

Eythorne & Elvington Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 19th September

Last week, Mrs Bird and Mr Garvey met with the **school council** for the first time this academic year. It was great to hear the children's thoughts on the new year and their aims for the school moving forwards. These meetings will continue to happen on a regular basis to discuss many areas of school life. Later on in the month, all children will get the chance to vote for two school counsellors to represent each class this year.

Many thanks to those parents who attended the **Meet The Teacher** sessions last week. I am sure you will have found it beneficial to discover the routines and expectations of the class your child is in this year.

On Thursday, Mrs Bird met with a number of the current Year 6 parents to discuss the forthcoming process of **applying for secondary school places**. If you were unable to attend that meeting you can find information regarding the process on www.kent.gov.uk/ola

It was great to see high numbers of children walking to school last Wednesday as we recorded our **Walk On Wednesday** figures. In every class, the majority of the class walked to school, with Endeavour class showing the highest percentage with 61% of their children walking to school. We will continue to monitor these figures as part of our Healthy School aims.

Can I please remind you that between the hours of 8.30—9.00am and 3.00—3.30pm there should be **no cars** entering the school premises (unless for disability purposes). There are a lot of children either coming in to or leaving the school at this time and their safety is paramount.

Please can you also be aware of your use of language when in and around the school. There have been some reports from parents of overhearing language not suitable for children to be around.

Over the course of this academic year we will be working in partnership with Sibertswold Primary on a **charity project** linked to supporting a community in Burkina Faso. This project is lead by Mr Lamb, Head of School at Sibertswold, and he will soon be speaking to the children of Eythorne Elvington about this project in more detail.

It was nice to see so many children enjoying the **extra-curricular clubs** on offer at the school last week. There are some places still available in some clubs so if your child wishes to join then please contact the school office.

The teachers this week selected the following children to be **Stars of the Week** as a reward for their positive attitude to school life:

Voyager—Aston and Lacey

Atlantis—Bailey

Challenger—Violet

Endeavour—Annie and Reece

The pupils of **Mercury team** managed to earn 76 points over the course of this week, making them this week's winning team. The other teams scored; Neptune 73, Jupiter 60, Saturn 56. Overall, Mercury lead the team challenge with 104 points.

On a Monday morning assembly, we celebrate those classes with excellent **attendance** from the previous week. Last week, the class with the best attendance figures was Challenger class who had 99.5% of children in school across the course of the week. This figure includes those who are late so please ensure your child arrives at school between 8.40 and 8.50am.

Detailed below are some of the **key dates** for events for your diary:

26th—30th September	School Council Elections
7th October	Harvest Festival
13th October	Open Afternoon
14th October	Challenger Class Assembly
17—20 October	Parent Interviews
21st October	Endeavour Class Assembly
	School Photographs
24th—28th October	Half Term
11th November	Atlantis Class Assembly
25th November	Voyager Class Assembly
21 December	End of Term 2
3rd January	Start of Term 3
10th February	End of Term 3
20th February	Start of Term 4
31 March	End of Term 4
18th April	Start of Term 5
26th May	End of Term 5
12th June	Start of Term 6
21st July	End of Term 6

This list will be updated as more events are added to the school calendar so please continue to check it weekly.

As you will see in the above list of key dates, the first set of **Parent Interviews** will be held in the week commencing 17 October. More specific days and times, as well as how to go about securing an appointment with your child's teacher will be communicated closer to the time.