



29th November 2024

School Newsletter #6

Dear Families,

As we head into the final days of term, we are looking forward to some special activities that will make the lead-up to Christmas even more exciting!

On **Wednesday, December 18th**, the PTA will be hosting **The Elf Room**. For a donation of £1 they will be selling and wrapping a secret gift for each child to bring home and place under their tree. To support this the PTA have asked for good quality donations of gifts until **Monday, December 16th**. We appreciate your support in making this event a success and encourage parents to check through their cupboards for any suitable donations – festive socks, soap, pet toys, scented candles, chocolate and games have all been very popular in previous years. Please drop them off at the school office. To make sure every child has the chance to participate, the PTA is limiting purchases to **£1 per child** initially. Should any gifts remain, they will be available for purchase at the end of the school day.

On **Thursday, December 19th**, the children will have the chance to enjoy a festive **Christmas lunch**. On this day, they are invited to wear their school uniform paired with a **festive jumper and festive headwear** if they wish. A letter will be coming home on **Monday, December 2nd**, with all the details. Orders for the Christmas lunch must be returned by **Friday, December 6th**.

Tickets for the **KS1 Christmas performances on 11th & 12th December** will be coming home next week.

We're also excited to share that our Year 6 children will be holding a **Christmas Fayre** on **Friday, December 20th** to help kickstart their fundraising for the Accumulator Challenge. More details will be sent home soon, so please keep an eye out for how you can support this fantastic initiative. It's shaping up to be a wonderful end to the term, full of festive cheer and community spirit!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES

In line with all Suffolk County Schools we have chosen to use a new management information system called ARBOR. More information relating to this will follow separately. There will be a new App for all parents for which new logins will be sent home before the end of term. Please look out for these communications and contact admin if you have any questions. If you have not received any information via school gateway by Monday 16th December please notify the office.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE – For the attention of parents using childcare vouchers or national savings scheme

Please continue to use the Ickworth Park Primary School Bank Details until the end of December 2024. The new Trust bank account details will not come into effect until the 1st of January.

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What have we been up to in school ?



In support of our village church, St Leonard's and their 'stars and lights' festival, Elm Class have been busy making their own stars to display in the church. They took inspiration from the painter, Jackson Pollock and his 'drip technique' of pouring, spraying or splashing liquid (in this case paint) onto a horizontal surface. Whilst doing this, children developed strength and dexterity in our hand muscles by spraying and gripping the paintbrush whilst flicking the paint vigorously.

The Stars & Lights festival at St Leonards Church will be running from the 9th to 15th December.



In year 4, the children have been learning about electricity. They have learned to identify common household appliances that run on electricity and how to construct a simple circuit. The children can now identify and name the basic parts of a circuit and predict whether a bulb will light based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete circuit.

We'd Love Your Support!

If you're a parent or grandparent who enjoys reading, we would be delighted to have you volunteer as a reader in school! Your time and enthusiasm can make a huge difference in helping children develop a love for learning. The children absolutely love sharing their favourite books, and your encouragement will inspire them even more. If you have a regular hour to spare, please get in touch with the school office to let us know. We truly appreciate any support you can offer!

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Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

- **Thurs 5th Dec** – EYFS Stay & Play event for September 2025 Starters
- **9th – 15th Dec** Stars & Lights Christmas Festival at St Leonards Church
- **Mon 9th Dec** – Elm class to St Leonards Church
- **Tues 10th Dec** – Christmas Performance for Good Neighbours
- **Weds 11th Dec** – EYFS trip to Panto in Bury
- **Weds 11th Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm
- **Weds 11th Dec** Yr 3 to St Leonards Church
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – Yr 5 to St Leonards Church
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – Yr6 to St Leonards Church
- **Fri 13th Dec** – Yr1 to St Leonards Church
- **Wed 18th Dec** – PTA Elf room
- **Thurs 19th Dec** – Christmas Lunch. *Please feel free to let your child wear Christmas Jumpers and festive headwear!*
- **Fri 20th Dec** – End of Term
- **Mon 6th Jan** – Training Day for staff
- **Tues 7th Jan** – Children return to school.
- **Thurs 16th Jan** – Yr3 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **3rd – 7th 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

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

Year 6 House Captains



House Points for this week are:

Saturn 149

Earth - 124

Mars - 131

Mercury - 154

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 28th November 2024

EYFS Elm Class – 96.6%

Year 1 Beech Class – 97.1%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98.5%

Year 3 Lime Class - 95.2%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.9%

Year 5 Willow Class – 98.7%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.6%

Whole School 97.2%

National average 95.4%

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