



15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

# School Newsletter #5

## Dear Families,

As we rapidly approach the festive season, we want to acknowledge that it has already been a long and busy term for everyone. Many of the children are showing signs of tiredness, so we politely encourage families to ensure children get plenty of rest as we gear up for this exciting but often chaotic time of year. With lots of events and activities planned, we want the children to be full of energy and able to enjoy every moment.

Also, as the weather turns much colder, please remember to send your child into school each day with a warm coat, appropriate shoes and a healthy snack so they can fully enjoy playtimes. Thank you for your continued support!

A huge **Well Done** must go to Miss Bugg and the Choir for such an amazing performance at last night's Christmas Light Switch on



**BUS CHILDREN** Please can we ask that the **school office** is notified of any changes to arrangements for children travelling home on the school bus **by lunchtime** so that bus lists can be amended and given to teachers at afternoon registration.

**PARKING** We have been contacted by local residents regarding concerns and complaints about parking at the start and end of the school day. Please ensure that parked cars do not obstruct the driveways of the houses or cause accessibility issues.

**FLU VACCINATIONS** – if your child has missed the flu vaccinations that were administered in school, please use this link to rebook a mutually convenient time.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/book>

**SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT** Please be aware that as of the 30th November 2024 the current school bank account will close. This will impact anyone who currently uses childcare vouchers to pay for before and after school clubs. You should have received notice of this already. If you need the new bank account details please get in touch with the office.

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2024

- **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov** – EYFS Open Evening for Sept 2025 starters
- **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Yr4 Be Our Guest Lunch
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS Stay & Play event for September 2025 Starters
- **9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** Stars & Lights Christmas Festival at St Leonards Church
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Elm class to St Leonards Church
- **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Performance for Good Neighbours
- **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Yr6 to attend St Leonards Church
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Yr1 to attend St Leonards Church
- **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PTA Elf room
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Dinner
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of Term**
- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January – PD Day**
- **Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Yr3 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Wellbeing Week

## Communication

If you need to get in touch with the school or make changes to collection arrangements please use this email:

[admin@ickworthpark.co.uk](mailto:admin@ickworthpark.co.uk)

If you would like to know more about our Early Help Offer or speak to the SENCo about your child's barriers to learning please use this email:

[senco@ickworthpark.co.uk](mailto:senco@ickworthpark.co.uk)

## What have we been up to in school?

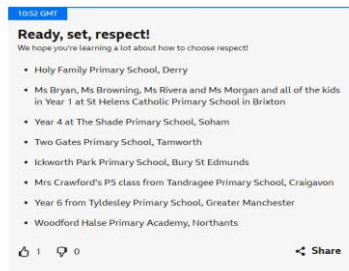
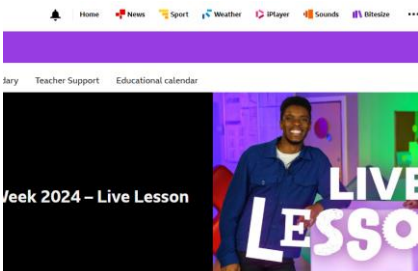
Elm Class learned all about Diwali last week and how it is celebrated across the world. They really enjoyed creating a piece of art work for their role play area, using the rangoli and henna hand patterns that are traditionally created during this time as inspiration.



Year 6 have been on a trip to Sizewell B to support their knowledge and understanding of electricity. They really enjoyed dancing the conga whilst learning how atoms react.



This week the whole school has taken part in Anti-Bullying week. The theme was RESPECT this year which fits perfectly with our new school values. Mrs Murray introduced this with a whole school assembly and Year 6 were thrilled to receive a shout out on the BBC for taking part.



## Year 6 House Captains



House Points for this week are:

Saturn 119

Earth - 124

Mars - 107

Mercury - 123

## Ickworth Park School Values

**Respect, Challenge, Resilience, Confidence**

This term, we have been focusing on the value of **Respect** because it helps create a positive and caring school environment. By showing respect to others, we build strong friendships, support each other's learning, and make everyone feel valued. Starting the year with respect has set the tone for a happy and successful school year!

## Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

EYFS Elm Class – 96.4%

Year 1 Beech Class – 96.6%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98.7%

Year 3 Lime Class - 95.8%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.9%

Year 5 Willow Class – 98.7%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.6%

Whole School 97.3%

National average 94.1%

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