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Ermine Street Church Academy

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It was great to have everyone stay after school today for our first film night. I hadn't seen the Minion movie before but in my opinion the children chose a good film! We will repeat this event again in the Spring. Next term will also include another chance for you to come in and look at your child's learning with them, an opportunity to take part in some learning alongside your child, a mid-year written report about your child's progress and a special Mothers' Day lunch.

Some of the children now have lines to learn for our Christmas production and letters about costumes have also been sent home today. We would be very grateful if you could help your child with both of these.

I hope you have also seen the information about The Hangar Club wrap around care facility that was e-mailed out earlier today. On 5th January the before and after school club will open, a new venture for us. Please contact Mrs Mathews if you would like to book sessions.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Adrian Shepherd



Relaxed and enjoying the film. Our first ever film night. Thank you for letting everyone come.

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Visit from the Raptor Centre

Last week we spent the morning with our feathered friends, including a Barn Owl and Harris Hawk. The children learnt about the birds, got to stroke some of them and even pulled apart owl pellets. However, the highlight was definitely flying the birds around the school hall, they were just millimetres above our heads. Look out for the swooping barn owl in one of the photos.



Thunderbolt

After the visit from the birds of prey, the children in Thunderbolt used paint and oil pastels to create their own owls. I was very impressed and have given out a lot of Headteacher Happy Cards, as the children call them.



Top Table

In Collective Worship last week we spent time thinking about what it means to be in a 'House'. We also asked for ideas of things we could do in our Houses. Top Table is one of them. The House that earns the most House Points each week are invited to sit on the Top Table on Friday—it is adorned with a tablecloth, candles (battery powered!), napkins and flowers.



Dates For Your Diary (new dates or information in bold)

- 1.30pm, 5th December Tour for prospective parents.
- 10am, 12th December Tour for prospective parents.
- 15th December On the morning of 15th the children will share a Christmas 'production' with you and then you are invited to stay and join us for Christmas dinner. **Monday 5th December is the last day for adults to order a Christmas dinner. We cannot be certain until we have run through our production a few more times but we estimate that it will begin at about 11.15am. Lunch will then follow after the children have changed. We will confirm the start time nearer the time.**
- 16th December Christmas Party. Please note, this date has changed. There is no cost. The school day will finish at the usual time. The children are invited to bring in party clothes to change into after lunch.**
- 6pm, 16th December Carols Around The Tree. A special opportunity for the school, local community and Alconbury Weald businesses to come together to celebrate the festive season with carols and a live nativity.
- 2.15pm, 20th December Carol Concert at St Martin's Church. This will mark the end of term.
- 5th January First day of the Spring term. **The Hangar Club wrap around care opens.**

And looking ahead a little...

Week commencing 27th February 2017 Bikeability for Year 5 children

11th-13th September 2017 Residential visit to Grafham Water Centre for the older children.
Full details to follow straight after Christmas.

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