

Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 16th July 2021



Parents, today we hand your children back to you for the six week summer break and we hope that you are able to enjoy these moments and fill them with as many fun experiences as possible. If there's one thing that we have all learnt over the past 18 months, it is that we should no longer take those life experiences for granted - especially those that we can share with our family and friends.

Tonight, you should praise and congratulate your children for the way they have conducted themselves in school this year. They have been absolutely brilliant in their approach to carrying on with school life, continuing to show the most fantastically positive learning behaviours despite the unsettling times and restrictions.

In fact, as a school community, we should all be proud of how we have managed to come through the school year in the manner we have done. Throughout all of it, the children of Eythorne Elvington have come into school day after day with the same positive attitude and resilience and that is something that all of us can learn from.

I was amazed the other day at realising that it was indeed during just this school year that we endured battles with snow and boilers in our school, combined with the full lockdown across all education. It seems like a lifetime ago some of that but then at the same time like it was yesterday.

I have spoken with many people over the past three months, people who have worked in education for a long time in a variety of different positions – every single one of those people have said the same thing to me.....

“This has been without a doubt THE most difficult year in all of my time working in education”.

I am sure that almost all professions will feel a similar way about the past 12 months but in terms of working in schools, this statement is undoubtedly true. Every single member of staff, from the office staff to the caretaker, cleaners and cooks to the teaching staff in class on a daily basis – all have endured and successfully navigated the school through the most challenging year professionally probably of all time. It is these vast range of qualities and characteristics that EVERY member of the team has displayed on numerous occasions that fills me the greatest confidence as we move this school forwards again from September onwards.

School Year 2021/2022

Term 1

2nd September – 22nd October

School Holiday

25th October - 29th October

Term 2

3rd November – Fri 17th December

School Holiday

20th December – 31st December

Bank holiday – 3rd January 2022

Term 3

5th January – 11th February

School holiday

14th February – 18th February

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 22nd July
@ 2pm





Over past term, as a team of staff, we have spoken at length about our shared vision of moving Eythorne Elvington Community Primary School on. We are an excellent school in so many ways but we **MUST** constantly strive to be better – if you stand still in education or indeed in life you eventually get left behind. We know where we want the school to get to and how to get it there – we look forward to having a little break and then starting our new journey in September.

Indeed, we hope that from September, free from Covid restrictions we will be able to start a year full of **ENJOYMENT**, **ENGAGEMENT** and **EXPLORING** with no limitations. However, even if Covid restrictions do come back, we have all learnt now that we can adjust and still create a fantastic place for your children to be.

Have a great summer, thank you for all of your continued support and we look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 2nd September.

STARS OF THE YEAR

Discovery

Georgie-Mae – for always being a kind and helpful member of Discovery.

Annie-Mae – for her infectious personality that always makes us smile.

Ava – for being a brilliant learner.

Voyager

Alana – for her amazing effort and determination this year and for being a role model to the rest of her class.

Ellora – for her fantastic work and attitude throughout the year.

Atlantis

Ruby – a mature attitude and using a growth mindset all year.

Avah – giving her all in every aspect of her learning, and making an extra effort with reading which has had a huge impact.

Leon – becoming a diligent learner in every area of the curriculum.

Jenson – giving everything he does 100% effort.

Columbia

Dylan – for an amazing change in attitude when coming into school and then always being an enthusiastic learner.

Blake – for being the person in class that everyone can rely on. Always happy, helpful and a great friend.

Tee-Jay – for really maturing over the past year so he is willing to give things a go and persevere at tasks.

Endeavour

Aston – for being such a lovely member of our class by being kind, helpful and always working hard.

Harry – for being determined to succeed; seeing the best in others and for his excellent performance in our radio play of the Tempest.

TJ – for being a thoroughly decent young man who always makes others happy and is a delight to have in our class.

Neil Garvey

Headteacher

