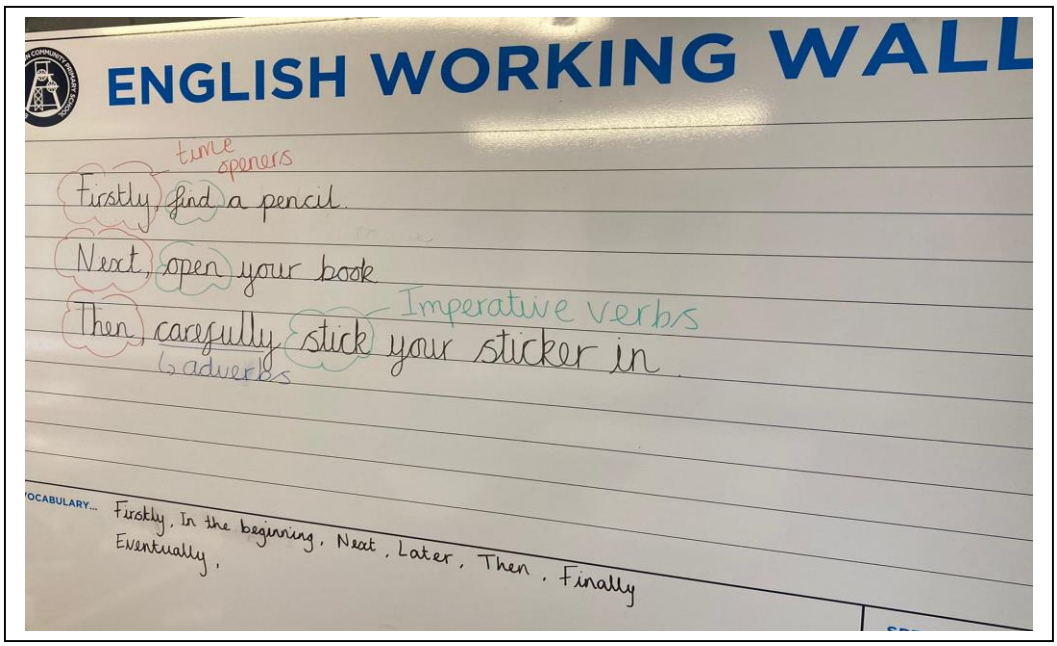
Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 8th September 2023



As we reach the end of the first week back at school, it has been pleasing to see all the children get straight back into their learning and everything else that comes with school life. It is also lovely to see our new starters in Discovery class spend the afternoon's with us and we look forward to having them every morning next week before they begin full time in week three.

New Staff

We have a couple of new Teaching Assistant's with us for this school year. Miss White has joined us in Discovery class and in a couple of weeks' time, we will have Miss Matthews join Challenger class along with Mrs Tierney and Ms Silverton.

Enrichment Experiences

We will be writing to all parents in Years 1 – 6 at the end of next week with details of the Enrichment Experience opportunities available to your children during this academic year.

Water Bottles

Despite the hot weather last week, there were still a number of pupils in school without a water bottle. Please can parents ensure that their child has a water bottle in school every day throughout the year. Bottles can be bought from the school office for £1 should you wish to do so.

Kent Test

We had a number of children sit the Kent Test yesterday and they all had a great attitude to the challenges put in front of them. I know that some will also be sitting the Dover Grammar tests this weekend and we wish them luck for that.

School Year 2023/2024

Term 1
4th September – 20th October

School Holiday – 23rd to 27th October

Dates for your diary

Year 6 PGL Residential - 22nd – 25th Sept
Macmillan coffee morning – 29th Sept
Flu vaccination programme – 16th Oct
School photos – 17th Oct
Travelling books – 15th – 21st Nov
Christmas Concert – 8th Dec
KS1 Nativity – 12th Dec

Term 6

PE Kit Days

Columbia – Monday

Challenger – Monday

Voyager – Friday

Discovery – Friday - PE kit kept in school

Forest School Term 1

Columbia – Friday

Bring forest school clothes into school

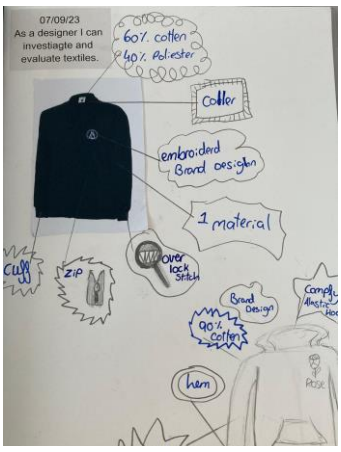
OUR P.T.A.

Film night – 12th October

Lantern walk – 9th November

Quiz night – 17th November

Christmas fayre – 8th December



Home Learning

I know that a lot of parents always like to know how best they can support their child's learning at home. What we ask is that where possible parents focus upon two things – Reading and Timetables. The more practice you can give your child in these two areas the more progress we always see back in the classroom.

School Council Elections

Over the course of the next week, classes will be holding elections to nominate two school councilors to form our School Council for 2023-2024. The council will be led by Mrs Tierney who will meet with the pupils regularly to take on initiatives to improve the school community. We will share the outcome of the elections with you in the newsletter in due course.

PGL

Over the weekend 22nd to 25th September, our Year 6 pupils will have the pleasure of their PGL residential. Parents should have received a letter this week containing all vital information including a kit list that children will need to consider when packing for the trip.

Bikes and Scooters

It is always really pleasing to see children who live locally be able to either bike or scoot to and from school. Please can we ensure that all children that do this, do it safely through the wearing of a helmet. As a school, we are not comfortable letting any child leave on a bike or scooter alone at the end of the school day if they are not wearing a helmet to protect their safety.

Stars of The Week

Discovery
River – for excellent thinking and explaining in maths lessons.
Blake – for great phonics work all week.

Voyager
Voyager Class – for settling back into school brilliantly.

Challenger
Imara – settling into her new class so well.
Jacob – making a great start to life at Eythorne Elvington.

Columbia
Jenson – for all of his effort and determination this week in his learning.
Dylan – for his hard work and perseverance this week working independently.

Neil Garvey
Headteacher