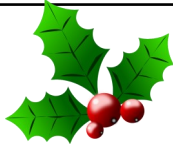
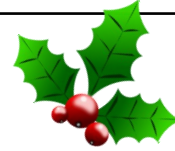


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Message from the Head Teacher

Christmas reached us this week with our wonderful DEPA team decorating the Reception area, chef Lee's beautiful Christmas dinner on Wednesday and the incredibly cute and enjoyable First Steps Christmas concert yesterday (I am still singing 5 little penguins to myself!).

We continue into next week with our Cinderella pantomime on Monday afternoon, the Rising Reception, Reception and Year 1 performance of 'Humph the Camel' at 10.15am on Thursday morning and then our class parties on Friday morning.

This morning, we 'dressed' our playground Magnolia tree as a

whole school event for the end of Our Wonderful World unit of work. First Steps and Rising Reception children thought about what makes our World wonderful and Reception and Year 1 children made a pledge to make our World even more wonderful. All of the ideas were written onto pieces of ribbon and tied to the tree in the middle of our playground to say thank you for our Wonderful World and also to help us remember how lucky we are to have such a Wonderful World. The tree looks lovely and will be a reminder to us all every time we go outside that we need to respect and look after the World we live in.

Mrs Vanessa Conlan

DEPA news

Christmas has come to Epsom Pre Prep: The children were so excited to arrive at school and see that Christmas had arrived. The Christmas decorations in the reception hall were put up by the wonderful DEPA Elves, and we hope you agree that they bring some festive cheer. Thanks to those parents who helped to create a Christmas wonderland!



Cinderella @ Epsom Pre Prep: Don't forget that Monday see's the West End Theatre Group visiting school for the DEPA-sponsored Cinderella Pantomime which starts at 2pm. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress to add to the occasion. DEPA will also provide popcorn and a gift bag for the children on the day – so much to look forward to! If you have any questions – get in touch with Mrs Conlan or DEPA epsomdepa@gmail.com

Christmas coffee morning hosted by Sheila – Tuesday 12th December: One of our Rising Reception mum's, Sheila, has offered to host a mince pies and mulled wine coffee morning on Tuesday 12th December for any parents who fancy a catch up before the Christmas break. The coffee morning will be held at Mandy Jensen's house. Do let us know if you can make it by emailing epsomdepa@gmail.com and we will forward you Mandy's address.

DEPA Drinks Evening – event wrap up: The DEPA team are hard at work pulling together an event overview for the very successful Drinks Evening we ran and aim to get it out by the end of term so you can see what we did, who the lucky winners were and how much we raised. Apologies for not getting this to you sooner but it is definitely worth waiting for!

Our Reception eco-warriors are educating us all!

On Thursday morning, Reception led an assembly for Rising Reception and Year 1 sharing all their learning about how to become more environmentally friendly. Through the slogan of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle', the Reception children explained actions we can take in school and at home to look after Our Wonderful World and to try and make it a better place for everyone.





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Celebration Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children this week:

First Steps
Whole class

Hedgehogs
Maxi

Squirrels
Keira
Aiden

Badgers
Manya
Zaria

Owls
Max
Whole Class

Well Done!

Christmas cards

Our Christmas post box will be in the Reception area on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week for the children to post their cards. To help the elves with their sorting (the children will be our elves), please bundle Christmas cards up into class bundles with the class name clearly shown. Our sorting elves will sort the cards and then deliver them to the classrooms.



Celebrating Our Wonderful World

We all had great fun at our tree dressing event this morning. I can see our tree from my office window, and every time I have looked out this afternoon, our tree has made me smile!



We finish at 2pm next Friday. No lates or extended day.

Events Week Commencing Monday 11th December Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	2.00—3.30	COME IN FANCY DRESS TODAY Cinderella pantomime
Tues		
Wed	pm	RR, R and Year 1 to St George's Church for Christmas rehearsal
Thurs	10.15	RR, R and Year 1 performance of Humph the Camel at St George's Church, Ashtead
Fri	Morning 2pm	Class parties End of term—no lates and no extended day