

# Maybury News

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## A Message from Mrs Merritt

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020! I think we can all agree that 2020 has been a year like no other! However, we have had a great term with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to get involved in, and this last month has been no different! The children have been busy in class making their class Christmas production videos to share with their families. It was great to see the children participating in these. Today the children are excited about watching their virtual pantomime in their classrooms. Tomorrow is the last day of term, children are able to come to school in multi clothes (including Christmas jumpers) and we will have a festive lunch in class and bubble silent discos. We are sure the children will have a wonderful day to end this term.



### Parent Survey

We had an overwhelming response to our parent questionnaire. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete this survey, we were delighted with so many positive responses and comments. The details of the survey can be found below.

% based on responses	Agree+	Disagree
My child is happy at school	99.01%	0.99%
My child feels safe at school	97.02%	1.98%
My child makes good progress at school	97.03%	2.97%
My child is well looked after at school	92.08%	4.95%
My child is well taught at school	98.02%	0.99%
We received appropriate homework	90.10%	4.95%
The behaviour in school is good	98.00%	2.00%
The school is well led/managed	95.06%	1.98%
The school responds well to concerns I raise	93.50%	6.50%
I receive valuable information about the school	93.07%	3.96%
I would recommend school?	97.06%	2.94%

### End of Autumn term dates

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If your child gets COVID symptoms up to 2 days after the 17<sup>th</sup> December (either Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December) and they have a test that comes back positive, you should contact the school. You are able to email the school on [info@maybury.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@maybury.surrey.sch.uk) to let us know, up until Wednesday 23rd December by 10am: that your child has tested positive for COVID (& you are self-isolating for 10 days). We will be in the position to inform any other families whose children have been in contact with your child during the last couple of days at school.

If your child develops symptoms from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, then you should not contact the school. Instead you should follow the governments track and trace procedure [www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works) .

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and safe 2021!

**Mrs Merritt**

**Headteacher**

# Early Years Foundation Stage Update

## Starfish

There was much excitement in Starfish Class when Santa sent us one of his Christmas elves to check that we were being good and installed a 'Santa Cam'. Every morning the elf is found somewhere in our classroom doing something different and the children have enjoyed finding him.

Starfish Class have been comparing Christmas to other celebrations. They had fun decorating Christmas trees, playing Christmas games, wrapping presents and writing labels. They even helped Santa to deliver presents to the correct houses and designed and wrote their own Christmas cards. Santa visited us too with presents.

Starfish Class have particularly enjoyed making Christmas biscuits to eat and creating their own Christmas baubles to hang on our Christmas tree.

The children really enjoyed learning their Christmas poems for the Mummies and Daddies. We hope you enjoy watching them too.



## Rainbow Fish

It's been a busy month in Nursery. The children have helped to decorate the Nursery, it looks very festive. They have been getting creative with paint, glitter and glue and are excited to show you their work.



The nursery children learnt the songs for our Christmas concert and performed brilliantly. It takes courage to sing in front of a camera, we hope you enjoy watching the show.

As we come to the end of the year, we can reflect back on all the progress your children have made, their growing confidence and the friendships that they are starting to form. All the Nursery staff wish you a relaxing holiday and a happy and healthy 2021.

Have a restful holiday, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

**Mrs Eldred (EYFS Leader)**



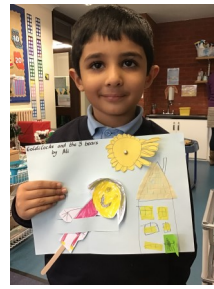
# Key Stage 1 Update

## Seahorses

We have had a busy month in Seahorses class. The children have been learning to play tennis with Mr Fraser in our PE lessons. It is a very difficult skill to learn but they enjoyed having real tennis rackets and tennis balls to have a go with.



We have been designing, making and evaluating moving pictures in our design and technology lessons this half term. Our moving picture had to have three different types of mechanism; a flap, a slider and a spinner.



## Jellyfish Class

Jellyfish class had a surprise visit from a cheeky elf called Elfred who arrived at the beginning of December. Every day they found him in a different position around their room. They wrote some fabulous letters to Elfred introducing him to their class. Elfred was particularly impressed with the children as they completed their phonics check this month—well done children.

The children have been busy learning to play and sing Christmas songs—we hope that you enjoy watching their Christmas video. Jellyfish class have also been creating some Christmassy art. They are particularly pleased with their finger print Christmas trees.

Next term they will be learning about going on Safari. They will be learning about African wildlife, animals and their habits. They are looking forward to making some African buildings as our DT project.



# Key Stage 2 Update

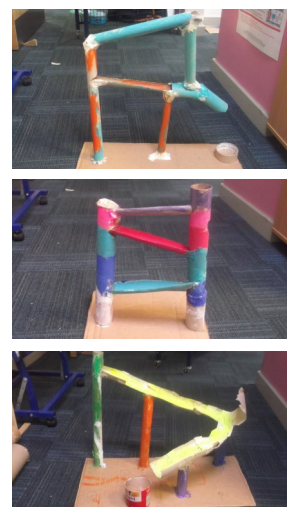
## Manta Rays

We have ended our Ancient Egypt topic by making our own Canopic jars out of clay. We looked at what real examples looked like and then designed our own, choosing which Egyptian God to have as our lid (each one held a different organ!) Next, we carefully pinched and moulded the clay to make a hollow jar base and then moulded another piece to create the animal head. Once they were dry, we painted them to match our designs and even added some hieroglyphs.



