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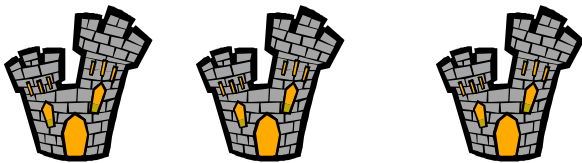
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Dear Parents

As we forge our way through November, and the calendar becomes more and more crowded, it is heartwarming to see the varied activities going on throughout the school.

Curriculum I

November is the time for formal lesson observations and the monitoring of teaching and learning. On my visits to classrooms across the school it has been a joy to see our new thematic curriculum in action. I have seen children imagining and role playing what castle life was like; children being archaeologists delicately unearthing, piecing together and interpreting artefacts before putting them in a class museum; children practising the same skills as Florence Nightingale in using charts and graphs to illustrate a point, and researching some fascinating facts about Dr. Barnardo!



Curriculum II

Governors have also been carrying out monitoring visits, focussing on the Teaching & Learning policy, and have noted that all children have been motivated to learn, have clearly enjoyed the activities set and have responded and behaved extremely well.

The Viking Day in Class 2 was a great success and our visiting Viking spent an enjoyable morning telling stories and marauding across the playground. Class 3's Victorian day is still to come, look out for the sterner face of education!

Of course these events would not be as successful without parent and governor support. Thank you for the efforts you put in making costumes and thanks also go to Katie and Liz Lethbridge who have given up their time to come in and make Winter cakes, prepare a Viking banquet and a Victorian supper. There is no doubt that enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning at East Allington leads to high standards across the curriculum.

Staffing

We welcome Jo Warren and Andy Pugsley to the school this term; Jo is a 3rd year B.Ed. student working in Class 1P until the end of term, Andy is a PGCE trainee teacher who will be teaching in Class 3 for three weeks this term and, following a KS1 placement next term, will be back in Class 3 in the summer.

There is vacancy for a mealtime assistant on Friday lunchtimes. Please ask in the School Office for more details. At the moment we rely on the goodwill of Karen Elliott and Helen Jeffery.



Sport

Neville Watts continues as Sports Coach here on Monday afternoons, running lunchtime football club and multiskills sessions for children in Key Stage One and in Class 2. He also runs netball club after school on Thursdays.

Ten children from class 2 went to Quayside last week to take part in the netball festival. I hear they had a great time, with lots of goals being scored! Many thanks to those parents who helped with travel arrangements.

Brrrrrr!

Now there is a distinct chill in the air, please make sure your child has a coat for school and some warm clothing for outdoor PE lessons.



Fundraising

☺Our Stripy day raised £84 for Children In Need and created a colourful spectacle on a dull autumnal day.

☺A total of 32 boxes was delivered by Karen Elliott to the garage of the area organiser of Operation Christmas Child. This matches last year's total and will put a smile on the face of a number of deserving children across the world.

☺The Recycling Friday stall has been a great success raising £174 already this term for Class 1 resources. Thank you.

☺Thank you very much for the Morrisons' gardening vouchers. We shall be placing an order for some garden tools very soon.



Dates

Fri 28 Nov	<i>Victorian Day in Class 3</i>
Wed 3 Dec	<i>PTFA Christmas Craft Club</i>
Wed 10 Dec	<i>Christmas lunch</i>
Fri 12 Dec	<i>PTFA Christmas Fayre 2.30 – 4.30pm</i>
Mon 15 Dec	<i>Open afternoon from 2.00pm- please come in and visit all our classes to see the wonderful work done this term</i>
Tue 16 Dec	<i>Christmas Performance at 1.30pm</i>
Wed 17 Dec	<i>Christmas Performance at 7.00pm</i>
Fri 19 Dec	<i>'Tin Forest' puppet show in Village Hall</i>
Fri 19 Dec	Break up for holiday
Tues 6 Jan	Return to school

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Colegate, Headteacher

