

Eythorne Elvington CP School



You know it is getting close to Christmas when the school tree is being decorated by the children at Breakfast Club. So officially, as of this morning – Christmas is now close! We still have two weeks of school left and we intend to make it a fun experience for all children as we look to end a pretty rotten year on a high.

I would like to start this letter by mentioning a real act of kindness which caught my attention earlier this week by one of our pupils. We have a young man called Jude in our Year One class who, last week spent his entire weekly pocket money by doing food shopping around the local supermarket and then donating all the items to the food bank. Luckily, Jude's Mum uploaded photos of this generous act onto our school Tapestry account so we were able to see it. Well done Jude, everyone at the school is very proud of you.

Jude and the rest of the children in his class (Voyager), have been working on letter during the last couple of weeks and their end task was to write a letter to Father Christmas. On Tuesday, they took a walk up to the Eythorne Post Office to individually post their letters and were fortunate enough to get to meet a real life postman; the only downside was his name wasn't Pat!

You may have heard or seen news of potential snow arriving in the UK soon. This would be a good time for you to take a look at our Bad Weather Guidance which can be found through our website:

<https://www.eythorne-elvington.kent.sch.uk/bad-weather-guidance/>

Finally, thank you to all of those parents who are working with us to keep everyone safe by wearing face masks; sanitizing your hands at the gate and keeping socially distanced when on the school grounds. I am sure that if we can ALL make sure this happens, then we will be giving ourselves the best chance of keeping everyone as safe as we can in the current climate.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term 2

Monday 2nd November
2020 – Friday 18th
December 2020

School Holiday – Monday
21 December 2020 –
Thursday 31 December
2020

Bank Holiday – Friday 1
January 2021

Term 3

Monday 4th January –
Friday 12th February 2021

School Holiday – Monday
15th February – Friday 19th
February 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

Another win for Betteshanger Blues – they have the most points this term now!

Mrs Sutcliffe

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Sutcliffe back to school on Monday. She has been away for a few weeks recovering from an operation but is on the mend and excited to be back with her class. A huge thanks to Ms Rhydderch and Mrs Townsend who have ensured the class have been able to carry on with their learning throughout this time.

Christmas Jumper Day

We ask children to come to school next Thursday (10th December) wearing Christmas Jumpers and that they bring £1 donation from which all money raised will go towards the Save The Children Charity.

Raffle Tickets

On Monday (7th December), raffle tickets will be coming home for this year's Children's Raffle. Please return any raffle tickets with monies IN AN ENVELOPE. The raffle will take place in school on Tuesday 15th December.

Christmas Train Ride

I have spoken with the management at East Kent Railway and we are both happy that the children's Father Christmas Train Ride can still take place in a COVID friendly way. Thank you for your response at this idea – we have 97% of the pupils all going which will be a great experience for them. Please ensure that all children have a coat with them on Wednesday and depending on the weather possibly hats, scarves and gloves. The times of the train ride do not interfere with the school day.

PTA Film Night

Also coming home today is a letter about next week's Christmas Film Night. Each class will show their own Christmas film to the children who decide to come along and they will also get a hot dog, drink and snack. Please can all replies be back by Tuesday morning so that we can cater for the right numbers.

Christmas Music Videos

Next Thursday, each class will be recording their own Music video with Mrs Barton – Hodges. A letter did come home a week or so again asking for anyone who didn't want their child appearing in the video (which will be uploaded to the school's You Tube account for parents to watch.) to let school know. If this applies to you, please can you inform us ASAP.

Christingles

Having spoken with Reverend Sean, we are both confident that the Chringle services for each class can take place in the final week of the school term as planned. Classes will each go to the church on separate days allowing for cleaning to take place in between.

Class Parties

There are class parties on the last day of term but we ask that NO FOOD is sent in from home for these. Thank you.

Many thanks

Neil Garvey

Acting Head Teacher