## Angelfish

Angelfish have been very busy this month making marble runs out of cardboard tubes for their DT project. Firstly, the children evaluated an existing product by building marble runs and testing how long it took the marble to complete the course. The children spent a lesson planning their marble runs on paper; thinking carefully about the materials they would need, how they would piece together, the angle of the bridges and the colour. Angelfish had great fun making the marble runs and testing out each others! They turned out great ; I am very impressed with what they created.



This month, the children also spent a long time making their Christmas animation video . It took nearly 700 photos to make and the children showed great patience and teamwork making all the pieces and moving them. We hope you enjoyed watching it!

## Sea Turtles

This month Sea Turtles have been busy making their Christmas Coronavirus Nativity, they children really thought about all the things in 2020 that they wanted to remember, created a script , made their own costumes and filmed it. They showed how amazing they are at teamwork and collaboration—well done Sea Turtles!

This month we have also enjoyed creating Christmas decorations which were gifted to us by Watts Gallery in Guildford, the children were able to take their decoration home to put on display. They also have a free ticket to visit Watts Gallery, which they are very excited about!

## Dolphins

During December we have been very busy! We have taken part in a class quiz with the local Church. We had to do things differently this year and we took part in our first zoom quiz! It was great fun and the winners received a trophy.

We also wrote and filmed our Christmas videos. The children learnt about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries. They did their research themselves, wrote the script themselves, designed the costumes themselves and directed themselves. The children did a fantastic job and had a great time doing it!

We are looking forward to coming back in January, enjoy your break and stay safe!

# Reception Places for September 2021

## Reminder for Reception Places-September 2021

For children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, the closing date for Reception applications for September 2021 entry is **15 January 2021**.

We encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

## School Dinners

Please note that the cost for school dinners is £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week). School dinners must be paid for in advance for the week ahead. Please ensure that payment is made online by Monday each week.

## Help to Raise Funds for Maybury Primary School

Since 2016 our school community have been helping to raise money for our school via Easy Fundraising, this is a website that gives the school a little bit of commission every time you shop online - you just have to sign up and go to their webpage first before you shop. This is an easy and convenient way to raise money for the school whilst you go about your usual online shopping and more importantly does not cost you a penny!

If you are doing the weekly grocery shop, booking flights/holiday or even purchasing car insurance online, please use this site first. **It does not cost anything to join and the money donated comes directly from Easy Fundraising and will not be added to your total bill-in fact there are many discount codes available on the site!** All the main stores are listed such as Sainsbury's, Amazon and Argos to name but a few.

Since 2016, parents and staff have helped to raise **£786.02** for the school! If you haven't already signed up to Easy Fundraising, please follow the link below to find out more information and to sign up:

Go to the school website and navigate to the Easy Fundraising page or use the link below:

<https://www.maybury.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Easy+Fundraising&pid=103>

Thank you!



## Useful Dates

December		
Wednesday	16	Online Panto – Jack and the Bean Stalk
Thursday	17	Christmas Class Parties and Mufti Day
Thursday	17	Christmas meal for children
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>End of term, school finishes at usual time</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>INSET DAY—School closed for staff training</b>
WINTER BREAK 21st December 2020 to 1st January 2021		
SPRING TERM 2021		
January		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed for staff training</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed for staff training</b>
Wednesday	6	<b>Spring Term begins, children return to school</b>
Tuesday	12	Individual photos
Thursday	14	Mufti Day – Donate £1 for School Fund
Friday	29	KS1 Drama Workshop
February		
Monday – Friday	8-12	Online-safety week
Tuesday	9	Internet Safety Day
Friday	12	Break for half term
HALF TERM 15th to 19th February 2021		
Monday	22	Children return to school

### Academic Dates 2020/2021

#### Autumn Term 2020

1st September 2020 to 18th December 2020

*Half Term 26th October 2020—30th October 2020*

#### Spring Term 2021

4th January 2021 to 1st April 2021

*Half Term 15th February 2021—19th February 2021*

#### Summer Term 2021

19th April 2021 to 19th July 2021

*Half Term 24th May 2021—4th June 2021*

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

### INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

**Tuesday 5th January 2021 (this has replaced the INSET on Monday 19th April 2021)**

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



## Our Values – Autumn Term



September: Friendship

October: Independence

November: Respect

December: Aspiration

**Friendship:** September's value is **friendship**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk about why it is important to have friends and how we can be a good friend.
- Play with friends outside school.
- Read 'Harry Potter' by J.K Rowling, 'Charlottes web' by E.B White or 'Elmer and friends' by David McKee

**Independence:** October's value is **independence**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Give children opportunities to be independent e.g. getting dressed independently, learning to tie their shoe laces and ties on they own, organising their school equipment
- Forget perfection- Accept that children won't do the task as well as you. Let them try to do things for themselves e.g. Making their own cereal, if the milk spills, show them how to clean it up without criticism and assure them it happens to everyone
- Read 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett or 'Nelson Mandela, Long walk to freedom' by Chris Van Wyk.

**Respect:** November's value is **respect**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Talk about why it is important to show good manners.
- Encourage to help with recycling and discuss why we need to respect our environment
- Read 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen

**Aspiration:** December's value is **aspiration**, some suggestions to encourage this important value at home are:

- Encourage children to try different activities and hobbies
- More than anything, **too many children did not believe that a child "like them" could have a great future.** Encourage your children to believe in themselves and that anything is possible.
- Read 'Mae among the stars' by Roda Ahmed
- Read 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl

