# Eythorne Elvington CP School

Friday 28th January 2022



# **COVID Update**

We have been hit with additional COVID cases amongst our team of staff again this week, but I am pleased to report that in the main no one is suffering with any particularly severe symptoms. It is testament to our strong and skilled team of support staff that we have been able to cover staff absence in all cases ensuing that the children can seamlessly carry on with their learning. I would like to thank parents for their understanding during this time in that your children's usual school day may be slightly different in terms of the adults within their class.

#### **School Uniform**

Children will be coming home today with a new sweatshirt and fleece displaying the new school logo. From Monday, children should wear this uniform to school. A letter will also be coming home early next week regarding details as to how parents can order additional items of uniform. I appreciate that whilst waiting for new uniform to be purchased, there may be times when old sweatshirts have to be worn whilst the ones coming home today are in the wash for example. However, where possible, children should be wearing the new uniform every day moving forwards. Thank you again to the PTA for their support with sourcing the funding to enable us to provide this first set of uniform to every child free of charge. A special mention to Ms Richardson also, who has worked tirelessly at school making sure that all sizes are best fit. Finally, and more importantly, to Glyn Murray for his skilled embroidery work. You will have read yesterday that Glyn very sadly passed away earlier this week and any donations from parents for the new uniform will go to his family.

#### **Staff Recognition**

I was delighted this week to receive emails from the Kent Teacher Awards following two nominations from parents at our school to recognise the efforts of members of our staff. Mrs Spurgeon and Mrs Thornton have been nominated for awards for the key role that they play at our school. This is a fantastic recognition for them and the school to receive and they fully deserve it. I thank those parents who have gone out of their way to make the effort to highlight their appreciation in this way.

#### School Year 2021/2022

# Term 3

5<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### School Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> February

## Term 4

21st February – 1st April

## **School Holiday**

4<sup>th</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April

## Term 5

19th April – 27th May

## **School Holiday**

30th May - 3rd June

# **Dates for your diary**

Mental Health Week – 31st January Safer Internet Week – 7th February Open Evening – 10th February World Book Day – 3rd March Science Week – 14th March Red Nose Day – 18th March Parent Consultations – 28 – 31 March Year 6 Sats – 9th – 12th May Year 6 Residential – 24th – 27th June





## **Football**

The football team played another game this week, this time against Sibertswold Primary at home. Unfortunately, they lost the game 3-0 but Mr Allen is delighted with the progress this new team are making and he tells me their first win is only around the corner. Well done to all that played and we look forward to hearing all about their next game.

# **Open Evening**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we will once again be opening our school doors between 3.10pm and 6pm to allow parents and other family members the chance to come and look through their children's books and discuss their learning. We started this initiative at the start of the year and it has proved to be a very popular event so long may that continue.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Unfortunately, due to staff absence for COVID we have had to cancel a number of extracurricular clubs over the past fortnight. I apologise for any inconvenience that this causes and should the need arise again, I will continue to give parents as much notice as possible.



Watch this space for up

and coming PTA Events

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### **Discovery**

Ben – for wearing his CAPE to achieve success.

Theodore – for wearing his CAPE to achieve success.

#### **Atlantis**

Willow – for applying her phonics to her writing and using our writer's toolkit.

# Voyager

Tilly – for her AMBITIOUS post design about Florence Nightingale.

Daniel – for his improved PERSEVERANCE in writing more during lessons.

## Columbia

Simon – for working hard to read more and finish his book.

Leon – for always persisting in his work and doing it with a smile.

## Challenger

Amelia – for her reasoning and problem solving this week in her maths work.

Blake – for his confidence and perseverance in class and during the football fixture this week.



#### **Endeavour**

Imogen – for a well thought out piece of suspense writing in English, using lovely phrases to build tension.

Willis – for a focused attitude towards his learning, keep up the great effort!

*Neil Garvey* Headteacher