

Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 9th September 2022



It was lovely to see all of the children back in school on Monday after a long summer break. As always, they have fitted straight back into school life seamlessly and showing excellent learning attitudes. I would like to welcome any new families joining us and we look forward to working with you over the coming years.

I will continue to use this weekly newsletter as a main avenue of communicating with parents so I ask you to please find time at some point each week to check your emails and read through this to ensure that you are not missing out on any key information.

Her Majesty The Queen

As we commence the national ten-day mourning process following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen, we will of course keep parents updated as to how this impacts schools as and when we hear it. I have spoken in assembly this morning to children to reassure them that should this news make them feel sad they can, as always, speak with any member of staff at school.

Uniform

I am delighted to see ALL pupils return in full school uniform including shoes for their first week back. It is something that we value highly at school so thank you to all parents for ensuring this has been the case. If you need to purchase additional items of uniform, please do so via our school uniform provider who also have some items you may need for the autumn/winter months such as fleeces and woolly hats. <https://logothatpolo.co.uk/store/eecp/>

Absences

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on the morning of EVERY DAY of their absence so that we can amend our attendance records accordingly.

PE Kits

This term, children in all classes (with the exception of Discovery) will have PE sessions on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please ensure that children come to school on these days wearing their PE kit which should include a house coloured PE T-Shirt as well as dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts. You may also decide for your child to have a house coloured sports hoodie also. Pupils in Discovery class should keep their PE kits in school at all times.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day in order to keep them hydrated.

School Year 2022/2023

Term 1

1st September – 21st October

School Holiday

24th October – 28th October

Term 2

1st November – 16th December

School Holiday

19th December – 30th December

Bank holiday 2nd January

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Residential – 23rd September – 26th September

Harvest Festival – 30th September

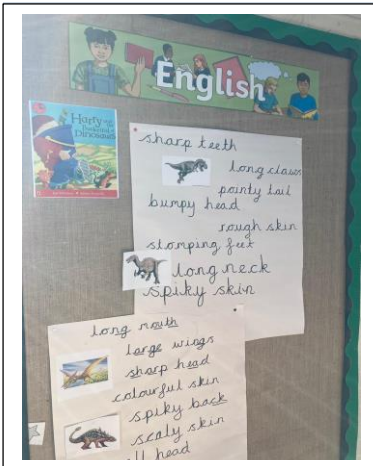
National Poetry Day – 6th October

World Mental Health Day – 10th October

School Photo's – 18th October

Year 6 Healthy Eating Jamboree – 20th October





School Dinners

Should you wish for your child to have school dinners then payments for these need to be made to Nourish and must be paid in advance. A reminder that all children in Years R, 1 and 2 are eligible for universal free school meals.

Dogs

As noted on the sign at the front of the school, we are unable to have ANY dogs on site due to health and safety measures in Primary Schools. This also includes dogs being “carried”. Please can you ensure that if a dog is brought to school, that you remain outside the school grounds with it. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Kent Test

Several Year 6 pupils sat the Kent Test on Thursday of this week. This can be a rather stressful situation for many pupils but I am pleased to say that those involved this year went about completing the tests in a hardworking yet relaxed manner.

Secondary School Applications

Parents in Year 6 will have received an email earlier on this week with details about the application process for Secondary School places for September 2023. If you did not receive this or if you have questions about it then please let me know. The window for secondary school applications opened on 1st September and will close on 31st October. You should also have received various flyers via email this week regarding Secondary School open day sessions, I strongly advise you to take the opportunity to visit schools with your child as part of your decision making process.

Year 6 PGL

The Year 6 residential to PGL Bawdsey Manor takes place over the weekend of 23rd to 26th September. Parents should have received information about this along with a kit list and medical information form which needs completing and returning to school. Please note that following the residential, we are recommending that children stay at home on Tuesday 27th along with the classroom staff in order to rest following what is a very full-on 4 days. If you have any queries, please speak with me directly.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are currently looking at what clubs we can offer pupils afterschool going forwards. These will be finalised in the coming weeks and then a letter will come home to parents to sign their children up should they wish.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery

Beren - for always showing super listening skills.
Esmail – for becoming a confident member of Disvoery.

Voyager

Dollie – for persevering in maths and phonics, pushing herself when it initially seemed tricky.
Cody – trying his very best in all aspects of his school day.

Challenger

Frankie – for being a great role model for the rest of Challenger class.
Filippo – for working hard and persevering when things are tricky.

Columbia

Ben – for a positive and mature start to life in Columbia class.
Tia – for her amazing presentation and perseverance in maths this week.

Endeavour

Scarlet – for an amazing attitude to school, showing great positivity in Year 6. Well done!
Mannie – for showing great focus when completing his independent work. Well done!

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

