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## Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter

Friday 18 November saw the children of Ecton Village Primary Academy join in the huge day that is Children in Need. Organised by a small group of our year 6 pupils, the day was great fun. The atmosphere in school was lovely as we had fun, but also thought of others less fortunate than ourselves and about how we can help them.

See inside for details of what we did and how much money 88 primary school aged children managed to raise!

*Kate Cleaver*  
Principal

### KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Badgers & Owls  
6th December

### HAT FAMILY XMAS EVENT

8th December  
More info inside

### KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Squirrels & Hedgehogs  
14th December

## TERM DATES

LAST DAY: 20th Dec  
FIRST DAY: 5th Jan

# Children in Need Update

## 1. Mufti Day

What a lot of spots! Children and staff joined in the spotty theme and paid £1.00 (£2.00 for staff) to wear their own clothes.

## 2. Lunchtime Club

There was lots of fun crafting during the lunchtime where the children had the opportunity to make some Pudsey accessories. Hopefully you have seen what they made!



## 3. Sponsored Walk on The Spot

Throughout the school day the children took it in turns to walk as many steps on the spot as they could. Our initial aim was to reach a collective goal of 10,000 steps. This is the average distance a child in Africa has to walk to get clean water.

With those children in a faraway country at the forefront of their minds, our children set out on their journey of 10,000 steps. With a real determination they managed 30,256 steps!!



## 4. Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who made and donated cakes for sale. This certainly helped push up our grand total!

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## Grand Total

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Thanks to the help of the pupils, parents/carers and staff, we managed to raise a grand total of

# £728

In aid of



**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**

## Pupils of the Week

Each week the class teachers will nominate a:

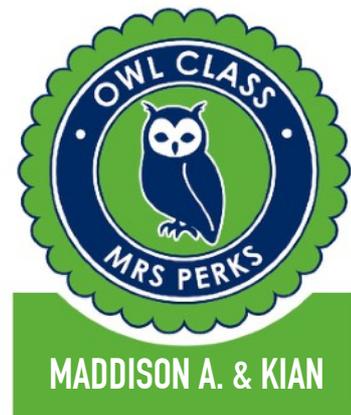
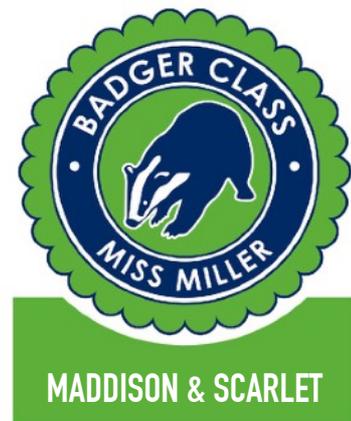
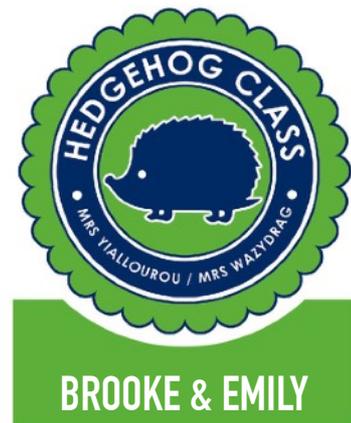
- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

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

As well as consistently promoting the positive values of Kindness, Resilience, Engagement and co-operation and rewarding the children with Ecton Hearts, fluffies and Pupil of The Week Awards, we also have clear boundaries that we expect our pupils to adhere to. These are displayed in all classrooms and corridors.

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# OUR BOUNDARIES

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**1**

**We learn and play safely**

**2**

**We are kind with words and actions**

**3**

**We follow adult instructions**

**4**

**We respect property and people**

# FRIENDSHIP WEEK



## Is it Bullying?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is **RUDE**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is **MEAN**

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep on doing it even after you have asked them to stop and shown them that you are upset by their words or actions – that's **BULLYING**

## Promoting Friendship

Thankfully, bullying is very rare in our small school. Building relationships is all part of learning and sometimes children make mistakes. We work hard to encourage the children of EVPA to form positive relationships with all members of our school community. This week the children have led assemblies on anti-bullying and promoting friendship. They have come up with two fantastic ideas:

1. Celebrate a friend – this is a box placed in reception where the children can fill in a slip explaining how that person has demonstrated positive friendship. Once a week the box will be emptied and the 'Good Friends' celebrated in assembly.
2. Playground Friends – a small number of children will be wearing friendship bands (a green coloured strap across their coat). These children will be available to support / play with children who may be feeling lonely or sad on the playground.

It makes me proud when the children make suggestions such as these as it shows what a caring and supportive group of young people choose to come to our school.





# CHRISTMAS

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## KS2 CHRISTMAS PLAY

(Badgers & Owls)

10.00am and 6.00pm | School Hall

TUE  
6<sup>th</sup> DEC



## Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

## KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY

(Squirrels & Hedgehogs)

2.00pm and 6.00pm | Ecton Church

WED  
14<sup>th</sup> DEC



**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 Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 16th December. If you would like your child to have one, please use the LiveKitchen system to book and pay (£2.30), or alternatively you can book via the school office. If you have already booked dinners through to the end of term you will need to re-book the meal on Friday 16th as the menu has been changed on the system.



## Winter Conditions

During icy or frosty conditions, we will clear and grit routes across the playground to enable pupils and parents to access the grounds as safely as possible. In such cases, we ask you to stay on the cleared pathways and wear footwear appropriate to the conditions.

If the school is closed due to snow, we will inform you as early as possible in the morning via a number of methods:

- ParentMail Text
- ParentMail Email
- Website announcement - [ectonvillageacademy.org.uk](http://ectonvillageacademy.org.uk)
- Automated message on phone system



## **Event Invitation:**

### **Train to Teach in Northamptonshire**

Could you be the inspiration to thousands of young people across the county? Do you want to pass on your passion for learning, and go home each day knowing you've made a real difference to the life of a young person?

Join Northamptonshire Teaching Schools at a *Get into Teaching Open Evening* on November 30th 2016.

Teaching Schools from across the county will provide information, advice and guidance to anyone considering a career as a teacher both in primary and secondary settings. If you have (or will have) a degree, a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential then please register below or contact us [here](#) for further details.

#### **Northamptonshire Get into Teaching Open Evening**

**Date:** Tuesday 30th November 2016, 5pm – 7pm

**Location:** Northampton School for Boys, Northampton.

**[CLICK HERE NOW TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE](#)**

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