

### Head teachers update

**School Plan Focus:** We have been developing our use of Talk 4 Writing. This week's staff training was led by Miss Whyte. Teachers were given handouts to support their understanding of this teaching approach and to help them be even more effective in developing sequences of learning that lead to all children being keen and effective writers. This included further guidance on developing toolkits with the children and looking at a model planning map as well as spending time developing the long term plan that ensures focus on different writing styles throughout the school.

Teaching assistant training this week has continued to focus on healthy, happy lunchtimes and what we can do to ensure that children develop long-term healthy eating habits and have a safe, enjoyable lunch play, whatever the weather.

**E-safety and Parents Forum:** My apologies for postponing the planned e-safety sessions and parent forum but this was due to a very small number of responses. We have re-scheduled for next week, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 and also at 5:30 pm. We already have a few more parents able to attend. If at all possible, please do attend as the issue of keeping children safe in the rapidly evolving world of the internet is so important. One parent, who has had involvement with CEOPs, (the providers of the training materials), stressed in an email to the school that "It's really important that parents understand. You might want to mention to parents that it's suitable for anyone whose children play games consoles, use the internet or play on tablets / phones."

**Piano Concert:**

Those children taking piano lessons in school would like to perform a few Christmas songs for parents, and we would therefore like to invite their parents to the Christmas Carols rehearsal at school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 9.30am.

Jeremy Fisher

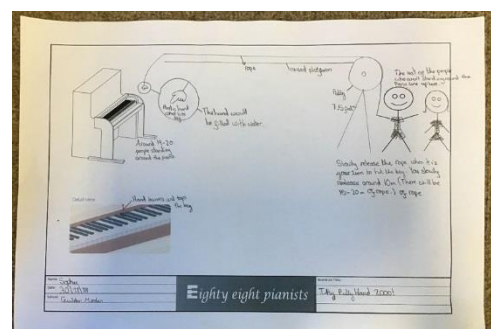
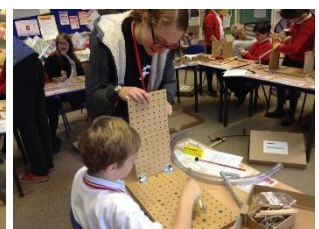
### Classes

**Eighty Eight Pianists:** Class 3 have had a special Design and Technology and Engineering focus today. 88 Pianists is a collaboration between engineers at universities across the UK and we are one of 40 primary schools involved. The aim is to break a world record by designing implements that will enable 88 pianists to play the same piano at the same time. The programme started in October 2018 and will culminate in a record-breaking performance in Birmingham on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

For information, check out their website

<http://www.88pianists.com/about-project/faqs-parents>

The children have been experimenting with a whole range of ways to press a piano key then have been completing their own design.



## Class 2

Class 2 have been enjoying their cornet lessons.



## Class 1

Class 1 have been enjoying gymnastics with Miss Guilder, our PE teacher from the School Sports Partnership.



## COOL CLUB

The children have supported the PTFA Christmas fayre this week by decorating and filling jars with sweets. The Club has produced 15 jars in total. We have also had lots of Lego construction of vehicles and a Lego city being built.

Helen and all the Club staff.



## Parent Pay

Would all parents kindly ensure payments are up to date on Parentpay.

## School Meals

We apologise for a further change in school lunch today, due to the non-delivery of the food. We are raising this matter with our new caterers to explain that we are dis-satisfied.

## Multisports

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, there will be no Multisports club due to the Christmas Fayre, which we hope you will

all support. Payment for this class will be taken over as one credit in January 2019.

## Cross Country Event:

Thank you to all the children participating at the Cross Country competition. Whilst we had no winners at running, their participation and team-building certainly counts for a lot and the children have each received a well done certificate from the event holders. A report is on the following website:

<http://www.scssp.co.uk/big-numbers-for-a-small-schools-competition/>

## Scholastic Book Fair

We shall be having our annual Scholastic Book Sale on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 3.15-4pm. Please keep this sale in mind for your Christmas shopping, and you are welcome to tell friends and neighbours within the village.



## Christmas Fayre

We are really looking forward to this afternoon's Fayre, hopefully you can join us for a really fun afternoon!!

## Christmas Market - Guilden Church

We will be at the Christmas Market tomorrow (1st Dec, 10am-1pm) running a children's craft stall as well as a general Christmassy stall. We will be selling the tea light holders that the children have made so if you are unable to come/buy at our Christmas Fayre then you'll have an opportunity to purchase at the market also. Hope to see you there!

## Elfridges Christmas Shop is back!!

Running on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December all day during school hours! Please send your children in with some money so that they can purchase some lovely brand new gifts for their friends and family. Items are priced between £1 -£4 and they can also write a letter to Santa whilst they're shopping! The children LOVED visiting the shop last year so we hope you'll support us again.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Wow! You have all been so generous with your donations for our Annual Christmas Hamper. RAFFLE TICKETS ARE COMING HOME IN SCHOOL BAGS TODAY!! They are £1 each and come in a book of 5 - you will have x2 books so please ask friends and family if they'd also like enter as the hampers are fantastic!! We will

be selling tickets at the Christmas market tomorrow and I'll also put a picture of the prizes on our Facebook page so you can share with others. The winners will be drawn after the Nativity performance on Tuesday 11th December - good luck!!

**Collective Worship Theme for the week**

Preparing for Jesus' Birthday

**Classroom Awards: Stars of the week** 

|           | Progress          | Conduct & Values |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| PreSchool | Mila              | Peggy            |
| Class 1   | Freddie & Ellie G | Esther & Ellie B |
| Class 2   | JJ & Jake         | Bonnie & Scott   |
| Class 3   | Max & Ines        | Chloe & Emma     |

**Diary Updates and Reminders**

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 9am        | E-Safety & Parents Forum   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December             | PTFA Elfridges   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.30 | Nativity Play Performance - Class 1  |
| 13-17 December                       | Scholastic Book Fair   |
| 19 December (Wed) at 9.30am          | Carol Service at the church<br>Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper & Santa visit |
| 19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm         | End of Autumn Term 2018  |
| <b>2019</b>                          |  |
| 3 January (Thurs)                    | Spring Term commences  |
| 7 January (Mon)                      | STAFF TRAINING DAY<br>-School Closed-  |
| 10 January (Thurs)                   | School Pantomime Visit (PTFA)<br>'Snow White & Seven Dwarfs'                       |



**Sports - Star of the Week**

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

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| Class 1 | William |
| Class 2 | Scott   |
| Class 3 | Ephram  |

**Lunchtime Awards:**

For helping others, tidying up and serving



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| Isobel | Sophie | Elsa |
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**Thought for the week:**

"He who is best prepared can best serve his moment of inspiration."

— Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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