



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the Earthsea School Newsletter. All the classes are feeling festive, the children have been busy putting up Christmas decorations. The staff have been very busy organising lots of Christmas activities, trips and of course our Christmas dinner. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Christmas

All children will be going on a school trip to Melsop Farm on **Thursday 6th December**. We are going to watch a Christmas show and there may be a chance to look round the farm and meet some of the animals so please can you bring in some named wellies as it will be muddy this time of year. Please also ensure your child comes in with a coat!

Our Christmas dinner this year will be on **Thursday 13th December** and we are doing something a bit different this year. We will be going off site to enjoy our lunch at Whitwell Hall, they have kindly let us use their kitchen and dining hall and some members of staff to help cook the dinner!! Your child can come in wearing a Christmas jumper or hat for the Lunch.

Friday 14th December is Save the Children's Christmas jumper day so the children can come in again with a Christmas jumper and or a hat and we would ask for £1 donation which we will send off to the charity. We also have our carol singing at Ailwyn Hall a residential home that is next door to Earthsea. The children can choose to join our choir and we will start practising this week so any extra singing at home will be much appreciated!

Uniform and home learning

All pupils are expected to attend school in school uniform.

- Grey/ black trousers or skirt
- White polo shirt
- Navy/ black plain sweatshirt

We also recommend that all pupils bring in a water bottle and healthy snack.

It's getting colder so please ensure your child comes in to school with appropriate outer wear. Coat, hat, scarves, gloves

Home learning

Your child should come home with a school reading book and a reading diary for you to fill in. We will aim to check the Reading diaries weekly and encourage your child to choose another book; Reading/sharing a book regularly (10 minutes daily) is a fantastic way to support your child's learning.

Swimming

The Warren class will be taking part in swimming lessons this half term. The swimming lessons will be starting on Friday 18th January 2019 and we will aim to leave the school at 9:30. Please can you ensure that your child brings their swimming bag which should include a towel, swimming costume/trunks and a swimming hat, they can bring goggles if they wish.

Fundraising

We are beginning to receive our items from the EDP sports for schools competition that we won - our sheds are bursting with exciting new equipment!

We are currently collecting EDP books for schools vouchers so if you have any please could you send them in to school.



Healthy Lunch/ Snacks

Earthsea school has a Healthy School Status therefore we encourage the pupils to be healthy eaters. Please could your child bring in a healthy lunch and snack.

This may include:

Fruit or vegetables
Cheese
Yoghurt
Baked crisps
Cereal bars – healthy snack bars
Dairylea Dunkers
Crackers
Breadsticks
Rice Cakes

Please note that during lesson time the children may drink water. At lunchtimes, they can have juice or squash.

Please can I remind you that due to allergies we are unable to have foods containing nut products in school.

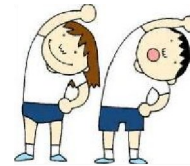


PE

Our pupils enjoy regular PE activities. Please can you ensure that they have suitable clothing to enable them to fully participate in these activities safely.

PE kit should include:

- Pale blue/ white polo shirt
- Navy/ black plain sweatshirt
- Navy/ black jogging bottoms or shorts
- Non-marking trainers



Diary Dates

Christmas holiday starts (school closes at 1pm)
Back to School after Christmas

18th December 2018
3rd January 2019

Christmas school trip to Melsopp Farm
Christmas Dinner
Carols at Ailwyn Hall
Christmas Jumper Day

6th December 2018
13th December 2018
14th December 2018
14th December 2018