



NEWSLETTER

30 September 2019

As we have all noticed over the past week or so, the weather has started to turn as we move into the autumn months. Please ensure children are prepared for this and come to school with a raincoat and on some occasions, wellington boots.

Wellington boots are, along with walking boots, the ideal choice of footwear for children to use during their Forest School sessions on a Thursday. If you are unable to provide either of these choices of footwear, please ensure that the trainers they are bringing are leather and NOT canvas. Mainly from a health and safety perspective, canvas trainers do not offer a suitable level of protection for the environment the Forest School sessions take place in.

As a school, we are taking part in a scheme run by Aldi supermarket. This gives primary schools a chance to win £20,000 worth of sports equipment. In order to be able to do this, we need to fill the sticker chart with Olympic stickers. We ask any families members who earn these stickers from Aldi to please send them into school with your child. Thank you in advance for your support. We will keep you updated as to how we are doing – at the moment we have around 8 stickers with it about 5% of the grand total!!

Last week we were contacted by the Eythorne Elvington Heritage Group. They have asked us to help contribute to a forthcoming celebration by producing some bunting which will be used a decoration. A form will be coming home this week with a bunting template on should you wish, as a family, to help with this.

We have a book fair coming up. Once again this will be located in the school hall after school. The more books we sell as a school the more we benefit through commission. We then use this to continue to add to our library of books. A letter from our English Lead, Mrs Sutcliffe, will come home this week with more information about this and how to win a £5 book voucher!

It was fantastic to see a number of our families down at the opening of the Woodpecker Court Community Farm on Friday afterschool. This is a brilliant resource right in the heart of the community offering amazing experiences for all children. We look forward to working more closely with them in the near future as we continue to offer vital learning opportunities for our pupils.

This Friday is our Harvest Festival. We ask families to donate foods which will once again go to help support many of the elderly living in our community. We ask for foods such as tinned food, pasta, rice etc. As part of our celebration of harvest, parents are invited to attend our Friday assembly which takes place at 9am in the school hall. During the assembly, each class will show their appreciation of harvest in a variety of ways.

A letter is coming home this way about our first PTA event of the year. On Tuesday 8th October, after school – children are invited to come to the showing of the film 'Detective Pikachu'. The cost is £3 per child which includes a snack and a drink. To book a place please, return the permission slip and money by Friday 4 October.

A reminder that the last week of term will be a focus week on Art. If we have any artists living locally who may be interested in either speaking to the children about art, or doing a small workshop in school, please contact Mr Garvey or Mrs Bird to discuss it further.

Coming home today is a letter regarding Parent/Teacher consultations. Please complete the attached slip and return to school as soon as possible.

Year 6 pupils will be bringing home letters today for the Healthy Eating Jamboree on Thursday 17th October. This will take place at the Elvington Community Hall.



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DATES FOR 2019/20

Fri 4 Oct	Harvest Festival
Thu 10 Oct	Open Afternoon
	School Council Voting
14-18 Oct	Focus Week – Art/DT
Tue 15 Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 17 Oct	Parents Evening
Fri 18 Oct	Last Day of Term One
	School Photographer
Mon 28 Oct	First Day of Term Two
Fri 1 Nov	Atlantis Assembly
Thurs 7 Nov	Challenger Assembly
Fri 15 Nov	Voyager Assembly
Tue 19 Nov	Open Evening for new parents 20/21
Fri 22 Nov	Endeavour Assembly
Fri 29 Nov	Decorations Morning
Wed 4 Dec	Pantomime
Fri 6 Dec	Christmas Fayre
Wed 11 Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity - Dress rehearsal
Thurs 12 Dec	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15
Thurs 12 Dec	Discovery Nativity - Dress rehearsal
Fri 13 Dec	Discovery Nativity 2.30
Mon 16 Dec	Class Parties
Tue 17 Dec	KS2 Carols to Parents in Church
Wed 18 Dec	School Carol Service in Church
Wed 18 Dec	Last Day of Term Two
Mon 6 Jan	Start of Term Three
Wed 22 Jan	Discovery: Stay and Play
10-14 Feb	Focus Week: Music
Tue 11 Feb	Parents Evening
Thur 13 Feb	Parents Evening
Fri 14 Feb	Last Day of Term Three
Mon 24 Feb	Start of Term Four
Thurs 27 Feb	School Council Voting
Fri 28 Feb	Atlantis Assembly
Thur 5 Mar	Challenger Assembly
Tue 10 Mar	Discovery 'Come Read With Me'
Fri 13 Mar	Voyager Assembly
Fri 20 Mar	Endeavour Assembly
Fri 27 Mar	Discovery Assembly
Wed 1 Apr	Easter Service in Church
	Last Day of Term Four
Thu 16 Apr	Start of Term 5
Tue 28 Apr	Discovery Learn with Me
11-15 May	KS2 SATS
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Thur 21 May	Parents Evening
	New Entrants Meeting EYFS
Fri 22 May	End of Term Five
Mon 8 June	Start of Term 6
Fri 19 June	Atlantis Assembly
Thu 25 June	Challenger Assembly
Thur 2 July	Y6 Production
Fri 3 July	Voyager Assembly
6-10 July	Year 6 FRANCE
13-17 July	Focus Week: ACTIVITIES
Wed 15 July	Sports Day AM
Mon 20 July	Moving Up Afternoon
Wed 22 July	Last Day of Term Six

PTA EVENTS

Film Club – Tues 8 October
 Non – Uniform Dates for Christmas Fayre:
 Friday 22 November – Chocolate
 Friday 29 November – Bottles
 Friday 6 December – Cakes
 Disco – Friday 17 January
 Film Club – Wednesday 5 February
 Mother's Day Market – Friday 20 March
 Quiz Night – Friday 20 March – 7 for 7.30pm
 Easter Egg Hunt – Monday 30 March
 Disco – Friday 1 May
 Non – Uniform Dates for Summer Fayre:
 Friday 19 June – Chocolate
 Friday 26 June – Bottles
 Friday 3 July – Cakes

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery: Elijah
 Voyager: Ava and Stanley
 Atlantis: Mathew and Joshua
 Challenger: Aston and Toby
 Endeavour: Kenzie and Robin

TEAM POINTS

Betteshanger: 73
 Chislet: 72
 Snowdown: 65
 Tilmanstone: 28