

# Eythorne Elvington CP School



We are within striking distance of the end of the first term since returning to normality following the COVID outbreak. Huge credit must go to the WHOLE school community for playing their part in ensuring we have not only got through the past seven weeks but done so successfully. As I have said before, the children have ALL come back with a fantastic attitude and a determination to make the most of their day. The above picture is just one example of the fun children are able to have with each other being at school. Attendance has been fantastic, with 98% of pupils being in school last week for instance. We would be naïve to think that we are going to be able to continue in this vain for the next however many months, though, I am confident in the staff we have here and the plans we have in place, so that if we do need to remote learn at any point it will be done well.

At present, I am aware that all news outlets are full of many different stories about varying tiers, restrictions, laws etc. All I know is that as a school we continue to run as we are until directed to by Public Health England or by the Government directly. As soon as this changes, staff and parents would be the first to know. Our aim now is to continue with the superb learning that has taken place for the past seven weeks and carry it on into the last week. At this point, we will all be able to have a much deserved week-long break during which time there will be NO home learning being set by the school. Term Two is due to commence as normal on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

As bizarre as it may seem, as a school we now need to put into planning the children who will be joining us in September 2021! I want parents to still be able to get the chance to look around our fantastic school and to be able to do so when it is alive with children during the day. From now onwards, I am happy to show families around the school at a time of their convenience. Visits inside the school will be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes and we will ask any parents to wear a mask. Although we won't actually enter a classroom, you will still be able to get a taste for the amazing atmosphere that is created here by the staff and the pupils. I did send home a letter to parents regarding this earlier in the week and you will see some posters and flyers popping up around the village to remind people. This is an incredible school and I look forward to sharing our experience with many new and current families moving forwards.

*Term Dates 2020-2021*

Autumn Term 2020

Term 1

Wednesday 2 September 2020 – Friday 23 October 2020

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)



## TEAM POINTS

Another solid week by Betteshanger sees them stay top of the points table!

## Tapestry

Many parents have activated their parent accounts this week, so thank you for those who have now signed up. We still await more of you to enroll to Tapestry if only to ensure that if home learning does need to kick in at any point, you are able to receive and submit work for your child. If you need further support with obtaining the account please do let us know.

## Reading

Next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup> October) is our Read-A-Thon day! Hopefully over the past number of weeks families have been reading to raise money for our long awaited library. On Wednesday, we ask children to come into school in non-uniform and bring with them all monies raised. If you have not managed to raise any money we ask that you bring a £1 contribution in towards the cause. I look forward to letting you know how much we raise before the October half term. Remember, the child who manages to raise the most money will be invited to help open the new library in November.

## Kent Test

Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Kent Test yesterday. In what is a stressful time for children (and parents!) they seemed to rather enjoy it in the end and they certainly gave their all. I know for most of them it is not over just yet as they will be taking part in the Dover Grammar tests tomorrow (Saturday). We wish them luck.

## Photographs

I hope that you enjoyed receiving the photographs which came home this week. Should you wish to buy any please return to the office by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for Secondary School places is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please do let us know if you have any questions about this process.

## Year 6 Residential

I wrote to all year 6 parents at the end of last week regarding the end of year residential trip to PGL in Dorset. If you have not yet let us know your thoughts please can you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Cauliflower Cards

Hopefully all Cauliflower Card forms have come home by now with the children's choice of Christmas artwork on them. If you do wish to purchase any the deadline for them to be back in school is WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER at the very latest.

## Christmas Album

Staying on the Christmas theme, this year we will be creating a Christmas Album of songs involving all children in the school. There will be a separate letter coming home regarding this in the next week where we will ask you to indicate if you would be interesting in buying the album either as a CD, memory stick or in fact not at all!

Have a great weekend.

*Neil Garvey*

Acting Head Teacher