

Eythorne Elvington CP School

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Bob Beauprez

Another busy week comes to an end at school. I think that is the end of week four since we returned from lockdown but to be honest it could be any number!

We are well and truly back into the swing of things as a school and have now had a good amount of time with the children to gauge where they are at in terms of their learning. We look forward to sharing this and more with parents at the forthcoming Parent/Teacher Consultations. Due to COVID, we are unable to have these face-to-face so will be using either Zoom or telephone. You should have received by email today a letter outlining when your child's class teacher is holding the consultations and how you can go about booking them. To be as flexible as possible to people's daily schedules, the time slots available now range from 9am right through to 6pm. The time allocated per child will only be 10 minutes long but if you feel longer may be needed this can be discussed during the meeting and arranged for a future date. Considering the length of time children have had away from school this year, I hope that ALL parents make the effort to find ten minutes in their day to have these vital conversations. As a school, we certainly want to know what we can do to help your child further and I am sure you will appreciate the opportunity to do the same at home also.

Once again this week we had further updates from the Government regarding changes to restrictions in the battle against Covid. Our aim continues to be keeping everyone safe within our school community. Inside school EVERYONE is working hard to follow the necessary health and safety protocols. We ask that outside school, on and around the school grounds, that families help us keep safe by keeping to the social distancing measures. At present, we feel it is working really well, not having to stagger the school day for anyone. However, for this to continue to work safely we do need people to keep their distances and sanitise their hands at both drop off and collection times. Thank you for your support in this.

Well done to the children in Discovery class for completing their very first week at school in a full time capacity. An even bigger well done must go to those parents who were strong enough to watch their little boy or girl walk down the slope alone at the start of the week – an emotional watch!

Today in school we are celebrating European Languages Day. In each class we will be taking part in some activity linked to languages across the continent. It may be something you want to talk with your child about when they come home tonight.

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

Betteshanger Blues are currently in the lead in this term's House Points race!

Tapestry

Yesterday we sent home letters about a new online learning journal programmed called Tapestry which we will be using across the school. Thank you to those parents who have so promptly returned the information we need. We look forward to setting up your accounts so that you can see what your child is getting up to throughout the day at school. We ask that all replies are in at some point next week please.

Reading

Lots of children have told us they are taking part in The Great Eythorne and Elvington Read Off to raise money for exciting books for our new library area. We can't wait to see how much you raise, it's not too late to start!

This term's Reading Challenge target is 35 reads for a chance to win a prize and get a Star reader certificate. Please make sure all home reads are recorded in the reading journals so that your child gets the credit they deserve!

Many thanks

Mrs Sutcliffe

Year 6 Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 6 meeting last Thursday regarding the application process for places at Secondary School. If you were unable to attend and need information about this please do let me know.

Volunteers

Over the past few weeks I have been asking for volunteers to help in school. Thank you to those who came forward and offered your services. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions in place due to Covid, schools have now been advised to have no volunteers in school at present.

Photographs

Earlier in the week, we had a professional photographer in school to take some shots of children for our website and open day prospectus. The results are fantastic and I look forward to sharing some of these with you through the website shortly. One example can be seen on the front page of this newsletter.

On Tuesday 6th October, we will have our usual photography company in to take individual and sibling photographs as normal. This will be arranged with COVID in mind so that it is safe for everyone. However, considering this, we will not be able to offer any "whole family" photographs this year including children who do not yet attend school.

School Council Elections

Later on this week, classes will be electing the first set of School Councilors for this school year. We will announce the results in next Friday's newsletter.

Warm Clothes

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I felt that last weekend might have been our last decent weather of 2020. We do need to keep the rooms ventilated at present and with the colder months coming, please do ensure that children have a school jumper with them every day. For those that have missed the previous orders a further uniform order form will be sent out a week Monday for those wishing to order a school fleece. We do want to get the children out in the fresh air even on a chilly day so it is advisable that they have a coat as well as keeping a pair of wellington boots in school inside their locker.

Enjoy the weekend

Mr Garvey