

# Eythorne Elvington CP School



So, in a discussion between myself and Ms Sutcliffe a number of weeks ago, I shared my ambitious target for the Read-A-Thon of £1000. In return, she shared her slightly lower aim of us reaching £300. Well, on Wednesday as children came into school in their own clothes clutching envelopes of money, it dawned on me that my figure may not have been such an outrageous dream! At mid-morning on Wednesday, Ms Sutcliffe found me to announce the total amount of money raised.....£922.62!! What an amazing effort from absolutely everybody! From everyone at the school, thank you to everyone who has raised money towards this unbelievable total. Every single penny of this will be spent on new resources for our library and we look forward to sharing updates on the library in the first few couple of weeks of the new term. We will now get in touch with the parents of the children who raised the most money and ask them to be part of our grand opening early in November.

We have reached the end of the first term of this school year – probably the most surreal start to a school year that there ever has been. To think back to the early days in September of families arriving to school now feels like a million miles away. As COVID looks to be here to stay for some time, all we can do as a school is continue to follow the government guidance and work hard to ensure not only are the children happy and healthy but that they continue to receive the excellent education they get here at Eythorne Elvington. The next few months are likely to throw up many new scenarios for us to deal with as a school community but I am confident that through clear communication and team work we will be absolutely fine.

The children have been an absolute credit in terms of how they slotted straight back into school life. Every single member of staff has played their part in making sure this term has been as successful as it has been – I am proud of them all.

## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 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

### Spring Term

#### Term 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021-  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

School Holiday – Monday  
15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 2021



Running into the half term break

### 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)

### **Home Learning**

Teachers will not be setting any home learning during the October half term break. It is important that staff and children take the time to rest up ready for the new term. If you wish to upload on to Tapestry any projects or learning that your child does during their week off, please do so and they will be looked at after the break.

### **PTA**

For as long as I have been here, Ms Silverton has single handedly ran the school PTA; raising thousands of pounds of money along the way. It would be great to strengthen our team of one by adding some parents to the PTA. If you are interested please email me at [ngarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ngarvey@eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk)

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Our new After-School club is brilliant and is so important to the growth of the school that we are able to offer this provision for parents until 5.45pm on a school day. To book a slot at either the Breakfast or After School clubs, please contact the office for the relevant forms.

### **Open Days**

For those parents thinking about schools for their children for September 2021, we would love to show you around our fantastic school. The best time to get a true idea as to how good we are is to come when the children are here. Despite COVID, I am able to offer short tours around the inside of the school and then have a chat with parents afterwards. To book a slot, please contact the school office to arrange a time that suits you.

### **Secondary Applications Deadline**

A reminder to all parents in Year 6, the deadline for applying for secondary school places is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Ms Hedges**

As those parents with children in Endeavour class are already aware, as of last Monday, Ms Hedges was advised to self-isolate for 14 days through the track and trace system. Ms Hedges COVID results came back negative and I am pleased to report that she is fine and well and has shown no symptoms at all. The class have carried on the learning which has been planned and resourced by Ms Hedges from home. She will be back with the class after the half term break.

### **PE Kit**

I will be writing to you in the first week back after half term regarding adding School Sports Hoodies to the PE kit on a Friday. Many things have come out of COVID as a benefit, wearing PE kit to school on PE days is one of them. I will be continuing this through into the future and feel the extra School Sports Hoodie will help during these colder months.

### **Forest School**

Next term, on a Thursday, the children in Columbia class (Year 3 / 4 with Mrs Taylor) will be having weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Wilkinson-Tough. Please ensure that they wear suitable clothing to school on these days, a separate e-mail will be sent regarding this.

Have a great weekend.

*Neil Garvey*

**Acting Head Teacher**



### **TEAM POINTS**

At the end of term  
One – Betteshanger  
are in the lead by 30  
points!