

Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 14th May 2021

"EDUCATION IS THE MOST
POWERFUL WEAPON
WHICH YOU CAN USE
TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

Nelson Mandela, 1993 Nobel Peace Prize winner and former President of South Africa

As the latest set of COVID restrictions look to relax on Monday 17th it has been interesting to consider all of the changes that have taken place in school over the past 14 months and look at what has changed for the better and what we cannot wait to get back to normal with!

At present, we are still awaiting updated guidance from the DFE with regards to what alterations there may be to the advice in schools from Monday onwards. Until we hear differently, I ask that all parents continue to wear a face mask when on the school grounds and that we consider social distancing when waiting on the playground. The one-way system in and out of school – helped by the newly laid pathway – is working well and this is something I would imagine we will consider in the future regardless.

Another change that has benefitted the children greatly has been the lengthened drop off times since September, allowing children to come into school from 8.30am onwards. It is great to see the vast majority of our children in school at this time and it allows them to engage in the Morning Work activities set by the teachers which are aimed at securing their Maths and English skills further. It is vital that ALL children are in school by 8.50am so that children can get this solid start to the school day. Arriving at 9am, means they miss an hour a week – which over the course of a school year makes a huge difference.

In school, we are now able to bring tables into groupings instead of rows – this is key to enabling children to discuss learning with each other and is also a better layout for groups with and without adult support. The introduction of wearing PE kits on a Friday has been a success and is again something that is likely to stay long term. Thank you to all parents who have ensured that their child has the correct PE House T-Shirt and Hooded top to enable this to be as successful as it has been.

With two weeks left before the half term break, we will continue to assess where the children are at and what teaching needs to take place in Term 6 to get the children as near to their end of year assessment targets as possible. Term 6 will be an important six weeks of teaching and learning and I encourage all parents to continue to engage at home with their children in reading, phonics, times tables and spellings as and when you can.

Term 5

Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May 2021

Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May

School Holiday

Tuesday 1st June – Friday 11 June

Term 6

Monday 14th June – Thursday 22nd July 2021

Dates for your Diary

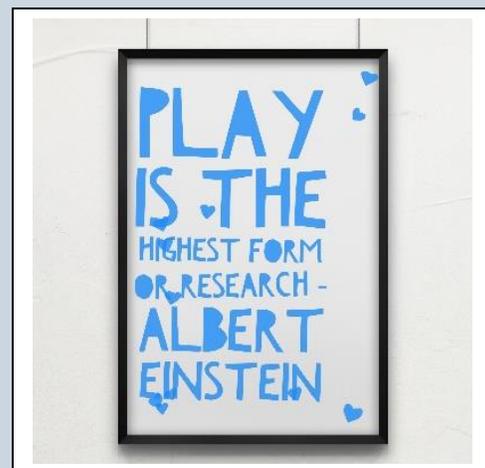
20th May – Year 6 parents Residential meeting via zoom 6pm

PTA Event

26th May - Breaking School Rules
10th July – Summer Fayre
14th July – Sports Day

Forest School Endeavour

13th May 2021
20th May 2021
27th May 2021



Year 5 Parent Meeting

Last night we had a zoom meeting with parents with children in year 5 to discuss the arrangements for this year's Kent Test and secondary school application process. I will be emailing out the PowerPoint from the presentation to all parents.

Year 6 Residential Meeting

Parents with children in Year 6 should now have received an invite to a Zoom meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 26th May to discuss the end of year residential.

Rule Break PTA Day

On Wednesday 26th May we will be having a rule break day to raise funds for the school PTA. We will be sending home the form for this on 21st May which details all of the rules your child may choose to break on the day. Each rule break costs 50p and we ask that the children bring the form and any monies into school on the day. If you need a new form, please ask your child to get another one from their class teacher.

Term Six Dates

Historically, in all schools term 6 is jam packed with dates and events. Unfortunately, this year will be somewhat different to that again but we should be able to have more than we did last summer! I thought I would provide you with a few dates which we are hoping to have parents attend in some capacity. These are obviously subject to change, but may be worthwhile putting in your diaries for now.

Saturday 10th July – Summer Fayre

Wednesday 14th July – Sports Day. This may be split into an AM and PM arrangement for the two bubbles Key Stage 2 and EYFS/Key Stage One

STARS OF THE WEEK

DISCOVERY

Willow – for taking pride in her learning.
Mikaela – for trying really hard with her reading.

VOYAGER

Jude – for his engagement in class and excitement for learning new things.
Victoria – for her fantastic effort and understanding throughout the week.

ATLANTIS

Elsie – for always giving her best effort with all of her work.
Piper – excellent handwriting and literacy.

COLUMBIA

Ben – for going above and beyond to produce a lovely piece of home learning.
Kiel – for working hard and asking and answering questions confidently.
Mathew – for a descriptive, well presented piece of creative writing.

ENDEAVOUR

Harvey – amazing work using speech in English
Ruby – always being a helpful member of Endeavour Class.

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

