

# Eythorne Elvington CP School

*It is the supreme*

## **ART OF THE TEACHER**

*To awaken joy in creative*

## **EXPRESSION AND KNOWLEDGE.**

- ALBERT EINSTEIN

**KID**Activities.net

We have been treated to some unusually warm September weather over the course of this past week. Taking advantage of this, it has been lovely to see the children outside either learning or simply enjoying each other's company. Playing together, communicating and simply having fun with friends has been something that many children have missed over the past six months. We are fortunate enough to have extensive grounds to the rear of our school and it is our intention to create engaging and exciting learning opportunities out there for the children as much as we can. As I write today's newsletter you can hear the sounds of our children in reception discovering new things about the world in their outside area and the sight of Atlantis class engrossed in a range of activities inside the Forest School area.

Last week I paid great credit to the children for their resilience and adaptability at seamlessly fitting back into the way of school life. This week, I wanted to remind ourselves of the fantastic team of staff who have continued to go above and beyond to create the school we have here. Our office, caretaker and cleaning staff work tirelessly to ensure the school is set up to run on a daily basis. This allows our dedicated staff in classrooms to put the high levels of care and attention into planning learning experiences which will leave a lasting memory for your children.

Just walking around the school this week I have been drawn in by some fantastic examples of this. In Endeavour class, we were all engrossed as we witnessed an astronaut sky diving from Space down to earth. A group of children in Challenger class took part in their first Farm School event down at Woodpecker Court. The children in year two were amazed at the 'Alien Invasion' they discovered in the school field one morning – they certainly worked hard exploring how and why it may have ended up here. We had a lovely moment on Wednesday, when Voyager class took a walk to sing Happy Birthday to Ms Jones, who has been extremely unwell over the past six months, but is now thankfully on the mend. I know that this moment for her, was an extremely special one. Discovery class is just a hub of activity with our new children exploring their new surroundings and immersing themselves in a range of independent activities. All of the above is what school is about for us – trying to create experiences for children that are engaging, enjoyable and exciting.

### *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)

A child's laugh could  
simply be one of the  
most beautiful sounds  
in the world.

| [sophiealder.tumblr.com](http://sophiealder.tumblr.com) |

## Remote Learning

You should have received an email earlier this week outlining our plans to provide learning from home to those children who are having to isolate. The aim is to keep a provision of learning in place for however long children may need to be away from school for. If you have any questions about this please do contact me for more information.

## Read-a-thon

Please continue to work hard on your Read-a-thon challenges at home. Every single penny raised will be spent on our new library. The more we raise, the better the library – so let's try our best!

## Year 6 Meeting

At 6pm next Thursday (24<sup>th</sup> September), Year 6 parents are invited to a meeting in the school hall. The meeting will give you information about the process for applying for places at Secondary School as well as share my thoughts about the end of year residential for the children.

## COVID

Thank you to all parents for sticking to the one way system around the school in order to allow us to socially distance. You will have noticed some barriers up at the top gate, these are there to create clear and open pathways into the school away from other parents. I ask you please to consider others in and around the school grounds with regards social distance measures.

Yesterday the government published some material aimed at helping parents understand all manner of queries around COVID and school matters. I will attach this document to the newsletter email for your information.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Letters will come home next week regarding Parent Teacher consultations which will take place during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. Due to COVID restrictions these conversations will take place either via Zoom or over the telephone.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are delighted at being able to offer our parents wrap around care for their children now from 8am until 5.45pm. No matter what time I walk through the hall during these sessions, you see happy, smiling faces all around. If you would like for your child to come along to either of these clubs please contact the school office for a booking form.

## Volunteers

Thank you to the few parents who have contacted me in the past week or so regarding helping out the school in a number of ways. I hope to get back to people next week to sort out plans for volunteers. So, if anyone else would like to come in and be a part of the team please email me [ngarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ngarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk) or call the school.

This could be the last decent weather of 2020 this weekend, so enjoy the most of it and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Neil Garvey