Eythorne Elvington CP School



GALATIANS 6.7

I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking everyone who made contributions to this year's Harvest. We are disappointed to not be able to hold our usual Harvest Festival Assembly in the hall, however, classes will be holding their own "thanks for harvest" sessions throughout the day. In the first ever COVID Harvest, we will now quarantine the food over the course of the next few days before passing them on to the elderly in the community, who I am sure will appreciate the generosity very much.

I was delighted to see so many responses from parents to sign up to the Tapestry account last week. I know that staff in the classrooms have been busy this week capturing all of the great learning that takes place here in school and uploading it onto the website. I even had a go myself yesterday when observing Columbia class in their weekly violin lesson with Mrs Barton-Hodges.

Early next week, you should receive an email to activate your Tapestry account. This will allow you to get updates as and when your child's class teacher posts an observation that includes your child in it. There will then be the option for you to reply or make a comment, should you wish. If your child takes part in an activity during out of school hours you may wish to upload it onto your child's tapestry account also. We will try as a staff to comment on work sent in to us but given all staff's workload at school, these will be in due course.

We are really looking forward to sharing with parents next week, how children have settled back into school life and how they are getting on socially, emotionally and academically. Again, it is not ideal that we have to do these over the telephone or via Zoom but we do feel they are vital that they take place this early in the term. If you requested a time slot and have not had it confirmed please do let the school office know. A number of parents still have not yet signed up to an appointment. Please do make every effort to do so and if there is an issue with timings you only have to let us know and I am sure we can accommodate you. If we feel there are parents we need to see after next week, who did not make an appointment, we will be writing to you to ask for another time which is convenient to you.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term 1

Wednesday 2 September 2020 – Friday 23 October 2020

School Holiday – Monday 26 October 2020 – Friday 30 October 2020

<u> Term 2</u>

Monday 2 November 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020

School Holiday – Monday 21 December 2020 – Thursday 31 December 2020

Bank Holiday – Friday 1 January 2021



DIVERSITY – INITIATIVE - POSSIBILITIES

Uniform

Sweat Shirts £8 Fleece £13 Book Bags £4 PE Bags £3 Hats £3 Water bottles £1 House PE Shirt £8

Breakfast club and after school club prices

Breakfast Club £3 a session

After School Club Up to 4:15 £3 a session Up to 5:45 £7 a session (including a snack)

School Council Elections

This week classes held the first set of elections of the school year and the new councilors for each class are as follows:

Voyager: Jude and Ezmae

Atlantis: Leo

Columbia: Poppy and Amelia

Endeabvour: Iris and Lilly

At such an early point in their school life, we do not as yet invite any pupils from Discovery class onto the school council – however, it would prove for some interesting discussions I am sure!

House Captains

As the oldest in the school, Endeavour class have the responsibility for electing House Captains for the school. These are key roles as we see them as ambassador for our school and role models for the younger children. The new House Captains are:

Betteshanger – Ruby and Hannah

Tilmanstone – Harriet and Zack

Chislet – Alexis and Saffy

Snowdown – Poppy and Willis

Read-a-thon

Wednesday October 21st is the day we ask children to bring in to school any monies raised through their reading challenge. We have some amazing plans for the library and have already started to clear out the room, so please try your best!

To motivate everyone with two weeks to go, we have decided to hand over the responsibility for officially opening the new library to the person/people who raise the most money. So, if you fancy getting yourself in the local paper and cutting the red ribbon, then get reading!

Timestable Rockstars

Hopefully your child came home last weekend with their own log in for Timestable Rockstars. This is a fantastic online resource to be used at home to encourage children to improve their recall of timestable facts. Even better if they can beat their parents against the clock!

Photographs

On Tuesday 6th October, we will have our usual photography company in to take individual and sibling photographs as normal. This will be arranged with COVID in mind so that it is safe for everyone. However, considering this, we will not be able to offer any "whole family" photographs this year including children who do not yet attend school.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr Garvey



<u>TEAM POINTS</u>

Tilmanstone reds have now edged in front in the team point race!