

Eythorne Elvington CP School

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss



Last Friday, we asked families to donate towards our annual Harvest collection of foods. Considering the current climate in which we are living, it speaks volumes of the generosity of the school family that we received such a fantastic amount of food goods. These have now been in quarantine for almost a week and will be distributed to the elderly in the village in the coming days. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

The attendance record at the school, despite the ongoing COVID issues, is amazing. Yesterday (Thursday), we had every child who could be in school, present and on time. The links between good attendance and a child's development is an obvious one and so it is pleasing for us to be able to deliver high quality teaching and learning to ALL children daily. Please do continue to keep communicating with us regarding COVID symptoms and other illness related questions.

You will have noticed some barriers near the gate on the Key Stage One playground from Wednesday onwards. Some parents have rightly raised concerns over the narrow pathway leaving the playground gate so as to be able to keep social distancing as we are all meant to be doing. So, please when you are in the playground, find a space well away from the gate and barriers whilst you wait for your child.

The meeting room of our school this week has been busy with Zoom and telephone calls between teachers and home. I hope that you found these conversations productive and you got the chance to ask any questions you may have had. The feedback from the teachers is that they enjoyed the chance to speak with parents and that it worked well, despite the lack of face-to-face interaction. If you have any feedback for us regards the process, please email me at [ngarvey@eythorne-
elvington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ngarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk)

This week we finalised our booking for the end of year residential trip for the pupils in Year 6. This will be held over a weekend in May, taking the children to PGL in Weymouth, Dorset. More information will come home to parents about this before the half term break. We have once again made this a Federation experience, including the Year 6 children at Sibertswold School. Despite COVID, the essence of the federation between our two schools remains stronger than ever. Myself and Mark Lamb (Acting HT at Sibertswold) continue to work as a leadership team, constantly sharing ideas and pulling on the strengths of each school to enhance the education of ALL of our children within the federation. We look forward to the day when we can work more closely with them face-to-face in the not so distant future.

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

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)



TEAM POINTS

Betteshanger Blues are back in front again – but only by 15 in total!!

Parent / Teacher Consultations

We will be writing to all of those parents this week who we were unable to see this week. Now, more than ever before, we feel it is vital to work together as a home and school to ensure your child develops the best that they possibly can. We will be asking you to make arrangements for us to contact you to discuss how well your child has settled in to school and what we can both do to help maximize their true potential.

Tapestry

You should begin receiving emails today allowing you to access your child's Tapestry account. If you have any questions about it please email us and we will do our best to help you.

Reading

A reminder that Wednesday 21st October is the day we ask children to come to school in their own clothes and bring in all monies raised as part of the read-a-thon. You will see a picture at the bottom of page one of the newsletter showing the old SENDCO room and soon-to-be new library room being transformed. The more money we raise, the more fantastic things we can fill it with. Please help as much as you can. I have a figure in my head and so does Mrs Sutcliffe as to how much we can raise. Let's just say mine is the more ambitious amount!!

Kent Test

Next Thursday (15th October) those children who elected to take part in the Kent Test will do so here in the school hall. We will make the whole process as relaxing and stress-free as possible for them.

Photographs

Earlier this week, Tempest were in taking individual and sibling photographs of the children. We will contact parents as and when these photos are available for you to view.

Newsletter by Email

For a number of weeks now, the weekly newsletter has been coming to you by email. Not only is this quicker and easier method but is also better considering COVID regulations. Please do keep an eye out for this in your inbox as it our main means of communicating with parents. If you have any issues with receiving the emails then please contact us.

Cauliflower Cards

Your child may or may not as yet have come home with their Cauliflower Card designs for Christmas. If you have any queries about how to go about ordering these items then please contact the school office.

Van/Trailer Help

We have been offered an outside shelter for free, which would be a useful addition to our outside grounds at the rear of the school. We need to get it from Dover to school by some means. If anyone has access to a trailer or van and would be willing to help us out please call the school office.

Many thanks

Neil Garvey

Acting Head Teacher