

Eythorne Elvington CP School



Geography by James in Endeavour Class

Happy New Year to you all. For one reason or another, this is the first newsletter of 2021. Since 6am on Monday 4th January a lot has certainly happened from a school with no heating to the Prime Minister closing down Primary Schools.

As I write this letter, we have around a quarter of our pupils attending school on a daily basis. During the day, they work with the support of Teaching Assistants and Class Teachers on the work which is being set by their teacher on a daily basis. This same work is being accessed by many children at home through our online learning journal – Tapestry. I have been pleased at the number of parents who have really embraced Tapestry and are fully engaged with sharing their children's learning which is then being commented upon by the staff. I know that the staff here are pleased to have this facility in place this time around for the current lockdown and this viewpoint has also been echoed by many parents who have written to me this week also. What I have particularly loved is the creative tasks and imaginative responses from many families – from Harry's Volcano made from mashed potato to Leon's live performance as a local weatherman to name just two. You will also see a couple of examples on this newsletter too.

This week has been the first "live" learning sessions across all classes. Again, feedback from most parents has been positive about these and they appreciate the lengths that the staff are going to in order to bridge the gap between school and home.

I have asked all teachers to give let me know those that they haven't been able to reach out to so far through either Tapestry or Zoom. I will be calling those people early next week to see if there is any way we can help further to ensure that the children are being able to access some learning.

This morning we tried out first Friday Fitness session with Mr Evison and Mr Garvey – if you weren't sure which one Mr Evison was, he was the one with some flexibility! I hope that those families who joined in, enjoyed it – we will be back next Friday for more of the same. This afternoon, I will attempt a whole school Zoom assembly – it will be good to have the opportunity to just say hello to the children and to congratulate them on all that they have been doing so far – plus, it could be seen as a small window for parents to have a break!

I would like to finish this newsletter by just saying, parents you are doing a great job – there is no manual as to how to do this remote learning stuff whilst everything else is going on – just give your child lots of love and support, that is more than good enough.

Term 3

Monday 4th January –
Friday 12th February 2021

School Holiday – Monday
15th February – Friday
19th February 2021

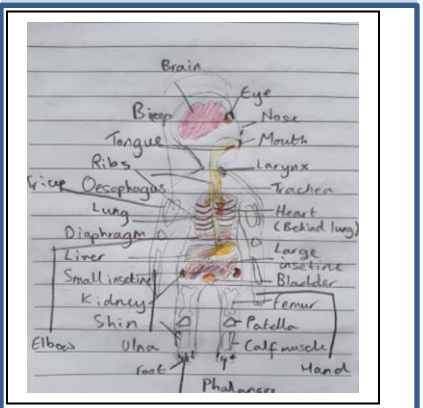
Uniform

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)



Science by Harriet (Year 6)