

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Head's Update

Happy Friday!

I hope that you have had a good week - please let me start by **thanking you for your support and patience this week around our staffing challenges**. I have tried to keep you in the loop regarding COVID updates and partial class closures. **Asking learners not to come in is always a last resort**, but we have had to do that in four classes this week because so many staff were off with COVID, on top of lots of staff being impacted by upset stomachs. **You do not need to test your child for COVID, but please keep them off if they are unwell.**

In assemblies this week, **we have been looking at road safety**, which is a key life skill for our learners. We have had some lovely **submissions so far for our Christmas card competition that we are running in school**, which closes next Wednesday.

Last week, we were visited by a team from **the Essex Freemasons**, who came to meet our learners and to make a substantial donation to our school. **They have donated £500 towards our Christmas activities and a further £500 to buy more walkie talkies to add to the ones that FOEBs bought us last term!** Thank you so much to the Freemasons for such a generous donation!

We also had a **lovely donation last week from Julie and Lindsey**, who have become recent supporters of our school. They donated an amazing **101 knitted elephants that will be sold at our Christmas fair**. Julie and Lindsey both have knitting groups, who have clearly been hard at work for us – thank you so much! Please see a photo on the next page!

**There will be a Parentmail and Dojo coming out today regarding the plans for our Christmas fair**, and a booking form if your child wants to visit Santa. **The spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis to those who are able to attend with their child.**

As you will have seen, **the Covid vaccination for learners has been moved to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Kind regards,

Maggie

### ★Class of the Week★

 **Crocodile Class** 

Phie, Class Teacher says...



Crocodile class have had a great start to the school year!

This term, our topic has been **'weather detectives'**! We have loved going to Wilderness, where we have made mud paintings, toasted marshmallows on a

fire and looked at different bugs when we went pond dipping!



We love our **weekly community access lessons**, where we have walked to the shops, visited the library and have lots of other fun trips planned. We also love when Alan comes in to teach us karate, and to use the cooking room!

In **'thinking and learning'**, we have been working hard on our addition and subtraction. We have been practicing using multi-link, number lines and the column method to help us.



In **'communication'**, we have been trying to form our letters, and using the letters to form words and sentences! We also love to go to the library once a week to practice our reading skills.

We have also been working hard in **'independence and life skills'** to try and do things independently, such as following a symbolised text to make our own drinks, wash up, dry up and collect our own equipment to complete our jobs!



We have also been learning some dance moves to go along with our **Christmas performance**. Everyone is doing so well at remembering the moves and practicing their singing voices!



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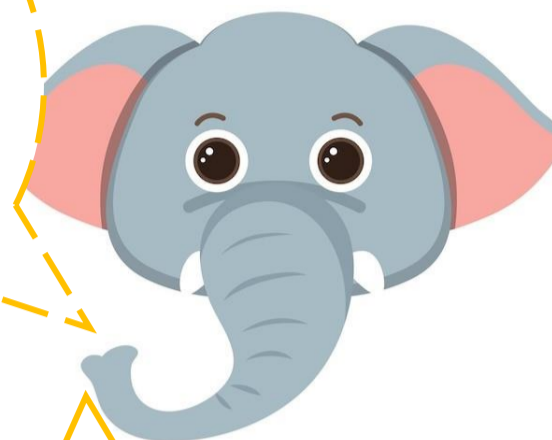
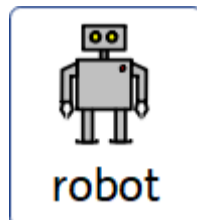
Our visit from the **Essex Freemasons'** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 where they kindly donated **£500 towards our Christmas activities and a further £500 to buy more walkie talkies!**



### Edie's Corner



#### Word of the Week:



We raised a fantastic  
**£302.75**  
for Children in Need!

### Upcoming dates

#### Parent Coffee Morning

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (9.30am – 11.00am)

#### Christmas Fair

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Time TBC)

#### Covid Vaccinations (Change of Date)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Christmas Break

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 –  
Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

#### Spring Term Starts

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Non-Pupil Day

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

#### February Half Term

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### Edie's Jokes of the Week

"Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "An interrupting cow."  
"An interrupting co-" "MOOOOO!"

**What do you call a fake noodle?** An impasta!

Our Assistant Headteacher Dan with Julie and Lindsey, who donated an amazing **101 knitted elephants** that will be sold at our Christmas fair!



If you have any photos or stories about your **favourite hobby or activity** that you would like us to share, please email:

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