



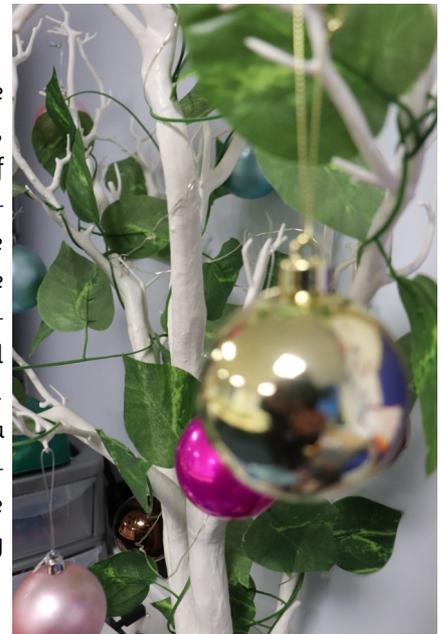
Welcome:

We've made it to the end of an Autumn Term like no other! A huge number of people make up our school community; governors, parents and families, the admin team, cleaners, lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff, the Kids Club team, teaching staff and teaching assistants and, of course, most importantly the wonderful children. Everyone has taken a less than ideal situation and made the best of it and for that the Leadership Team would like to say a massive THANK YOU and well done. We have all had to learn new skills (e.g. Google Classroom, distance learning and video messages), stick to really tight timetables and space allocations, live without clubs and activities that would normally be offered and no traditional end of term celebrations. We have had to learn to be satisfied with e-conversations and communication - not a word of complaint from anyone! It has been particularly hard not being able to welcome parents, guests and visitors into school to see the work that the children have done, the displays in classrooms or to chat through a concern. Please see our singing videos as a token festive gesture.

Infant singing video here: <https://youtu.be/SgAU4iWh1-0>

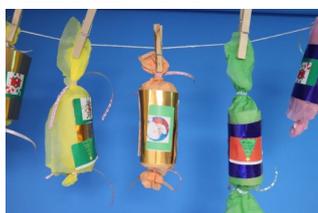
Junior singing video here: <https://youtu.be/hXASyOU6uNI>

We wish you all the best for the holidays and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday January 4th 2021.



Christmas Crafts:

Although Christmas has been a bit different this year, the children have still managed to enjoy a range of Christmas Craft activities in school. They have created cards, decorations and pictures around the festive theme, producing some beautiful, carefully completed work. We hope that some of these will go in the "Christmas boxes" and brought out of the loft for many years to come!



Snowflake Superheroes:

Thank you so much to all the children and families who helped to raise a massive **£1,112** for the Sheffield Children's Hospital Snowflake Appeal. We hope that you enjoyed challenging yourselves to be part of Ecclesall Superheroes by riding, biking, scooting or walking a challenging distance. A special mention must go to Emily and Anna who cycled 50km around Sherwood Pines, raising £125.00 - very well done! We have made a short film to celebrate those people who sent in photos although we are aware that many others also took part. You can view the film here: <https://youtu.be/4mWzTO-zi7g> We hope that you have managed to spot our snowflake on the wall of the Children's Hospital, look up and feel very proud to be part of Ecclesall Superheroes. Thank you.



S6 Foodbank:

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our "Reverse Advent Calendar 2020". This year we have continued the tradition of thinking of others as we prepare for Christmas during Advent and have been gathering donations of food and toiletries that will be distributed to those in need via the S6Foodbank. We have had 3 van loads collected from school over the last two weeks of term and we are assured that donations such as these are making a real difference. Thank you.



Cook-a-long:

Thank you to everyone who took part in the cook-a-longs with Raheel and Isla earlier on this term helping to raise over £550 for the EPTFA. We are sure that you will be pleased to hear that there are



plans to do 4 more sessions in January & February (dates on the school calendar). Raheel and Isla have also published a cook book 'Sugar, Spice & Stockpile - A Taste Pandemic' which is raising money for the NHS Covid - 19 Charity.



Y3 Good to be me:

The children in Y3 have been working on a topic called "Good to be me" where they have learnt about how to be a good friend, recognising and celebrating talents and strengths and how to feel good about themselves.

They have designed and made a photo frame in their Design & Technology lessons and into it have put a picture of their future selves.

We love the ambition in the children and it is now our job to try to ensure that they realise their dreams.



EPTFA:

We are very grateful to the EPTFA committee and all the parents and carers who have either helped out or joined in the events put on during this term. The Virtual Christmas



Fair including stalls and the raffle raised approximately £2800 bringing the total fundraising for this term to a MASSIVE £5,678!! Thank you. The fund raising goes towards various "extras" school including Y3 percussion classes, the purchase and installation of adventure playgrounds, class Christmas Gifts (actually, these are from Santa!) and the Christmas Panto, which was enjoyed by all the children during the last week of term. We hope that everyone enjoys their Christmas Cards and Bags/Tea Towels that also help so much towards the fundraising effort. There are lots of events planned for next term including a quiz, more cook-a-longs, Easter Egg Hunt and a dress up day. All dates are published on the school calendar and here on the EPS Update too - please do get involved if you can.



Staff News:

Congratulations to Mr Garber and his partner Victoria on the arrival of their son Isaac. We hope that you have a wonderful first Christmas together. We look forward to meeting Isaac once visitors are permitted back in school.



Coming Up:

- Fri 18/12: End of Term
- Mon 4/1: Return to School
- Sat 16/1, 23/1, 30/1 & 6/2: Raheel's Cook-a-long
- Fri 22/1: Back to Front Day
- Wed 27/1: Holocaust Memorial Day

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