Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 21st October 2022



As always, the term has flown by and we find ourselves at the first half-term break of the academic year. I am really pleased with the learning attitudes and behaviours of the pupils that they continue to demonstrate on a daily basis. The quality of teaching and learning in all classes is of a very high standard consistently and I feel thankful for the committed team of skilled staff we have at our school. I hope that everyone enjoys the week long break and we look forward for term 2 which is always manic as it takes us up until Christmas.

Parent Teacher Consultations

We have amended our Assessment Timetable in school recently so as to give ourselves the best opportunity to effectively assess where every pupil is at. As a result of these changes, parent/teacher consultations will now take place in WEEK 5 of terms two and four. This means that the first set of meetings for this school year will take place in the week commencing Monday 28th November.

This year, the process will be slightly different to previous years. All parent/teacher meetings will take place on ONE DAY – Thursday 1st December. Between the hours of 8am and 6pm, meetings will take place with teachers all in the school hall. Further details will follow at the start of term 2 including how to book time slots.

Open Evenings

There will be two open evenings next term. We will have one in the first week back as already communicated to parents – Thursday 3rd November. We will also then have one one-week prior to Parent-Teacher meetings and so this will be on Thursday 24th November. Both events will mean that parents can come into classrooms between 3:15pm and 6pm to look through their children's books.

Staff Development Day

Monday 31st October is a staff development day so pupils will not be in school. We look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 1st November as normal.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to those parents with children in year 6 that the secondary school application process closes in the first week back after half term. If you need any support with this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Year 2022/2023

Term 2

Staff development day – 31st October Pupils return 1st November 1st November – 16th December

School Holiday

19th December – 30th December Bank holiday 2nd January

Term 3

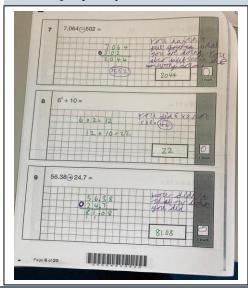
Staff development day – 3rd January 2023 Pupils Return 4th January 4th January – 10th February

School Holiday

13th February – 17th February

Dates for your diary

RE Day – 1st November Tag Rugby school team – 4th November Swimming Year 3 & $6 - 1^{st}$ November Swimming Year 3 & 6 - 8th November Dodgeball school team – 8th November World Science Day – 10th November Swimming Year 3 & 6 - 15th November DT Day – 15th November Travelling Books – 15th – 22nd November Swimming Year 3 & 6 - 22nd November Swimming Year 3 & 6 - 29th November World Science Day – 10th November Anti-Bullying Week – 14th November Swimming Year $3 \& 6 - 6^{th}$ December Christmas Fayre – 9th December Christmas jumper day – 9th December





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Football Fixtures

Watch this space for up and coming fixtures



Healthy Eating

Yesterday, we held our termly DT Day and this term it was based all around creating healthy snacks. As part of this, the Year 6 pupils got to experience the Healthy Eating Jamboree run by Bakavor salads up at the Elvington Community Centre. It was a fantastic experience for the children, topped off with an appearance from Nurse Nelly the resident star of the show in the yearly Pantomimes at the Marlowe Theatre.

Pantomime

Staying on the theme of pantomimes, the deadline for payments for this is fast approaching to book a seat for your child, 30th November. A reminder for those not going, they will be able to carry on with some Christmas activities back at school.

Christmas Events

I will write to all parents in the first week back with a detailed overview of all Christmas related events to give you as much notice as possible.

Sports for Schools

Thank you to all of those who raised sponsorship money for the Sports for Schools programme which saw the children get to experience fitness sessions with Kickboxer Jessica on Tuesday.

Inter-House Cricket Competition

This morning we are having a cricket competition across the school for the children to show off all the cricket skills that they have been working on this term through the Chance-to-Shine scheme run by Kent Cricket Club. We will share the results of this competition after the half term break.

Stars of The Week

Discovery

Ben – for showing confidence and perseverance as he settles into school.

Ryan – for always showing ambition with his learning.

Voyager

Georgie-Mae – for confidence, ambition and success in all subjects this term, particularly in English and Maths.

Daisy – for building mounts of confidence, ambition and perseverance that has allowed her to settle in brilliantly in her first term at Eythorne Elvington.

Challenger

Ava – for being Challenger's Rock Star with the most correct answers all term Elijah – for having the most reads in his diary by reading every night at home.

Columbia

Bailey – for always having a positive attitude in class and always persevering with her work throughout the term.

Dylan – for all of his amazing efforts in his reading this term, reading over 40 times this term!

Endeavour

Alfie R – for a huge improvement in attitude towards school, listening skills and following instructions across the whole-term. Keep it up Alfie!

Archie – for settling very well in Y6 in his first term here at Eythorne Elvington. You are a very pleasant boy and should be proud of how far you have come on so far. Keep it up.

Well done Endeavour class who have had the most class reads this term, keep it up!

Neil Garvey Headteacher