

Eythorne Elvington CP School



Welcome back to the second term of this school year. I hope that you enjoyed the half term break. We obviously returned to school on Monday fresh off the news from the Prime Minister on Saturday evening about the forthcoming lockdown. The big difference this time that schools remain open for children. I think it is vital that the children avoided another huge period of time away from school, not just for academic reasons but for the other key aspects school life bring to children. By being here they get to work on their social skills by having to share; work as a team; show empathy to the feelings of others. Their mental health is helped through succeeding in a variety of challenges or tasks; feeling the love and friendship from their friends and the staff at school; showing perseverance and determination to overcome obstacles.

As staff we are prepared and determined to continue to provide the fantastic education we offer here at Eythorne Elvington through the next four weeks. Our priority is the safety of everyone and in school we are confident in the measures we have in place to ensure this is so. However, we do count on parents doing the same away from school. Thank you to almost everyone who has taken on board the need to wear masks on school grounds now and those who recognise the important of social distancing.

In the event that a class bubble or indeed the entire school needs to self-isolate, again as staff, we are prepared with our Remote Learning Plan. This detailed plan was sent out early last term and is available on the school website. For it to work, all parents will need to have access to their child's tapestry account. Out of 106 pupils we are only 15 short of having everyone activated. A huge thank you to all those who have signed up and who are commenting on posts of their child. For those who have not yet activated their accounts, it is important that this happens. If you need any support or have any questions please do get in touch with me.

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

Chislet win their first weekly challenge of the year!

Maths Day

Next week is National Maths Week, so to celebrate on Monday we are having a whole school Maths day. Our Maths Lead, Mrs Taylor, has planned many activities across the school and has asked the children to come to school dressed either as a Rock Star (TT Rockstars) or a robot (Numbots).

Open Days

Unfortunately, due to the new COVID restrictions in place I am unable to show any parents around the school at present for those looking at places for their children for September 2021. I am more than happy to have a telephone conversation with parents who want to find out more about us. You can also take a look at our information leaflet which can be found on the website under the section "Transition to Primary School".

PE Kit

Thank you to all those of you who have placed your orders for the new PE Sports Hoodies. Any other parents wishing to buy them for their children will need to have order forms back to school by Wednesday 11th November.

Forest School

This term the children in Columbia class are having Forest School sessions starting next Thursday with Mrs Wilkinson-Tough. Please ensure children come to school wearing warm suitable clothing for the Forest School environment and that they also bring a change of clothes in a bag should they get extremely muddy!

Outside Classroom

Over the half term break we were able to relocate our outside classroom. I am sure some of you will be thinking that you didn't even know we had an outside classroom! It has spent the last four or more years buried in the sensory garden. However, we have now positioned it right opposite the Forest School area and is now a great learning space for children to go and do all sorts of learning across the curriculum out there. You can see a photo of it on the first page.

Tree Planting

More outside news! Last week we took receipt of over 200 new trees. These are going to be used to further extend our Forest School area. A separate letter from Mrs Wilkinson Tough will be coming home shortly offering children the chance to plant and label a tree should they wish.

Christmas 2020

The end of this year is usually the most enjoyable of all school years as we hit the festive period and are able to put in place all sort of memorable Christmas experiences for the children. We are likely to be hampered by COVID restrictions but as staff we are determined and will be planning to ensure it is still a Christmas time to remember for the children. I think they deserve it after the year we have had! We will be in touch in the coming weeks with our plans around this.

Miss Rogers

In Columbia class this term we have Miss Rogers completing her teacher placement working alongside Mrs Taylor. Miss Rogers was previously a Teaching Assistant here for a few years, so knows the school and the children very well.

Have a great weekend.

Neil Garvey

Acting Head Teacher