



# Edward Feild Primary School

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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dates for your Diary:

Pre-order your Christmas Eve Box for £5 on [www.pta-events.co.uk/foef](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/foef)

Buy your raffle tickets from: <https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofedwardfeild>

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Deadline for ordering products designed by your child <https://mychildsart.co.uk/child-selection/>

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Filming Day for the Christmas Performances by Reception and KS1

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Deadline for ordering your Christmas Eve Box

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Online Christmas Raffle to be drawn between 4-5pm

w/c Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Online Christmas Panto will be shown in class

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas School Lunch with crackers and Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Collect your Christmas Eve Box from the Friends

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last Day of Term, normal finish time

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021: Return to School

Dear Parent/Carer

## Tier 2 Restrictions

We have two weeks until the end of term and we would appreciate everyone observing the Tier 2 restrictions. Please remember no visiting other households unless connected to a support bubble and the Rule of Six applies to meeting outdoors. If your child is experiencing a cough, temperature or loss of sense of taste/smell, please arrange a COVID-19 test and your household should self-isolate until the result arrives. Thank you all for continuing to wear a mask on site and observing our one way system.

## Staff Changes

Mrs Smyth, Huskies Teaching Assistant, retired this week after 25 years of dedicated work supporting children and teachers from Nursery to Year 6 in our school. We are sure you would like to join us in wishing Mrs Smyth a long and very happy retirement. We are pleased to advise that Mrs Boshier is returning to school next term as a Teaching Assistant in Huskies Class.

## Magpies After School Club

Magpies have opened bookings for January for their after school club which runs Monday to Friday until 5.30pm (£11 a session including tea). If you would like to find out more about Magpies, please call Saima on 07377 737719. If you would like to go ahead and book, please refer to the website [www.magpies.info](http://www.magpies.info) to use the online booking system.

## Christmas Trees

If you have pre-ordered a Christmas Tree from the Friends, please collect it from the main playground on Saturday morning. The Friends will have emailed you your collection slot. There are over 35 trees to be collected so please try to keep to your allotted time.

### **Free School Meals**

If your household is in receipt of certain State Benefits then you may be eligible for the Free School Meals Scheme. Please email [office@efs.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@efs.oxon.sch.uk) with your date of birth and NI number so we can check whether you are eligible. A new Government initiative has been announced meaning all children who qualify for Free School Meals will also receive free meals during the holidays next year. If your child already receives free lunches as a result of being in Reception/Year 1/Year 2 and so you haven't checked your eligibility, you may miss out on this holiday initiative. Please check to see whether you receive any of the qualifying benefits as listed on this link: [School meals | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Once your child is included in the Free School Meals Scheme, you will also receive a free school jumper/cardigan, free school bag, free reading books and subsidised school trips including any residential trips.

### **Survey**

We have sent out a Parent Survey today on Parentmail and would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to respond. You can also find the link here: [https://netfluential.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2IPHyFLzjD12BL](https://netfluential.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2IPHyFLzjD12BL)

### **Filming of Christmas Performances**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December is filming day for the Reception and KS1 class performances. Please bring in any costume items as soon as possible. We will be sending you a DVD order form on Parentmail with instructions on how to pay the video production company by online banking. DVDs will be delivered before the end of term and download emails will be issued soon after the orders are received. The download link is valid for a few days so please read the email as soon as you receive it to avoid having to request another link.

### **Kidlington Nativity Trail**

The Kidlington Churches have devised a Nativity Trail around Kidlington with 11 different displays at various locations in the village, each with a different letter. Collect the letters to make three words then take these words to Box of Delights for a small prize. The map is attached to our Parentmail.

### **Keeping Active**

The FAST Team at Cherwell District Council have been visiting our school this term to pilot a programme designed with Oxfordshire Mind to help children manage their emotions. It is delivered in an active outdoor setting with music and our Year 5 children have been enjoying these outdoor sessions. The FAST newsletter is attached with more information on this new initiative.

### **Creative Writing Competition**

Oxfordshire Libraries eBook Short Story Competition 2021 is inviting children aged 5-11 to write a short story (500-3000 words). The competition aims to inspire writers, whatever their age, to express themselves and tell their own original story. Competition closes on Sunday 21st February 2021.

The lucky winner of each category will see their entries published as an eBook; available via the library website in 2021 to be borrowed and read across Oxfordshire. Full terms and conditions as well as instructions on how to submit entries can be found on the Oxfordshire Libraries website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition)

### **Primary School Admissions**

The County Council admissions team are now accepting applications for Reception class, starting in September 2021. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, please apply online at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). This is the quickest and most secure way of applying, but if you cannot access the online process, please contact the Office for a paper form. Please note that if your child attends Robin Preschool, you still need to apply for a place in Reception. The deadline for applying is 15th January 2021.

## School Lunches

We are now pleased to be able to offer hot school lunches every day to the whole school. Reception have their lunch in the main hall, Years 1 and 2 in the dining hall. Years 3-6 are served their hot meal in class using compostable take away style boxes. School lunches are free for Reception to Year 2 and cost £2.30 for Years 3-6 excluding Free School Meals.

Please pay online to the following bank account:

Name: Edward Feild Dir Cr Inc A/c

Sort Code: 30-00-02

Account Number: 00955111

### Week Commencing Mon 7th Dec

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Ham & Sweetcorn Pizza Or	Burger in a Bun Or	Gammon Roast Or	Meat Pasta Bake Or	Battered Fish Fillet Or
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (v)	Vegetarian Hot Dog (v)	Quorn Roast (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Vegetarian Samosas (V)
Peas	Corn on the Cob	Roast Potatoes and Carrots	Broccoli	Chips and Peas
Cranberry Oat Cookie	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit	Melting Moment Biscuit	Banana Cake