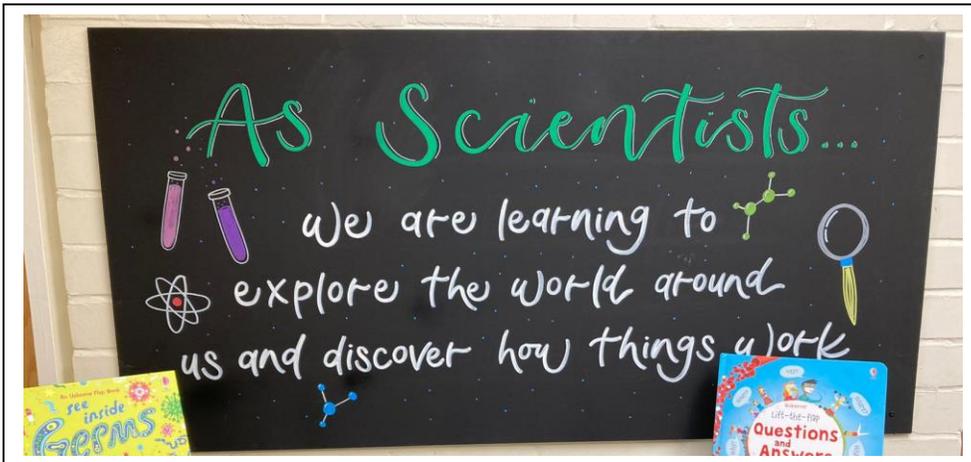


Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 14th January 2022



Boiler

Once again, apologies for any disruption caused on Monday with having to close the school due to boiler issues. It is back up and running and – fingers crossed – will continue to do so. Since then, I have been in regular meetings with Kent County Council and as I indicated in my letter earlier in the week, we now have heaters in place should this occur again enabling children and staff to safely attend school.

COVID

We have had a couple of positive COVID cases this week with pupils and they are currently self-isolating at home. You may have noticed in the latest update from Government yesterday that this self-isolation period has been reduced to five days instead of seven depending on negative test results. Moving forwards, should we receive a positive case within a class, I will be writing to parents of all children in the class explaining the situation and advising that you carry out a lateral flow test on your child prior to returning to school the next day.

Farm School

The children in Columbia class had their first Farm School session on Wednesday which is great news. These sessions with Woodpecker Court are a brilliant experience for the children as part of our wide curriculum aims. Please ensure that if your child is in Columbia class they have a pair of wellington boots in school for these sessions and a warm coat (even when the sun is out!)

Florence Nightingale Workshop

Mrs Sutcliffe has arranged for the children in Voyager and Atlantis classes to take part in a Florence Nightingale Workshop in school on Tuesday 1st February. This valuable experience is linked to their learning this term and an opportunity I am sure that they will thoroughly enjoy. For this to be able to happen we do ask that there is a parental contribution of £5 per child and that this is made by next Friday (21st January). If you have any questions about this or about the payment, I would appreciate it if you could please call me at school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs have started up again this week. A reminder to parents that clubs DO NOT run in the last week of a term, so there will be no clubs in the week commencing Monday 7th February.

School Year 2021/2022

Term 3

5th January – 11th February

School Holiday

14th February – 18th February

Term 4

21st February – 1st April

School Holiday

4th April – 14th April

Term 5

19th April – 27th May

School Holiday

30th May – 3rd June

Dates for your diary

Mental Health Week – 31st January

Safer Internet Week – 7th February

World Book Day – 3rd March

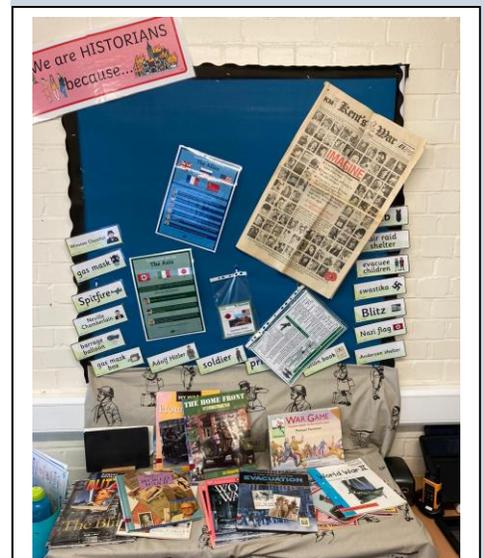
Science Week – 14th March

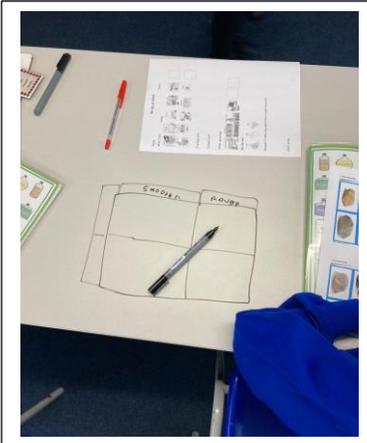
Red Nose Day – 18th March

Parent Consultations – 28 – 31 March

Year 6 Sats – 9th – 12th May

Year 6 Residential – 24th – 27th June





Breakfast Club

It has been great to see so many of our children arriving into school at 7:45am this week thanks to our lengthened Breakfast Club. The children who come to this clearly enjoy their time in starting the day in this way and it is great to see. Breakfast Club sessions cost £3 per child running from 7:45am to 8:30am – if you would like to enquire about a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Books

We are really pleased with the amount of books that children are getting through now with their reading thanks to the Accelerated Reader programme and new Little Wandle phonics scheme. Being a small school, we really do rely on having as full a library as possible for the children to choose from. Please can you ensure that once your child has completed their reading book it is returned to school so that another child can enjoy reading it. We still have a number of reading books outstanding which have gone home with children and it significantly reduces the range of books on offer to our pupils.

Termly Overviews

On Monday, I will be sending home a whole-school overview for Term Three. This will demonstrate all the areas of learning taking place between now and mid-February in all classrooms across the curriculum. The purpose of this is to allow you to ask your children about their learning at home and hopefully continue their development outside of school hours. Once you have received this information and you have any questions about it please contact your child's class teacher who I am sure will be more than happy to help you.

Mother's Day

This may seem some way off, but this week the children lower down the school have been completing some beautiful portraits of Mum/Step Mum/Grandma etc and these will be sent off and published in the Kent Messenger newspaper closer to the time. I will let you know when to go out and buy a copy.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery

Cody – for wearing his CAPE to achieve success in his reading.
Braydon – for super participation in all of his learning.

Atlantis

Cleo – for persevering in English and using her phonics to support her writing.

Voyager

Isabelle – for success at some great explanations in Science.
Victoria – for always being ready to learn.

Columbia

Leo – for persevering with his times tables learning.
Toby – for showing empathy towards characters in our class story.

Challenger

Joshua – for his confidence and perseverance looking at numbers to 1 million in maths.
Amelia – for a very successful week and completing some excellent home learning.

Endeavour

Harvey – for amazing presentation of his work.
Emily – for having great ambition to do well in all her learning.

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

