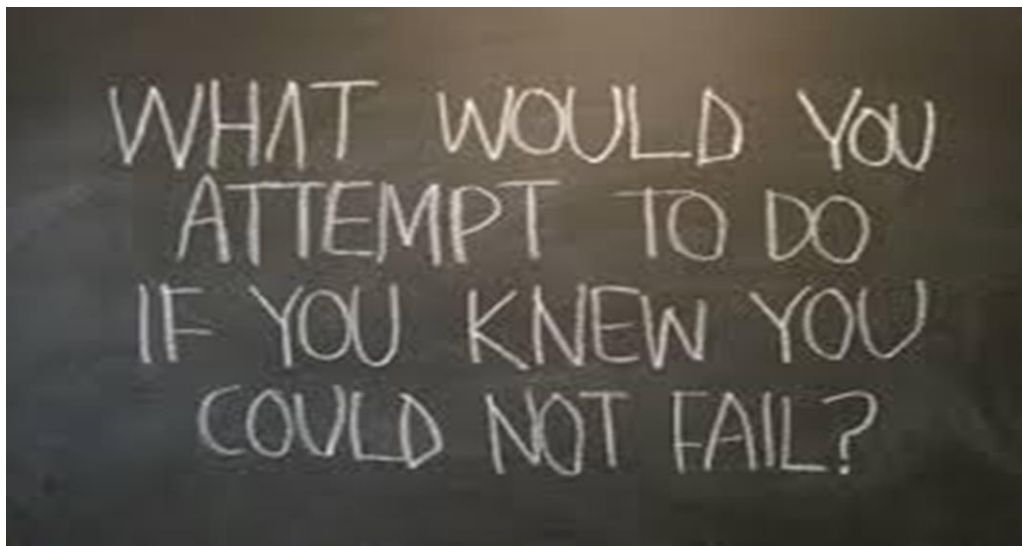


Eythorne Elvington CP School



Welcome back to the new school year! It has been fantastic to see all of our families again after such a long time apart. You will have noticed the changes we have had to put in place in the school grounds in line with the Government guidance around COVID. I hope that the Question and Answer document which I emailed to parents last week was of some help also. In school, it is likely that your children may not have noticed a huge difference in terms of the learning experience for them; we hope so anyway! The pupils have shown us adults just how resilient and adaptable children are in the past few days. They have been able to come in and get on with normal school life with a smile on their faces. I have been delighted at the almost perfect 100% attendance figures we have seen in the first few days – thank you to all parents for the trust you have shown in us to keep your children safe. If anyone has any questions about the new guidelines within school please do not hesitate to call me.

As you are aware, the Governors of the school are currently in the process of recruiting a new Executive Head Teacher to replace Mrs Bird. As soon as any decision has been made we will inform all parents. In the meantime, I look forward to working with the entire school community in an Acting Head Teacher post. I know the school extremely well, having been here as Head of School for four years already, and look forward to continuing to move the school on further. I would encourage any parent with any questions or concerns to call or email me at nagarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk anytime.

This is the first and last newsletter that will be coming home in a paper version. Every Friday, it will be emailed to parents and will also be uploaded onto the school website. Please do make the time to read it as it is our main avenue for being able to communicate with parents regularly as we will **not** be using the texting service that we have used in the past. We will be using our new Email system more regularly this year to send out information so please do check these daily if possible.

Pick Up/Drop Off

Hopefully by now we have all become accustomed to the drop off and pick up arrangements. Thank you for sticking to these allowing us to keep socially distanced as best as possible. Please can I ask you to bear in mind gatherings of parents in tight spaces around the playground and up at the top of the school gate, there needs to be ample space for all families either arriving or leaving.

Bags

We are allowing children to continue to bring bags in to school if needed.

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

Term 2

Monday 2 November
2020 – Friday 18
December 2020

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

Bank Holiday – Friday 1
January 2021



Uniform

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

A uniform order form has been sent home orders to be placed by Friday 11th September.

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)

Wellington Boots

We would like every child to keep a pair of wellington boots at school permanently. This will help with Forest School sessions as well as using the outside space for other learning opportunities during the winter months. Please send your child in with these named when you can. Thank you.

PE

All PE sessions are now on a Friday for classes. These lessons are delivered by a specialist teacher along with the adults in the class. We ask that, on a Friday, children wear their PE kit to school. This should consist of their PE House T-Shirt, black short and/or joggers and trainers of plimsolls.

Reading Books

Way back in March, many children went home with some of our reading books. Can we please ask that parents return these to school for us to use again. Once back in school, they will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being redistributed again.

Kent Test

As it stands, this year's Kent Test is due to take place on Thursday 15th October at school. Dover Grammar School for Girls plan to have their test on Saturday 17th October. Please apply through their school website.

Data Capture & Consent & Uniform Order

You will see we have sent home the parental consent form. These must be completed and returned to the school office by Wednesday 9th September. Please ensure all the questions are answered on the form to enable us to keep the pupil records up to date.

Medication

If at any time your child needs to be taking medication whilst at school please bring this directly to the office and complete the necessary paperwork.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club has continued as normal from 8am. Within the hall, children are positioned within their class bubbles whilst continuing to receive a healthy breakfast and being able to engage in morning activities.

We are now delighted to be able to offer full wrap around care through to 5.45pm using our After-School club facility. We hope that this makes life a lot easier for many of our families. For more information or to collect the relevant paperwork please contact the school office.

Volunteers

We have always benefited greatly from our kind volunteers giving up their time to come in and listen to the children read. We would like to continue with this as we feel it has such a huge impact on children's development. By still socially distancing and remaining with the same bubble of children we are confident that this can be done safely. If you would be keen on this then please do get in touch.

We are also interested in talking to anyone with a passion for the outdoors who may be interested in volunteering to join our staff at the Forest School sessions every Thursday. If this sounds like you please give me a call or drop me an email. If you would be interested in this please

I hope you enjoy the weekend with your children and you can be extremely proud as to how they have returned to school life so easily and confidently. I am proud of them as I am of all of the staff at school who have enabled it to happen.

Many thanks

Neil Garvey

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