

# Eythorne Elvington CP School



You know we are getting closer to Christmas when you have to spend the first ten minutes of every morning de-icing the car. For some reason, our school has its own "extra icy" climate compared to other parts of Kent! Our site manager, Mr Quartley, does his best to salt over the walkways of the school grounds early in the morning, but I ask all parents to ensure that they and their children take care coming into school on a frosty morning – please remind your children not to run.

Thank you again to those parents who ensure they wear a mask when on the school grounds. Can I ask once again that those who are not exempt to please stick to this measure as we work together to keep each other safe. Also, please remind your children to stick to the one-way system and I ask parents to keep walkways clear for those either entering or leaving the school.

Last Friday, we asked children to bring in coins to take part in the Children In Need "Coin Stack Challenge". The amount of coins we got in was amazing. The class which recorded the tallest stack was Columbia class with a tower of coins measuring 16cm – their reward was extra break time. I will now spend my weekend bagging up the millions of coins received and get back to you next week with a final amount.

The book fair has been in school for over a week now – thank you for those who have placed orders. We appreciate that it is hard to buy books without seeing them so are also today sending home our Scholastic book catalogue for any parents who wish to place orders this way, orders to be placed by 27<sup>th</sup> November. Well done to our Book Voucher Winners who each received a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair; Ellora, Magdalena, Ben and Hannah. Photos of the winners entries can be seen at the top of the page.

This morning all of the children were out in the school grounds picking litter, this idea is linked to the text they are reading in class. Thank you to the company "Cuddle Earth" for the donating of the litter pickers for the class. I believe Mr Allen is sending home leaflets tonight all about Cuddle Earth.

## 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

Chislet win again – 3 weeks on the spin – can anyone beat them?

## Tree Planting

Mrs Wilkinson Tough was in with us on Monday allowing most of the children in the school to plant a tree in the new Forest School extension area. Thank you to those who contributed to this, Over £80 in total was raised! This money will be reinvested in the Forest School area itself over the coming months. We can see a photo of Henry planting his tree on the front page of this weeks newsletter.

## Christmas Jumper Day

A date for the diary for parents – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is national Christmas Jumper Day when we ask children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school and bring a donation for the charity.

## Christmas Diary Events

On the subject of Christmas, we endeavor to keep this time of year in school as memorable for children as possible. Obviously, we are more restricted than normal due to the COVID measures, however, we do have plans in place for the children to enjoy in the festive period. I have listed some of the dates below for you to add to your diaries. Please be aware – given the current regular changes in life, some of these dates may change!

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Christmas Decorations Morning. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to invite families in to take part in this but we will be posting plenty of pictures on Tapestry for you to still feel part of the occasion.

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

This is the day when the children will be filming the music videos for their Christmas songs. Your child's class teacher may well be asking you to bring in additional clothing on this day depending on their ideas for each class.

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Where's Santa? Classes will be working to solve the problem of a missing Santa. A fun festive day full of many different activities – again, photos will be on Tapestry.

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch at school

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Class parties and the last day of the school term.

Also during the final week, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, classes will be going over the road to the church on separate days to take part in a Christingle service with Reverend Sean.

Many thanks

*Neil Garvey*

Acting Head Teacher