Great War. It is highly likely that a number of these young men would have attended our school. The children will now research the lives of some of these young men and access our archive to see what they can learn about those who were lost.

Four children from the Badger class attended the HAT memorial at SCHA in Wellingborough. They joined representatives from all four schools to pay their respects on this important day.

The children in the Hedgehog class have written some very moving acrostic poems using the symbol of the poppy for inspiration.



## Pupil of the Week

Each week the class teachers will nominate a:

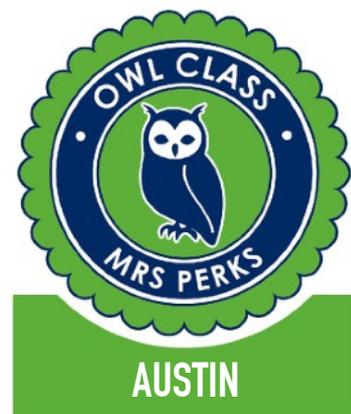
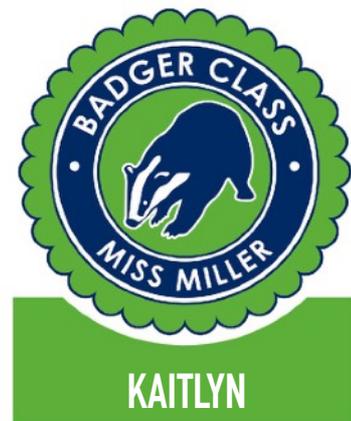
- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

The children are chosen for consistently demonstrating the Ecton values of Resilience, Kindness, Co-operation and Engagement. They are recognised for their excellent attitude in all areas of school life. As a reward, they have lunch with Mrs Cleaver. We have our own special table and receive waitress service.

We will let you know which children have been truly amazing in our fortnightly news.



"I look forward to my lunches very much each week - it is a lovely opportunity to chat to the children more informally and hear what they have to say." *Kate Cleaver*



# Ecton Heart Rewards

## Demonstrating our values

Everyday we encourage the children of Ecton Village Primary Academy to demonstrate the values of Kindness, Resilience, Engagement and Co-operation. When we notice them demonstrating these values, we reward them with an Ecton Heart. In our Friday Assembly those children who have earned them take a glass heart from the large jar and place it in the appropriate smaller values jar.

This week our small jars are full to the very top – showing just how hard the children have worked at demonstrating these values. As we are working together towards these values, the whole school will receive an award.



On the afternoon of Tuesday 15th November the children in the Squirrel and Hedgehog classes will be treated to a film and popcorn in the hall and the following day the Owl class and the Badger class will have the same opportunity. This is a treat for all the children who choose to do the right thing every day.

**Well done everybody!**



## Maths

### I want to improve my child's maths...

Every family can help their child with maths and boost their own confidence at the same time.

You don't need to be a genius to give your child the right head start.

The National Numeracy Family Maths Toolkit to help families enjoy learning maths together. You can access all of their resources at <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/your-childs-maths>

### Top tips for parents

Maths is all around us and problem solving is at the heart of the mastery approach. Look for maths problems you can solve together, making connections between what your child has been learning at school and the world around them.

Demonstrating these connections – and representing them in multiple ways – not only supports your child's understanding and cements their knowledge; it reinforces the relevance of maths in our lives and makes it fun.

### Follow a recipe:

Work together to find out the quantities needed, ask your child to weigh the ingredients, discuss how you'd halve or double the recipe and discuss the ratio of ingredients.

### Talk about the weather forecast

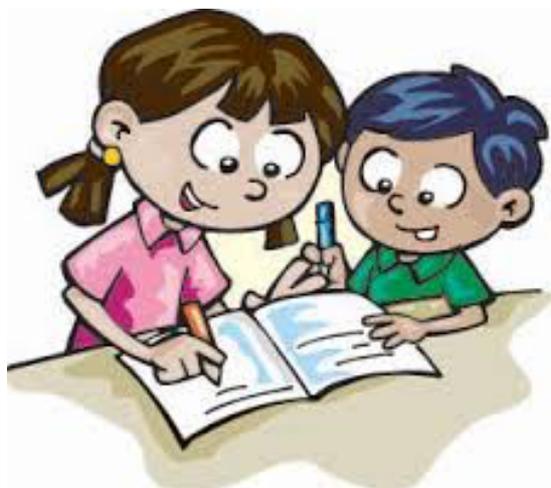
Is today's temperature higher or lower than yesterday's? What do the numbers mean?

### Going shopping

Talk about the cost of items and how the cost changes if you buy two items instead of one. Let your child count out the coins when paying and discuss the change you get back. Use coins to explore addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Planning an outing

Discuss how long it takes to get to the park, and so work out what time you need to leave the house. Encourage your child to work out the best solution based on the time and distances. Discuss what shapes you see when you get there.



Be positive about maths. Try not to say things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school" - your child may start to think like that themselves.

### For more support and information visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/primary/201literacymathstips2011.pdf>

<http://www.mathematicsmastery.org/sos-how-to-avoid-maths-panic-and-support-learning-at-home/>



**HATTON**  
**ACADEMIES TRUST**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON ACADEMY**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**  
**6:30pm**

The Hatton Academies Trust Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 8th December incorporating performances from all the Trust academies and ending with Christmas carols.

Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm, performances commence at 6.30pm.

The Hatton Academies Trust Christmas concert is a free event and tickets are now available via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hatton-academies-trust-christmas-concert-tickets-28686758868>

Please note that tickets are limited and will be on a first come first served basis.

## Christmas Events

### 6th Dec 10.00am and 6.00pm

The KS2 children (Owls and Badgers) perform their Christmas play 'Christmas 1914'. This will be held in the school hall.

### 8th Dec 6.00pm

The children in the Ecton Village Primary Academy Choir will perform at the Hatton Academies Trust Christmas Concert. This will be held at Sir Christopher Hatton Academy.

### 14th Dec 2.00pm and 6.00pm

The EYFS and KS1 children (Squirrels and Hedgehogs) perform their Christmas play 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. This will be held in Ecton Village Church.



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## Cold Weather

Now that the weather has turned colder, please can you make sure that your child wears appropriate warm clothing and that everything is named. Children may wish to walk to school in wellingtons or boots, but please remember that we do expect them to wear black leather, or leather look, shoes once inside the school building.

## Intra Sports Benchball Competition

We held our first intra sport competition here at Ecton today. The key stage 2 children were put in house teams and went against each other to take the top prize of 100 house points for their team. Ask your children for the result. Well done guys!

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