



This month, ask your child about...

... what has interested them most about their topic so far.

... what they know about Diwali, respect and honesty.

... what they think children joining our school need to know to feel they really 'Belong at EP' - the topic of our next Big School Meeting

Message from the Heads

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy yet brilliant first half of term in which all of the children have settled into our EP community. This was demonstrated so wonderfully at our Foundation Stage Party.



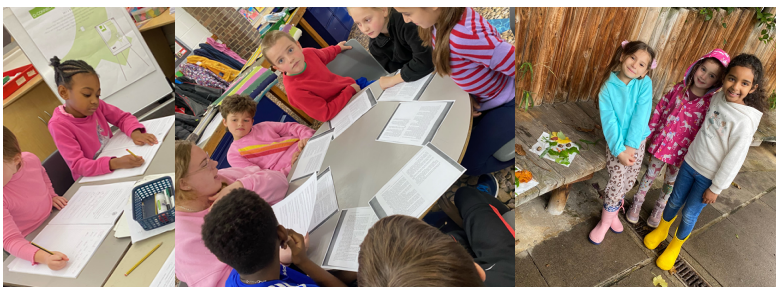
Across the school, children are engrossed in their topics, impressing teachers and visitors with their extensive knowledge. We ended our Black History Month with a visit from local hero, Sir Clifford Farrell OBE, a firefighter who talked to the children about the volcanic eruption in Montserrat, during which he rescued hundreds of people. He was amazed by the brilliant questions the children asked, and their geographic knowledge about volcanoes.

November is all about extending and deepening learning, drawing on trips and exploring curriculum inside, outside and through performances. You should now notice knowledge of children's topics growing - why not quiz them using their EP Knowledge Organisers!

We're looking forward to the Year 5 performance of Macbeth and everyone is preparing for all the EP winter traditions, including the Winter Concert and the EP Variety Show. Details are below so that you can talk with your children about learning song words, and stepping forward if they would like to take a role in reading a poem or as a compère.



Finally, in case you missed it, EP was featured in the Ham & High just before half term, in an article recognising our outstanding Ofsted judgement - a whole team and community achievement. Here is a link to the [article](#).



Best wishes,
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Key Information and dates for your diary

EP Disco tomorrow from 6-8pm!

Music, photo booth, food and a bar. Entry is £2 adults and £1 children. Join the party in the hall!

Winter Concert poetry readers - if your child would like to audition to read at the Winter Concert please let your class teacher know by next **Friday 10th November** - auditions will be on Friday 17th with Sally.

EP Variety Show is held on the last day of this term, Thursday 21st December. Two acts are selected from each class and will perform in the competition. Children can perform alone or with classmates. We welcome a wide range of acts - dance, music, comedy, magic and more! Class **auditions take place in w/c 13th November**. Check class newsletters for exact days.

PTA AGM -Thursday 9th November at 4pm

Everyone is welcome to join this AGM in the Lab. Together we will decide how to spend the money you've raised at all the wonderful fundraising events over this last year.

Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of anti-bullying week and ***we encourage all children to wear odd socks on this day*** to represent our differences. It's a day to join together to show that it's ok to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

Order your Christmas tree through EP

Here's your chance to raise money for EP and get a great Christmas tree from a sustainable source – and at a bargain price! Collect your tree from the EP playground on Friday 1st December at the Christmas Fair.

Order through the usual [Scopay site](#) or with cash to the office. There are 4 sizes of tree and we also have 12" undecorated wreaths on sale.

- 3ft – 4ft - £25
- 5ft – 6ft - £45
- 6ft – 7ft - £55
- 7ft – 8ft £65
- Wreath (undecorated) £12



To note that the trees do not come with a stand.

Last day to order: Wednesday 22nd November by 4pm

Look out for **Christmas card** artwork coming home tomorrow. Ordering details will be in class newsletters and card order deadline is **Friday 10th November**.



Important dates

Autumn Term

- Thursday 8th November 4pm - **PTA AGM** in the Lab
- Friday 10th November - 9am and 2:45pm - **Maths Pack talk for Reception** parents
- Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day - **wear odd socks to school** for anti-bullying week.
- w/c 13th November - Variety Show auditions in class
- Tuesday 14th November Primary Maths Challenge Years 4-6
- Friday 17th November - **Shed Talk 9am - Maths games for KS1 and KS2** with Charlie MacCormick
- Wednesday 22nd November - Year 5 Macbeth performances - 2pm and 6:30pm
- Thursday 23rd November - Bike Fix
- Friday 24th November - **Stay and Play**
- Friday 1st December - 3-5pm **Winter Fair**
- Wednesday 13th December - 2:30-3:30 pm **Winter Concert** at Acland Burghley School
- Thursday 21st December - after registration **Winter Variety Show** and **last day of term**
- **Christmas Holiday** - Friday 22nd December - Monday 8th January inclusive - the last day of term is Thursday 21st December with school finishing as usual at 3:30pm

Friday Snack Sales in Autumn Term

- 3rd November - Year 4
- 10th November - Year 3
- 17th November - Year 2
- 24th November - Year 1
- 8th December - Reception
- 15th December - Nursery

Spring Term

- Tuesday 9th January - **Back to school** for all children
- Friday 26th January - **Stay and Play**
- 12th-16th February - **Half Term**
- Monday 19th February - **Staff INSET day**
- Friday 23rd February - **Stay and Play**
- Thursday 29th February - **World Book Day** - children can dress up as their favourite book character
- Thursday March 7th - **Bingo Night**
- Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March - **Parent Progress Meetings**
- Thursday March 28th - **Egg Race** and last day of term

Summer Term

- Friday May 17th - **CBC Night**
- Tuesday July 9th and Thursday 11th - **Parent Progress Meetings**
- Wednesday July 24th - Last day of term ending 1:30pm

