

Eythorne & Elvington Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 26th September

Next week, the children of Eythorne Elvington will be electing this year's school council members. The role of a school counsellor is an important and well-respected one. Each week, the **school council** meet with Mrs Bird to discuss all areas of the school and are able to communicate the view from that of a pupil.

There will be two school counsellors from each class and these will be elected in a ballot station on Thursday afternoon in Atlantis classroom, school governor—Roger Cumes—will be clerk of the ballot papers. In the build up to this, those wishing to stand for election will be busy writing their manifestos and canvassing for votes on the playground. All children in the school will vote and the results will be announced in Friday's celebration assembly.

Last week, the children also met to in their teams to elect this year's **team captains**. The team captains come from Endeavour class and they have the responsibility of looking after the members of their team and organising them through intra-school events. This year's team captains are as follows:

Neptune: Molly and Macie

Saturn: Georgia and Billy

Mercury: Jordan and Reece

Jupiter: Annaliese and Gracey

Also last week, children should have come home with a booklet detailing the forthcoming process of **applying for secondary school places**. If you did not receive this booklet then you can find information regarding the process on www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Please ensure that you have completed and returned the **data collection sheet** that will have come home with your child in the past couple of weeks. It is very important we have this up to date information on our records.

As the winter months come nearer, there is the opportunity for you to purchase a **school fleece** for your child at a cost of £12. Please contact the school office should you wish to order one.

As part of our long-term school plan, we are looking to increase the number of **opportunities for parents to engage in their child's learning** at school. The first of these initiatives will come before October half term where you will be invited to work alongside your child on a creative task in class. These sessions are both enjoyable and productive for children and I hope you will make every effort to attend them. Specific dates for each class will be in next week's letter.

Can you please ensure that your child has a full **PE kit** in school with them throughout the week? This should consist of plimsolls/trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. As the weather gets colder you may want to provide them with warmer sports clothing also.

The teachers this week selected the following children to be **Stars of the Week** as a reward for their positive attitude to school life:

Voyager— Harry and Lottie

Atlantis—Raif and Andrew

Challenger—Kiera

Endeavour—Richard and Naia

The pupils of **Saturn team** managed to earn 78 points over the course of this week, making them this week's winning team. The other teams scored; Neptune 46, Jupiter 63, Mercury 60. Overall, Mercury still lead the team challenge with 164 points.

On a Monday morning assembly, we celebrate those classes with excellent **attendance** from the previous week. Last week, the class with the best attendance figures was Atlantis class who had 97.5% of children in school across the course of the week. This figure includes those who are late so please ensure your child arrives at school between 8.40 and 8.50am.

Detailed below are some of the **key dates** for events for your diary:

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| 26th—30th September | School Council Elections |
| 7th October | Harvest Festival |
| 13th October | Open Afternoon |
| 14th October | Challenger Class Assembly |
| 17—20 October | Parent Interviews |
| 21st October | Endeavour Class Assembly |
| | School Photographs |
| 24th—28th October | Half Term |
| 11th November | Atlantis Class Assembly |
| 25th November | Voyager Class Assembly |
| 21 December | End of Term 2 |
| 3rd January | Start of Term 3 |
| 10th February | End of Term 3 |
| 20th February | Start of Term 4 |
| 31 March | End of Term 4 |
| 18th April | Start of Term 5 |
| 26th May | End of Term 5 |
| 12th June | Start of Term 6 |
| 21st July | End of Term 6 |

This list will be updated as more events are added to the school calendar so please continue to check it weekly.