

# Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



We reach the end of another term and another year – one that has brought many challenges which we have faced and overcome as a whole school community. Thank you to parents for their support over the past twelve months. I would like to pay a huge testament to the staff of the school who have day in, day out given their all to ensure this school is the very best that it can be for the children. Finally, the children of Eythorne Elvington School have continued to make this school a fantastic place to work thanks to their hard working and positive approach to school life.

## COVID

Things appearing to be changing on a daily basis regards COVID restrictions and guidance. As things stand, we aim to come back to school as normal on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January following the Christmas break and be able to carry on as we have left off. However, we cannot rule out the possibility of more changes over the next fortnight and the impact that they have on life in school. As always, I will endeavour to communicate openly and honestly with all parents throughout the process. Should any changes affect the return to school, I will communicate this with parents via email during the Christmas holidays.

## Performances

I was thrilled that we got the chance to have both the Christmas Concert and the two Nativity performances over the past couple of weeks in school. The children have worked incredibly hard on both these productions over this past term and they deserved the opportunity to showcase their talents. Thank you to parents for adhering to our requests to keep in line with government guidelines allowing such events to take place. We hope that it will not be long before we are able to have similar events happening again in the new year.

## Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our PTA committee for all of their hard work with the Christmas Fayre which took place last Friday. Although it was a shortened version of our usual fayre, parents were as generous as always and allowed our school PTA to raise a fantastic total of in excess of £670 – a superb effort by everyone!

## School Year 2021/2022

### Term 3

5<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> February

### School Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

21<sup>st</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April

### School Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 5

19<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May

### School Holiday

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Dates for your diary

Mental Health Week – 31<sup>st</sup> January

Safer Internet Week – 7<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Science Week – 14<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day – 18<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Consultations – 28 – 31 March

Year 6 Sats – 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Residential – 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June





### **School Uniform**

Throughout the course of this week, we have been receiving new sweatshirts and fleeces ready for the launch of our new school uniform in January. We are unlikely to receive the full quota of all sweatshirts and fleeces for every child until we return on 4<sup>th</sup> January, so we will be holding fire on sending these home until we have for every child. We will write to you again after the Christmas break with an update on this but in the meantime, children should continue to come to school in their usual royal blue sweatshirts and fleeces for now as normal.

### **Staff News**

Yesterday was Ms Hedges last day with us. We thank her for all she has done for the school over the course of the past eight years and we wish her luck in her new adventure. Today, we say a temporary goodbye to Miss Whiffen who will be having her baby in early January – we look forward to having her back with us later in 2022. Mr Hutcheon joins us on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and will be the class teacher in Endeavour class – we are pleased to welcome him to our staff team and I am sure he will be a great addition to the school.



### **STARS OF THE TERM**

#### **Discovery**

Robin – for always doing his best.  
Macie-Rae – for her amazing perseverance.

#### **Atlantis**

##### **Stars of the week**

Mikaela – for showing confidence and joining in with the nativity.  
Eden – for being clear and confident in the nativity.

#### **Stars of the term**

Cleo – for always trying her best with an amazing attitude towards her learning.  
Ava – for persevering in everything she does, showing a determined and positive attitude towards her learning.

#### **Voyager**

Ruben – having a successful term and a great performance in the nativity.  
Isabelle – showing enthusiasm in all of her learning.

#### **Columbia**

Elsie – always putting 100% into everything she does.  
Leon – for a constant positive attitude to all his work.

#### **Challenger**

Poppy - success across the term in maths and science.  
Magdalena- showing ambition and having a successful term.

#### **Endeavour**

Aston - showing CAPES throughout the term.  
Emily- showing CAPES throughout the term.

*Neil Garvey*

**Headteacher**

