

# Eythorne Elvington CP School



Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the majority of parents who have adhered to wearing a face-mask when on the school premises. There are still a handful of parents who are not wearing any face covering – we have been made aware of some who are exempt from this, thank you for those informing us of that. Can I please ask everyone who is wearing a mask ensure that you wear a face covering as soon as you enter the school gates. Thank you again for your continued support in this matter. Again, our priority is to keep your children and our staff safe.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the learning attitudes and behaviours of ALL pupils has been exemplary since they came back in September. Walking around the school at various points this week, it is always fantastic to see engaged children striving to achieve and passionate adults helping pupils to succeed. This COVID 19 pandemic is certainly not stopping the brilliant experience the pupils get here and as a parent myself I think it is important that you all should know this.

I walked into school on Monday to a Year 6 pupil with an Adam Ant style stripe down his face and then watched in awe as a Year 1 robot attempted to butter a piece of toast with arms that were stuck inside a cardboard box! This was the start of Maths Week and all throughout the week the children have been provided with fun challenges and activities to take part in. Thank you to Mrs Taylor our Maths Lead for planning this week and also to all parents who managed to arrange such amazing outfits for your children.

On Wednesday, each class held their two minutes silence at 11am as we paid our respects to all those in the past who have given us our today. It was lovely to see some of the children come to school in their rainbows, cubs and guide uniforms. Reverend Sean Sheffield and Jenny Groombridge from our local church sent emails of thanks for the children's decorated pebbles which were used at the Remembrance Service last Sunday.

The Book Fair also rolled into school this week. I hope that by now you have received a print out of the books on offer and the necessary details on how to order. To comply with COVID measures, each class will be allocated times to visit the Book Fair over the next fortnight, with 72 hour gaps in between visits. We do have five £5 book vouchers to be won. To win one of these, your child needs to design an ANNUAL 2020 front cover and return it to school. We will choose our favourite one from each class and that child will receive the voucher to go towards the cost of a book of their choice.

## *Term Dates 2020-2021*

### Autumn Term 2020

#### Term 1

Wednesday 2 September  
2020 – Friday 23 October  
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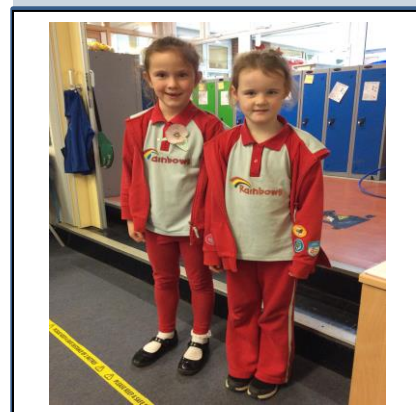
School Holiday – Monday  
26 October 2020 – Friday  
30 October 2020

#### 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)

### Children In Need

Today is the annual Children In Need fundraising day. As children already come to school in their PE kit on a Friday, we asked for them to bring any coins to school with them. This morning, classes were busy competing as to who could make the tallest "Coin Stack". The winning class earns some extra break time.

### Sports Hoodies

Speaking with the office staff on Wednesday, I was delighted to hear about the excellent uptake from parents placing orders for the Sports Hoodies for PE Fridays. We look forward to getting these back to us in the coming weeks and seeing the children wear them.

### Tree Planting

I was amazed to see the excellent response from families for children wishing to plant and label a tree. So far we have raised £80; this money will be used to add to our outside learning resources. On Monday, those who have returned the forms will go outside with Mrs Wilkinson Tough to plant the trees – it is probably a good idea to have wellington boots.

### Facebook

Last week we opened up a school Facebook page. This is not a means of communicating between school and home as this should continue to be either in person, over the telephone or via email. What I hope to use this Facebook page for is reminders of upcoming events and highlights of whole school events that may be taking place. Again, Tapestry will continue to be a main source of evidencing the children's learning experience's to you – thank you to those who are engaging with this online learning journal, it is great to see.

### Christmas Album

We wrote to you a number of weeks back regards the Christmas Album which will be being sold just before the Christmas break. Our specialist Music Teacher, Annie Barton-Hodges is working with the children as I write this newsletter on their Christmas songs. So as to not miss out on either a CD or a USB stick of the songs, please ensure you put an order in.

### Road Safety Week

Next week is National Road Safety week, we will be talking with children in school about the importance of staying safe in and around roads – it might be a good time to continue these conversations too as you travel to and from school. We will have some school council members out in high-visibility jackets next week outside the school monitoring how safe the roads around our school are. On this matter, please can you NOT park in places that are clearly going to inconvenience others – thank you.

### Christmas Jumper Day

A date for the diary for parents – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is national Christmas Jumper Day when we ask children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school and bring a donation for the charity.

Have a great weekend.

*Neil Garvey*

Acting Head Teacher



### TEAM POINTS

Chislet win again –  
they are on a roll