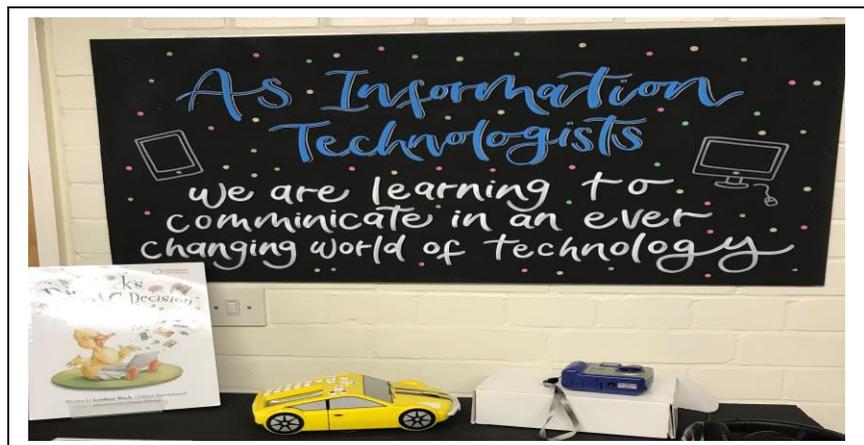


Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 8th October 2021



Open Evening – 21st October

Next Thursday (21st October), just before the end of term, I would like to invite parents into school to allow the opportunity for your children to show you their books and talk about their learning this term. Please note, this is not a session in the form of a Parent/Teacher meeting, however simply a chance for you to look through your child's books and also to look at the changes we have made to our learning environment. To be as flexible as possible with timings to ensure everyone has the opportunity to come in, school will be open from 3:15pm until 7pm. A separate letter with finer details on arrangements for this Open Evening will be sent home early next week.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

As I pointed out in last week's newsletters, the first round of parent/teacher meetings will take place later in term two. The prime reason for this is to allow us to have a complete accurate assessment of where children are and more importantly what we all need to work on over the course of the remaining two thirds of the school year.

With this in mind, this does not mean that teachers are not able to or willing to speak with parents any ANY TIME should you have any questions/queries regarding your child in any way. I would ask parents to not wait until parent/teacher meetings take place should you have any concerns or questions in the meantime. Teachers are often available at the end of the school day or failing that appointments can be made to see them via the school office – the same applies should you wish to talk anything through with myself individually.

Open Days

For those with children who will be starting school in September 2022 it would be great to meet with you and show you around the school. Even if you have always had children here in the past, the school has changed a lot over the last 12-18 months or so and it would be great to show this to our families. There is no better time to see a school than during the school day when everything is in full flow. We do not set specific open day times here, we much prefer it if parents arrange a time to come and see us on a day at time that works for them. It has been lovely to meet new families from the area this week and show them around our school as they consider which school is best for their child come next September. Please contact the school office should you wish to have a viewing of school in the coming weeks/months prior to applications having to be completed by January.

Year 6 Secondary School Application

A reminder to all parents with children in Year 6 that the application process for secondary schools is open now and closes on 1st November. Kent Test results will be communicated with parents on Thursday 21st October.

School Year 2021/2022

Term 1

2nd September – 22nd October

School Holiday

25th October - 29th October

Term 2

3rd November – Fri 17th December

School Holiday

20th December – 31st December
Bank holiday – 3rd January 2022

Term 3

5th January – 11th February

School holiday

14th February – 18th February

Dates for your diary

School photos – 20th October
Diwali – 4th November
New Intake Viewings – 1st – 30th November
Anti-Bullying Week – 15th – 19th November
Travelling Books – 10th November
Parent/Teacher Consultations 6th - 10 Dec





Dance Sessions

We have some one-off dance sessions in school on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Those wishing for their children to take part should have by now completed the permission slip and returned it to school. If this letter did not make it home, please call the school office for more details.

Football

Yesterday, a team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a football tournament at Sibbertswold Primary. During the course of the afternoon, they played against four other primary schools from the Dover district. The team played with great passion and enthusiasm and managed to come second overall, winning a game along the way! From Term Two, Mr Allen will continue to coach the football team as we look to put more fixtures in place over the rest of the school year.

After-School Clubs

A letter will come home next week regarding after-school clubs which we will be looking to start in the second week back after October half term.

Lets Chat

Starting from Tuesday 9th November, we will be having weekly Let's Chat sessions in the school hall between 8:30 – 10:00am. This is a chance for parents to drop their children off at school and then sit down and have a chat with other parents over a cup of coffee and maybe some tasty breakfast treats. I will be around in the hall on Tuesday mornings along with Reverend Sean Sheffield and Dominic Meehan who is our Chair of Governors. We would love to see you there.

School Photos

This coming Wednesday, all children at school will be having their photographs taken which will then be available for parents to purchase later on. Please ensure that ALL children wear their school uniform on Wednesday and not PE kits as I am aware is the case for some classes. There is still the opportunity for families to have sibling photographs done including those brother/sisters below school age. Those wishing to take up this opportunity should come to the school hall at 8:15am.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery

Braydon - for always being helpful.

Jayden – for making some super connection in his Maths learning this week.

Atlantis

Annie-Mae – for being a super star in maths.

Voyager

Daniel – improved resilience in his learning.

Rosie – determination to “have a go”.

Columbia

Dorothy – asking and answering thoughtful questions on our visit to Richborough Roman Fort.

Toby – asking and answering thoughtful questions on our visit to Richborough Roman Fort.

Challenger

Baily – for being an excellent representative and player of our school during the football tournament.

Scarlet – for superb maths work looking at multiples and factors.

Endeavour

Lily May – for super thinking in maths this week.

Phoebe – enthusiastic learning in French lessons.

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

