

Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 11th March 2022



COVID

We are unfortunately, once again seeing a rise in COVID cases within our school community. As of lunchtime on Wednesday, Mr Allen started his isolation period having tested positive for COVID and we have had another pupil case this week also. Our guidance that we will follow as a school will continue to be for those testing positive to please carry on with a five-day self-isolation period as before and to return to school following two positive lateral flow tests as long, as they are of course well enough to return.

Year One and Year Two

I wrote to all parents with children in Atlantis and Voyager classes earlier in the week explaining the necessary changes we are having to make in terms of the set-up of the classes in Key Stage Two. Unfortunately, Mrs Sutcliffe is currently signed off for medical reasons and will be away from school until at least the start of Term Five (after the Easter break). To ensure that all children in Years One and Two have consistency and structure continuing forwards, Miss Terry is going to be the class teacher for Voyager class from Monday (14th March) onwards and this class will be a combination of Year One and Year Two children. It is important to note that this is going to continue to be the class set up in Years One and Two right through to the end of the school year (21st July). In class, Miss Terry will be supported by Teaching Assistants Ms Jones and Mrs Townsend, who both know the pupils in these year groups extremely well. Within Key Stage One, we have also created a small nurture group for a number of pupils who will benefit from this and this group will be lead by Ms Lazarus and Mrs Ball. All parents with children in this bespoke group have been contacted by our SENCO, Mrs Whannell, to explain how this group will benefit the pupils. It is testament to the commitment and adaptability of all of the staff mentioned above that I have every confidence all pupils in these classes will benefit greatly from this change. If you would like to discuss this alteration in more detail, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Football Matches

Monday sees our Football Team take part in first of two football matches – Monday Vs Wingham and Tuesday Vs Kingsdown. All parents with children taking part should have already had letters home about these games. Please ensure the children have football boots and shin pads. It is highly likely that Mr Allen will not be back with us in time for these games, so I will be stepping into the role of temporary coach!

School Year 2021/2022

Term 4

21st February – 1st April

School Holiday

4th April – 14th April

Term 5

19th April – 27th May

School Holiday

30th May – 3rd June

Term 6

7th June – 21st July

Dates for your diary

Science Week – 14th March
Q&A Sessions School Hall 17th March
Red Nose Day – 18th March
Open Evening – 24th March
Mother's Day Market – 25th March
Parent Consultations – 28 – 30 March
Easter Hunt – 1st April
Year 6 Sats – 9th – 12th May
Year 6 Residential – 24th – 27th June





E-Safety

Today, all children from Year One up to Year Six took part in E-Safety lessons with myself. I am sure they will have learnt a lot and it may be something worth discussing further with your child.

Art Sessions

Through securing a local Reconnect Grant, we are delighted to have secured the art skills and expertise of Miss Watson who will be spending the next three Fridays in school working with year groups from one to six as part of their art sessions. I am sure the children will benefit from her specialist subject knowledge in this area and I look forward to seeing what they produce. Miss Watson has already started some breakfast club art sessions with some budding artists that we identified as a school and it has been fantastic to see them really enjoying these sessions.

Film Club

Thank you to our school PTA for holding the Film Night fundraiser on Wednesday of this week. We had 77 pupils attend which is fantastic and will see us raise in excess of £200 for the school PTA. A huge thanks to parents for allowing your children to come along to this event and helping us raise really important funds. Moving forwards, we will continue to have Monday as the cutoff date for permission slips so that all necessary goods can be purchased in time. However, we do appreciate that moving forwards we do need to give parents more notice with the letters coming home and so these will be coming home exactly a week before the event. You can see all PTA event dates in the newsletter so as to be able to mark these in your diary.

Parent/Teacher Meetings including Open Evening

Next week a letter will be coming home to parents inviting you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher during the final week of term. The dates for these meetings are Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th March. We are now able to have meetings face to face but will also be offering the chance for these discussions to be held over the telephone. In the week before these meetings, school will be open on Thursday 24th March to allow parents the chance to look through the children's books prior to the parent/teacher discussion as books will not be available on the actual parent's evenings.

Question and Answer session

Next Thursday (17th March) we are inviting parents into the school hall for a Question and Answer session with myself and the Chair of Governors. There will be two sessions to allow for flexibility around work commitment and child care etc. These sessions are 2:30pm and 6pm – simply come to the rear entrance of the hall at these times to take part in the sessions.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery

Cora – for her amazing sentence writing.
Braydon – for wearing his CAPE to achieve success.

Atlantis

Maddison-Leigh – for an excellent first week in Atlantis.

Voyager

Ella-Rose – for an excellent first week in Voyager.

Columbia

Brianna – for success in the design and presentation of her report.
Dylan – for a well written, detailed explanation text.

Challenger

Amelia – Confidence in Maths work this week.
Sophia – an all-round great attitude to work.

Endeavour

Theo – for a good all round attitude to his learning.
Harvey – for amazing progress with his handwriting.

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

PTA Events

Mother's Day Market - 25th March

Easter Hunt – 1st April

Football Fixtures

Home Games

EE v Wingham - 14th March
EE v Kingsdown – 15th March
EE v St Faiths – 21st March
EE v Eastry 22nd March

World Book Day Potatoes

Congratulations to our World Book Day Potato character winners who all received a set of prizes yesterday. Well done to Reggie, Daniel, Jude, Alana, Victoria and Harry