



Evenlode Newsletter

19.11.20



Dear Parents, Carers,

Thank you for your recent support with 'Children in Need' and 'Sock' Day. With your help we raised a fabulous £920.45 for C in N. The children are now fully engaged in their new topics and are working hard. It's a time for forging ahead, building on prior learning, tackling new concepts and taking time to edit and redraft work. Making mistakes is an important part of the learning process; we want our children to be inquisitive, ask questions, try new things, even if they don't work out as planned! We never want them to fear making errors and often ask, 'what's the best mistake you've made today?'.



Reading continues to be a focus this term – to build confidence, to improve spelling, to help develop writing techniques, to have a better understanding of vocabulary and comprehension, but most important of all, to READ for PLEASURE. Please continue to share reading experiences with your children.

Discussing texts is an important part of developing reading, to help with this we are sending out a leaflet to support discussion at home.



With thanks,
Hayley Hodgkins and the Evenlode Team.



Christmas at Evenlode:

As with many events in 2020, our Christmas traditions will be slightly different this year, but special nonetheless.



Concerts:

Reception pupils only have one chance of being in a magical Nativity, so our Reception team will be organising a 'virtual' concert, which you'll be able to view via social media, on Tuesday December 15th. On the same day, Y6 will perform their WWII concert, again via social media (details to follow).

All other classes will be sending out a festive message via the school's Facebook page on the 15th.

Christmas Parties:

On 'Party Day' children should bring in a 'Christmas' packed lunch with a cracker and wear 'party' clothes. KS2 December 16th, KS1 December 17th.



Christmas jumpers can be worn on our last day, Friday December 18th.



Thank you for sending in your cosy reading photos, they're fantastic, it's lovely to see the variety of books you're reading. Willow and Oak have been particularly brilliant in sending photos in.



There's still room for more, so please try to forward one to me. Send to : Hodgkinsh@hwbcymru.net



A message for Y6: We usually buy multiple copies of books we read together in class, unfortunately we have been unable to source 'Shadow Jumper' in any large quantity, even from Griffin Books. So, if you need ideas for a Christmas gift, it would be great if you asked for this book as it will be a new read for us in January.

Dates for your Diary:

- Food Bank donations can be brought to school on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November.
- Pupil Flu vaccinations - Wednesday December 9th.
- Reception 'virtual' Nativity - Tuesday December 15th.
- WWII 'virtual' Concert Y6 - Tuesday December 15th.
- Christmas Party Lunch KS2 - Wednesday December 16th.
- Christmas Party Lunch KS1 - Thursday December 17th.
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday December 18th.
- INSET Day Monday January 4th.



News from the PTA:

If you're shopping at Amazon you can support the PTA by using Amazon Smile. Just sign in via www.smile.amazon.co.uk and change your charity to 'Evenlode Parent and Teacher Association'.

Bags 2 School

We will be collecting bags from these locations:

Thursday 19 November, 16 Clos Cradog, Caversham Park, CF64 3RJ, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Thursday 19 November, 68 Cosmeston Drive, CF64 5FA, 9am-5pm
Friday 20 November, Evenlode Primary School Main Gate, 8:30am -10:30am

Please drop off at whichever is most convenient for you. Please DO NOT drop off outside of these times.

WHAT WE COLLECT:

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing

Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

Handbags

Hats

Bags

Scarves and ties

Jewellery

Lingerie

Socks

Belts

Soft toys

Household linen

Household curtains

Household towels

Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

For a list of what isn't accepted by Bags 2 School please see the PTA Facebook page

Next PTA meeting - 1st Dec @ 7pm. Email: evenlodepta@outlook.com for the zoom details.

What's been happening in school?

A focus on Y3.



Year 3 have had a fun filled week! The children all looked fabulous in the outfits for Children in Need and have enjoyed making TV adverts in the woods to inform the public about the Countryside Code.



From little seeds grow mighty trees

